

## U12 Pre-Performance Program

<b>Program Name</b>	U12 (2012) Pre-Performance Program
<b>About the Program</b>	<p>The U12 Pre-Performance Program is designed for players who intend to graduate into the performance pathway with United DFC. This program demands more commitment from players in comparison to the community/recreation stream and is designed with the intention to develop players into our competitive stream of U13AA.</p> <p>This program will consist of 2 x practices per week on turf at East Coast Varsity and Sunday games in the NSSL U12A division. The season will span from mid-October until March with a break in December. The United DFC pre-performance program is aligned with Canada Soccer's Grassroots Standards.</p>
<b>Coaches</b>	<p>All United DFC Coaches will be properly qualified and on-boarded in order to ensure that we as a club adhere to the standards &amp; principles set by Soccer Nova Scotia &amp; Canada Soccer.</p> <p>All coaches must apply to coach within this program and all applicants will be screened and reviewed in order to ensure that they meet all of the requirements of United DFC &amp; Canada Soccer. These requirements include: the age-stage specific grassroots training/course, making ethical decisions, respect in sport, making headway and emergency action plan. These qualification standards can be found under the Coaching Qualification section of the Canada Soccer Grassroots standards, found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<b>Training &amp; Games</b>	<p>2 sessions per week at East Coast Varsity Turf</p> <p>Games are on Sundays</p>
<b>Player Selection Policy</b>	<p>At this stage and on this stream of the United DFC player pathway, the U12 teams see the first phase of team selections. After graduating from the Skill Center programs or from previous stage streams, players who register for this program will be placed on teams at the appropriate tiered levels. Players may register/sign up for the U12 Pre-Performance team, although it is the decision of the Head Coach and Coaching Staff as to which players are placed on/selected for this team. Within this program, the players may be tiered into either the 'A' or the 'B' team. The teams will play in their respective A or B divisions in the NSSL.</p>

	<p>Players who are not selected for their desired team, may request assessment sessions from the team Coach &amp; Director of Soccer. The Coach &amp; Director of Soccer will ensure that the player is placed in the most developmentally appropriate environment. Player's may request a player-evaluation form in order to comprehend their assessment and possible developmental pathway.</p> <p>Players who are not placed on the U12 Pre-Performance team have the opportunity to play other options such as the Community stream (U12C) or move up into the Youth/Sr programs. United DFCs objective is to provide opportunities for players to move between various levels and environments as they develop further down the player pathway. The Club's objective is to remove the 'tryout process' where the players are subjected to short training sessions and then selected based on the brief moments observed in that process; but rather, we select players based on their growth and development over the course of a season or annually.</p> <p>United DFC is committed to providing opportunities for as many players as possible for as long as possible in the best environment possible.</p>
<b>Cost</b>	\$675.00
<b>Key Dates</b>	<p>September 7th: Program Information released &amp; Coaches application form opens</p> <p>September 11th: Registration opens</p> <p>October 10th: Registration &amp; Coaches application closes (1st payment installment due)</p> <p>October 16th (week of): Practices begin</p> <p>Week of November 6th: League begins</p> <p>December 24th: Holiday Break begins</p> <p>January 2nd: Holiday Break concludes</p> <p>March 2/3, 2024: League concludes</p>