



2013 EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League Scholarships WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

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On behalf of EA Sports, the BC Soccer Premier League (BCSPL) is pleased to announce the winners of the inaugural 2013 EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League Scholarships.

As part of the criteria, winning applicants must be proceeding from grade 12 in 2013 to a university or post-secondary institution in BC, have a 3.0 GPA, and play for a BCSPL franchise or their regional partner club. Sixteen scholarships of \$1000 each were made available to 8 male and 8 female students, with 2 possible winners from each club. If there wasn't an applicant from each club, a second worthy applicant from a club with more than one applicant was chosen.

All winning applicants will receive further information regarding the plans for an upcoming ceremony at the EA Sports campus in Burnaby, BC.

Congratulations to all EA Sports BCSPL Scholarship winners!

WINNER - male	CLUB
Armann Sohi	MAGNUSON FORD MARINERS FC
Michael Sexton	THOMPSON OKANAGAN FC
Glen Smith	VANCOUVER ISLAND WAVE
Diego Grossling	MOUNTAIN UNITED FC
Juan Acosta	MOUNTAIN UNITED FC
Daniel Rodman	COASTAL FC
Mitchell Popadynetz	COQUITLAM METRO-FORD SC
Aria Sarhangpour	COQUITLAM METRO-FORD SC
WINNER- female	CLUB
Sarah Kandborg	COQUITLAM METRO-FORD SC
Janna Speed	FUSION FC
Madison Makara	MAGNUSON FORD MARINERS FC
Andrea Di Lorenzo	MOUNTAIN UNITED FC
Kendra Zadravec	VANCOUVER ISLAND WAVE
Stephanie Badilla Gutierrez	VANCOUVER ISLAND WAVE
Katie Smillie	COASTAL FC
Megan Talaber	COASTAL FC



The EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League was designed by BC Soccer, the Vancouver Whitecaps FC and soccer community representatives, to create a new high performance level of competition and support player development at the provincial, professional and national team level. It will simplify scouting of top young players, provide an elevated level of competition and increase the chance for players fulfilling their potential and creates a dynamic new commercial property at the pinnacle of youth soccer in BC.

Eight founding franchises were announced in February 2011.

- Coquitlam Metro Ford
- Fusion FC (Vancouver/Richmond)
- Magnuson Ford Mariners FC (Abbotsford)
- Mountain United FC (Burnaby/North Shore)
- Coastal FC (formerly South Fraser FC)
- Surrey United FC
- Thompson Okanagan FC
- Vancouver Island Wave

The first full season of competition began in February 2012 and continues through November each year. It will feature male and female divisions at the U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, and U-18 levels, equating to approximately 1,500 players. For more information on the league: www.bcsoccerpremierleague.net

EA SPORTS Scholarship Program

Through its scholarship program, EA SPORTS is proud to support student-athletes from British Columbia who strive for excellence in their academic and athletic pursuits, inspiring the next generation of dreamers, risk-takers, leaders, and visionaries, and providing them with financial support to achieve their goals.

EA SPORTS and the Beautiful Game in BC

EA SPORTS is a founding partner of Vancouver Whitecaps FC and inaugural title sponsor of the BC Soccer Premier League, sharing its passion for the sport of soccer and inspiring the youth that play the game in British Columbia.

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