



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - ASSESSMENTS

What are Competitive Assessments?

Competitive assessments are a series of sessions, run by our Technical team, in conjunction with our age group coaches, that allow us to evaluate potential players for our competitive and development programs.

What is the difference between Rep, Grassroots, Competitive, Development, Regional and OPDL?

All of these are terms that are used to describe the level of play in the Province of Ontario, as outlined and implemented by our governing body of sport, Ontario Soccer.

- Grassroots – defines the age groups between U4 – U12 and that places emphasis on fun and the four corner model of development. More information is [outlined here](#).
- Rep – is the short form for “representative” and is a synonym for competitive/development soccer in the Burlington Soccer Club.
- Development – describes the competitive stream between the ages of U8-U12, also defined as the golden age of learning. This is where emphasis is placed on individual skill development through the beautiful game.
- Competitive – describes the ages U13+ who compete as representatives of the Burlington Soccer Club in their respective leagues (Peel Halton Soccer Association).
- Regional – is the level of play, as defined by the Golden Horseshoe Soccer League (GHSL). This is for those age groups U13+.
- OPDL – the Ontario Player Developmental League is defined as the Province’s first standards-based high-performance league for our youth players. This is the highest level in the long-term development model in any club and in the Province of Ontario as governed by Ontario Soccer.

Where do I Register for Assessments/Trials?

All those interested in assessments or trials, should register through PowerUp Sports. Registration is required to attend. To head to our PowerUp platform, please [click here](#).

Are there any rain dates should assessments/trials be cancelled?

There are no planned rain dates for the assessments/trials. Thankfully, we host multiple dates and therefore, provide children ample opportunity to be evaluated.

How much playing experience do I need before registering?

While playing experience is always great, it is not always mandatory to know how much or how little someone may have. Anyone who is interested in our competitive or development programs is encouraged to come out as it is a great opportunity to be evaluated and be provided with feedback.



Do I have to attend all sessions there are for the age group?

While you do not have to attend all sessions as outlined by your age group, it is encouraged to attend as many, if not all, that you can. The reason being is that this will provide you the best opportunity to be assessed, as just like with anything, you will have good days and bad days and the same applies to sport.

Is there a check-in process at the field?

Yes, there is a check-in at the field. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a Burlington Soccer Club (BSC) branded tent and staff members. All registered are asked to come to the tent their first session to check-in, received their shirt (new players only) and gather and information sheet about the program. Check-in is only required at your first session. The shirts new players receive will have a number on the back that will be given to the coaches to help identify you throughout the assessments. We ask that you wear this to all of your sessions.

Will there be an email sent prior to assessments/trials?

Yes, we will send an email prior to your first scheduled assessment that will contain important information re check-in and upcoming assessments. This will be sent to the email associated with your PowerUp Sports account so please ensure you have accepted @burlingtonsoccer email's as senders (or double check your spam).

If my child does not get selected, will there still be space in your Fall indoor programs?

Due to the nature of indoor and how quickly space fills, we encourage all who are interested in Fall programming to register for all the programs you are interested in. This will require payment for the programs. This guarantees your child will have the ability to participate in soccer this Fall. Should your child be selected for our competitive/development program, the fees paid towards the Fall programs will be shifted into your competitive/development fees.

What is the difference between "target" and "development"?

Target and development are the words used to define the levels of play for our U8-U12 players. Target is identified as a more advanced or challenging level of play. In the province of Ontario, children between the ages of U8-U12 are registered to what is called an "open roster", allowing for a child at any point to be called to play on the Target team or Development team. These decisions will be made by the coaching staff and are made with the best interest of the player in mind (ensuring it both challenges the child appropriately and provides for an opportunity at success).

How many teams do you field per age group?

The ultimate goal of any club is to provide an appropriate opportunity for a child to develop should they be interested. While historically, we have had 2 – 3 teams per age group, we are always looking to find opportunities for more children to develop in our program. This is going to be impacted by resources such as coaches, training space, etc.



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Are there program outlines?

There are program outlines and these will be provided the first week of assessments/trials to each player/parent in attendance. These will include what is included in the program, the fees, how the fees can be paid, how often they train, etc. These will also be found on our website, without pricing.

Do you hold trials midway through the season?

While we do not hold assessments/trials at the midway point of the season, some of our teams will have additional space on their rosters. All those with space for players will be listed on our website and all those interested are encouraged to connect with the coaching staff to coordinate a time to come to a training session to be assessed.