

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

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A district will continue to be formed for a three year agreement between the ERRSC and CQCSC at the U-15 and U-17 divisions for both boys and girls at the premier level, and U-15, U-17 and U-20 for both boys and girls at first division, when required (eg. insufficient player numbers at ERRSC and CQCSC).

- After a successful pilot 3 year agreement for an RCU district from 2012 to 2014, ERRSC and CQCSC have agreed to renew this agreement for another 3 years
- This district agreement renewal will be in place for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 seasons.
- The District will be known as the Ramblers/Clippers United (RC United)
- The board of directors for the district will include two members of the executive of each club (to be determined at the club level). Most meetings will be attended by these 4 board of director members. The initial organizational meeting will also include the presidents of both clubs.
- 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 will be Black and White Stripes. All Players are expected to wear District colours, black shorts and black socks, during games. The alternate jersey colour is red with black shorts and red socks.
- A transparent coaching selection process will be used to select coaches for premier 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. The members of this committee should be familiar with coaches and coaching in the U15 and U17 age groups and not submitting an RC coaching application for premier teams in the current year. 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.

- Coaches for first division teams will usually be identified from the parents of the players on the first division teams. If more than one parent is interested in coaching a first division team, co-coaches will be recommended.
- 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 try-out.
- 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.
 - If player numbers are such that insufficient players are left, at one or both clubs, to form a first division team, then after a district team has been formed, both clubs will work together to ensure that all players have a place to play, and that each club is represented with enough players to field a First Division team.
 - In the case where the District Premier team numbers are low, as necessitated by the need to have sufficient numbers at First Division, call-ups will be used to augment the District Premier team roster.
 - call-ups will need to be carefully managed as 7 call-ups of a single player to the Premier team would result in that player becoming permanently assigned to the District Premier club, thereby reducing player numbers at the players' assigned team. Call-ups must be cleared with the players' assigned coach and communicated to the District Board of Directors in order to track call-ups.
 - In the case where there are only enough players among the clubs for a single Premier team and single First Division team, the First Division team will also be operated as a district team.
- 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 coach in advance with the reason for the absence. The reason must be acceptable by the coach (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 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 both clubs 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 club 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 district board prior to their inclusion however.
 - Field time would be split 50/50, where possible, with half the training sessions, including tryouts and home games, to be carried out at each club. If necessary to determine a location for a playoff game both field availability and the respective team's desires/wishes will be taken into account.
 - Fair Play: All 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. 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).

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- 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.