

**Policy Manual for Central Queens/Eliot River  
“RC United” District Soccer**

A district will continue to be formed for a three year agreement between the Eliot River Ramblers Soccer Club (ERRSC) and Central Queens Clippers Soccer Club (CQCSC) at the U13, U15 and U18 age groups for both boys and girls in all divisions.

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- After successfully working together since 2012 to offer RC United, ERRSC and CQCSC have agreed to renew this agreement for another 3 years.
- This district agreement renewal will be in place for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons.
- The District will be known as the Ramblers/Clippers United or RC United.
- The Board of Directors for the district will include 3 members of each club. These will consist of: The President of both Central Queens and Eliot River as well as a treasurer, and two members of the executive of each club. It is recommended that these two include a Technical Director and the Youth League Coordinator.
- Issue resolution process: In the event of a deadlock between the board members a mutually agreed upon neutral third party will be called on to provide objective advice. If the board remains deadlocked, then the agreed upon neutral third party will be called on to cast the deciding ballot.
- RC United jersey colors
  - For premier they will wear Black For all other divisions teams will wear a combination of orange until contract with jersey sponsors expire, purple or black with the RC logo.. All Players are expected to wear District colours, black shorts and black socks, during games.
- A transparent coaching selection process will be used to select coaches for district teams. One member from each club, along with a mutually agreed upon neutral third party, if needed, will form the selection committee. Every effort will be made to find neutral coaches and advertising coaching positions may be carried out in order to do this. This committee will review applicants, rank applicants, and submit their coaching recommendations based on the rankings to the RC board for approval before offering the candidates the coaching positions. If one of the individuals selected for a division is an RC board member, that person will be excluded from the email seeking RC board approval. A similar process will be used if an RC development team coach is needed. If more than one person is interested in coaching a first division team, co-coaches will be recommended to ensure coaches can adhere to the Rule of Two.

- All players and officials of teams participating in the League shall be registered each year with their respective club
- To be eligible for try-outs for RC teams, where applicable, players must be registered with their home club for the up-coming year of soccer before they attend their first tryout and registered for the tryout and pay the fee associated with the tryout.
- Player numbers at each division will need to be considered to determine agreed upon team sizes for coaches to work with prior to tryouts commencing.
  - Plans for team sizes will be communicated openly and transparently to players and parents, as much as possible.
  - However, a Club may only register one team in Division 1 of the League until they also have one team registered in the Premiere Division or Division 2 in the same age category. If a Club has one team registered in the Premiere Division, it can register any number of Division 1 teams in the age category. - if a club has 4 teams registered at U13, you must have at least one in each division - if a club has 3 teams registered at U13, you must have at least one in premier.
  - In the case where team numbers are low, as necessitated by the need to have sufficient numbers, call-ups will be used to augment the District Premier team roster.
    - call-ups will need to be follow the Youth League rules
    - Call-ups must be cleared with the players' assigned coach
    - Inform the coach of the A/P what position is needed for your team. The coach of the A/P players will select the player who would best suit the position needed.
    - A/P players are not permitted to miss their team practices or games to be an A/P unless the coach gives permission.
    - Once permission is granted from their coach, then you can add these A/P players to your roster for that game only by writing their name on the game sheet. Please do not add them on your roster in the website as this may not allow them to be A/P's for another team the week after.
    - AP players can play for any team prior to declaring AP players for playoffs at this point there is a max of 4.
    - Before playoffs rosters are to be set, the RC board will review the call-up requests for teams.
- Each team should identify a manager to assist with organizing the team, planning team events, additional clothing and assign field marshalls for each game.

- Additional clothing and tournaments are not included in club registration fees. These fees will be collected from parents.
- RC United teams must participate in at least 1 of the two district tournaments and agree to help volunteer during the tournament.
  
- Tryouts
  1. District teams will have a minimum of 3 tryout sessions.
  2. All District teams should play an exhibition game or inter-squad game.
  3. Tryout schedules are to be posted on the website and e-mails indicating the tryout schedule are to be sent to each eligible player based on information in the two clubs' registration databases.
  4. Players must attend at least half of the team tryouts to be eligible for selection to the Premier team. If a player cannot attend half of the team tryouts, they are to notify the club in advance with the reason for the absence. The reason must be acceptable by the club (eg. sickness, injury, or out of province) in order for the player to be considered for selection.
  5. All players that tryout and are selected for a District team must play for the District team unless the coach was notified in advance by the player that he/she was not going to play District.
  
- There will be no provision for each club to host their own youth league teams at the U13, U15, and U18 age groups. Premier team (that is there will be one Premier team per Division within the district). In a case where there are insufficient numbers to form a Premier team, or where there are insufficient numbers of Premier quality players to form a Premier team, the District Club will determine how to proceed on a per case basis. If a division has so many players that the Youth League dictates there must be 2 premier teams, then the two premier teams will be split by age. A neutral third party may be called in to help with team assessment.
  
- Promotion of players can occur when the player in question has the ability, skill and mentality to play in the higher division and when playing in the lower division would affect the players' skill development. A neutral third party assessor will be asked to make this determination.
  
- District Teams will not be expected to call-up equally from teams as this will be based on player skill level and ability to play with the higher level team.
  
- District Teams will not be expected to draw equally from each team in order to add additional players to the July 31st rosters. Inclusion on the July 31 roster will be based on player skill level and ability to play with the higher level team. District teams will be expected to clear these names with the player and the district board prior to their inclusion however.

- Field time - games will be played at the CQ complex. Training sessions will be played at the CQ complex. If there is no available field time at CQ, then time will be booked in the following order:
  - Bluefield
  - New Haven
  - Eliot River School.
- Fair Play:
  - U13 Premier league players on the roster should play for a minimum of 10 minutes per half. During playoff games, tournament cross-over games, and tournament championship games, a player may not receive 10 minutes of playing time per the coaches discretion.
  - U15 and U18 Premier league players on the roster should play for a minimum of 15 minutes per half. During playoff games, tournament cross-over games, and tournament championship games, a player may not receive 10 minutes of playing time per the coaches discretion.
  - All first division league players on the roster should see relatively equal playing time at the discretion of the coach.
- Costs, including start-up infrastructure costs (uniforms, etc) and the fee for one referee, will be split by both clubs on a prorated basis. The percentage of RCU-eligible youth players registered in each club will determine the rate each club shall be responsible for (i.e.: ERRSC had 300 youth players registered and CQCSC had 200, the split would be 60/40).
- An evaluation process will be carried out at the end of each season to determine how the district union agreement is proceeding. This agreement will include the input from coaches, players and parents as well as the Executive Committee of each club. Feedback from this process may be used to fine tune the policies of the district agreement.
- This three year agreement may be abandoned at any time prior to its conclusion by the mutual consent of both the ERRSC and CQCSC executive (submitted in writing to the District board). The agreement may be dissolved, but it should be noted that the PEISA has designated the two clubs to be part of the same district, with all the implications of being in the same district.