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Hello all,

Due to the huge recent interest in the new high-level UBCO Junior Heat Soccer Team program, we have compiled another FAQ list to answer more good questions from parents and players, including some technical ones. We have also added a few from the first FAQ list, as they are still popular.

If you have any questions about any of the information below, we are always available to discuss any topic. This information is presented so that parents and players can make informed decisions on what is the best program for their soccer future. We strongly encourage you to speak with other parents and players from both this past years UBCO Junior Heat Soccer program and other local programs and ask them what their experience has been like.

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### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – LIST #2**

**Are UBCO Junior Heat players eligible for evaluation / selection to the BC Provincial Teams?**

- Yes

**Can Out of District players try out for and play on the UBCO Junior Heat teams?**

- Yes. Each team is allowed up to five (5) Out of District players per BC Soccer rules. Players from anywhere in BC can try out for the Junior Heat teams.

**Is all UBCO Junior Heat training in Kelowna?**

- Yes. Indoor training will be in the Kelowna United Indoor Facility and outdoors will be at either UBCO or local fields.

**Are the UBCO Junior Heat Soccer teams members of BC Soccer and it's recognized player development pathway?**

- Yes

**Will UBCO Junior Heat teams be challenging for the Provincial A Cup for the coming year?**

- Yes

**Can UBCO Junior Heat teams challenge teams in the BC Soccer Premier League to play for the Premier Cup?**

- Yes. BC Soccer allows this and has a defined policy and procedure for it.

**Is the UBCO Junior Heat program for players who aspire to get college / university scholarships or attain even higher levels of play?**

- Yes



### **Does the UBCO Junior Heat program have a college / university scholarship coordinator?**

- Yes. One of the key goals of the UBCO Junior Heat program is to develop and prepare players for the opportunity to receive a post secondary scholarship. This involves providing the players and parents advice on both scholastic and athletic requirements / expectations involved in scholarship pursuit.

The Athletics Department of UBCO (Student Athlete Recruitment Department) specializes in this exact area. They will assist Junior Heat players and parents on navigating the path to scholarships. This assistance will be available to Junior Heat players and parents whether they aspire to play at **UBCO or ANY OTHER COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY** of their choice. There is no additional cost to UBCO Junior Heat players / parents for this assistance.

### **Are the showcase tournaments chosen for the UBCO Junior Heat program, the proper competition level to attract quality college scouting?**

- Yes. The US and Canadian tournaments chosen for the Junior Heat program are all showcase type (Premier and Elite level) where college / university scouts attend looking for prospective players. We will include our younger teams at these tournaments as well as the high level of play is very good experience and it's never a bad thing to give college / university scouts an early look at good, young players.

### **How many games and training sessions will the UBCO Junior Heat teams experience per season?**

- Training sessions will number 3 to 4 per week. At this level of play, intensive, focused training is a must
- Games played in a typical Junior Heat season will number 30 to 36, which will consist of:
  - TOYSL League – 10 to 12 games then challenge for the Provincial A Cup
  - Showcase tournaments– 10 to 12 games (all will be Premier and Elite level, US and Canadian tournaments)
  - Exhibition games – 10 to 12 games
    - The exhibition / training games will be against older KU teams as well as many of the top Metro and higher level teams and clubs in the Lower Mainland

### **Does the annual cost of participating in the UBCO Junior Heat program include all costs for on field training, strength and conditioning sessions, games, tournaments, bussing and hotels?**

- Yes. The cost for the upcoming year will be \$2500 and includes all components mentioned above. This may change slightly up or down, if the US\$ exchange moves substantially one-way or the other.

### **Can I play High School soccer if I am part of the UBCO Junior Heat program?**

- Yes.

### **Will there be ongoing coaching development for all the coaches?**

- Yes. Junior Heat coaches work extensively with all three (3) of our professional, full time staff coaches. This past year, Junior Heat coaches participated in approximately thirty-five (yes...35) technical training sessions each, where the majority of those involved the entire team of players, the teams coaches and an on field professional coach. (Note, all three of our professional coaches are either National A and / or National B certified with many years experience in developing coaches, not just coaching teams)
- This is a key component in developing soccer players. If the team coaches are not actively and consistently developing through effective professional instruction, neither are the players.

### **Will the professional coaches work directly with the teams as well as the UBCO Junior Heat coaches?**

- Yes.

### **Will the UBCO Junior Heat offer any programs for U11 and U12 players?**

- Yes. The UBCO Junior Heat will offer the "project based" programs we ran this past year. This was very popular and successful. Seeing the players wearing the UBCO colors and playing against such high level teams was very exciting for all involved. This will of course be available to boys and girls development programs.

### **Is the U11 and U12 UBCO Junior Heat program open to any player?**

- No. Unfortunately, due to its popularity, it is only available to players that are on the U11 and U12 Kelowna United Development Teams. This is also the path to the full UBCO Junior Heat program and all the benefits it offers.

