



BSC OPDL TRIALS - FREQUENTLY ASKED

What is OPDL?

OPDL stands for Ontario Player Development League and is the highest level of soccer competition in the Province of Ontario. OPDL serves as a holistic Youth Soccer Development Program in which all the OPDL License Holders must uphold the highest standards of development environments, program structure and curriculum, facilities and coaching licensing. BSC is a proud member of the OPDL membership that meets all the standards required for a top youth development program. For more information about OPDL, [click here](#).

What are the Phases of the OPDL Trials?

The OPDL trials happen in three different windows (Phase 1 – only for non-OPDL players, usually between September and the beginning of October; Phase 2 – only for OPDL players and for non-OPDL players through an invitation from Phase 1, usually between late October and beginning of November; Phase 3 – open to all players, usually between early February and early April. Outside these windows, OPDL License Holders cannot perform any trials. For more details about the OPDL Trial Guidelines, [click here](#).

Can I Attend any of the BSC OPDL Trial Phases?

No. If you are a non-OPDL player, you MUST register and attend Phase 1 or Phase 3 (open if BSC still has spots available). For non-OPDL players to attend Phase 2, only through BSC OPDL invitation generated from Phase 1 attendance. If you are an OPDL player, you MUST register and attend Phases 2 or 3: in this case, you will have to provide a mandatory OPDL Trial Permission Form ([found here](#)) as per Ontario Soccer mandates, signed by your current OPDL License Holder technical lead, authorizing you to attend BSC Phases 2 or 3 Trials.

Do I have to Pay to Attend the BSC OPDL Trials?

There is no cost for current BSC Program soccer players and a fee of \$30 for non-BSC Program soccer players. Walk-on or late registrations (past noon the same day of trial) are not accepted, and you will not be permitted to participate.

How do I know if my Registration was Completed and I am listed as a BSC OPDL Trialist?

Once your registration is completed through our membership system, PowerUp Sports, you will receive a confirmation email. The email verifies that you have successfully been registered for our Trials.

Do I need to Contact Anyone to Provide more Information about Myself as a Player?

No, you do not need to contact us to provide us any further information about yourself. All information required was provided during the registration check-out process.

What Equipment do I need to bring to the BSC OPDL Trials?

Upon arrival, each registrant will be provided a BSC numbered shirt for identification purposes. Please ensure you have standard soccer attire (shin pads, cleats, etc.) and dress weather appropriate.

Do I need to Check-in Upon Arrival?

Upon arrival, you will see a BSC branded tent. Please head to this tent to complete check-in for your first session and then proceed to the field/coaches.

How many OPDL Trials Should I Attend?

We encourage you to attend all of the trials. This is what is desired, expected and in your best interest to showcase your skills.



How Many Players Attend the OPDL Trials?

As per Ontario Soccer/OPDL regulations, a maximum of 35 players can attend one single OPDL Trial session. However, there is no limit to the number that are able to register and should the numbers exceed 35, we will split the groups accordingly.

How do I know in Advance if the Required Level Matches my Soccer Skills, Expectations and Program Demands?

If you are presently playing OPDL, you would have an understanding of your abilities relative to the program and league. If you are a talented player within the regional level of soccer or a higher district competitive level, then this could be your next level of soccer. Suppose you are or were ever identified to the Ontario Soccer Provincial Screening Competition (inside or outside of the Talented Player Pathway). In that case, attending OPDL trials should be a must for you. If you come from a foreigner with a higher level of soccer, you are at the right spot. If you come from a Recreational/House-League environment, the OPDL might be too high for your skill set.

What BSC Staff is in Attendance for OPDL Trials?

The following BSC Staff are in attendance during OPDL trials: Current Head and/or Assistant Coach, Full-time BSC Technical Staff and current OPDL Program Coaches. The diversity in coaches helps to provide variety in perspective.

What Happens if the Weather Conditions are Severe?

In case of severe weather, the trial session could be cancelled and rescheduled for a different date (TBD) if required. In case of thunder or lightning, the Canada Soccer rule will apply. Trialists will be notified via the email associated with their PowerUp account used to register.

How long is the OPDL Trial Process?

An OPDL Trial session has a duration between 60 – 90 minutes. You could expect between three (3) to four (4) hours of trials before an offer. Usually, a minimum of 2 – 6 sessions is needed prior to an offer. The Trial process could last one (1) week or a few weeks.

When should I expect to receive an Offer?

At any time after the trials are concluded. However, we usually do not proceed with OPDL offers within less than 24-hours of the conclusion of the trials. Upon completion of the trials, our team completes a thorough process of consultation with coaches in attendance prior to sending offers. Please note that it may take up to seven (7) days after the conclusion of the trials to hear if you are to receive an OPDL offer or not. The spots offered are dependent on the player's positions, team needs, potential early offers to other trialists/current BSC OPDL Players.

Is there a Time Limit to Accept the OPDL Offer?

Yes, after you have received an OPDL offer you have a minimum of 72-hours and a maximum of 96-hours to evaluate the offer and provide an answer to the OPDL License Holder (as per Ontario Soccer).

If I don't get an OPDL Offer, Can I still be a Part of the Other BSC Program Trials?

Yes, while you will have to register separately for the other trials, you are encouraged to attend those. Should the trials be completed at this time, the OPDL Staff can connect you with the Competitive team coach. As a reminder, development is not linear and your potential could spark along the pathway.

How Many Players are the BSC OPDL Rosters Composed of?

BSC OPDL teams will be optimally composed of 17 Full-Time OPDL players (with 2 Goalkeepers included). We can offer 2 to 5 OPDL Development Positions for players who would compete in our I-Model or Regional Competitive teams. A maximum OPDL roster can have 20 Full-Time OPDL players, but we would not fill in teams



with that maximum unless all players have great soccer quality. For more info about Full-Time or Development Players, visit page 14 of this link: [OPDL Manual](#).

Can I be Selected if I am Younger than the Age Group I am Trying Out for?

Underage players will only be selected the BSC OPDL teams in exceptional circumstances. For that, the player must be considered an outstanding player for their own age group in terms of skill set, mindset and social-emotional, as well as physically capable of playing a year up and considered as a top 4 player within the older age group roster. Player Movement Evaluation forms must be completed per Ontario Soccer mandates. You can find more information [here](#).

Does BSC Offer Financial Assistant Programs?

At BSC, we believe each child should have the opportunity to participate in sport and we do our best to provide you with resources to assist with those financial barriers. BSC offers and outlines an array of options for our members to explore, from our own Internal Financial Assistance Program, to Jumpstart, Kidsport and others. We encourage you to [click here to learn more](#) about the options available to you.

Does BSC Payment Plans for the OPDL Program?

Yes, Burlington Soccer Club offers both pay upfront option and installment plan options for our members. Should you have financial challenges, we encourage you to contact the [Program Manager here](#) to discuss the potential for a payment plan extension. *This can only be approved by the Program Manager.*

How Do I Locate more Information about the BSC OPDL Program?

For more details and fees about the BSC U13-U17 HP/OPDL Program Outline, [click here](#).

Who Should I Contact if I need more Information?

General questions about Burlington Soccer Club: [click here](#)

Question about the registration process, PowerUp account setup up, or Trial lists: [click here](#)

Specific questions about the HP/OPDL Program or Technical Assessments: [click here](#)

Complaints, concerns or comments about the OPDL Trial Operations/Experience: [click here](#)