



Soccer Academy 2026/27 International Application Letter

Dear Parents or Guardians,

The Abbotsford School District Soccer Academy program at Abbotsford Senior Secondary School is a paid program offered to students with an elite level of soccer skill and display a passion for soccer. The Soccer Academy's goal is to present a competitive, highly skilled environment for students with an elite level of soccer. The Soccer Academy will work on developing soccer skills, soccer intelligence, game play and athletic development with the goal of preparing students with the soccer ability to play at the next level beyond high school. The Soccer Academy has hired the services of three highly respected soccer coaches from the university level to provide the instruction for soccer classes. Rob Giesbrecht, president of the women's soccer team at Trinity Western University and HPL coach, Mike Shearon, the head coach of the men's soccer team at Trinity Western University, and Allan Alderson, former professional player, and coach. Brent Ciochetti is the teacher coordinating the academy as well as providing the instruction for the Physical Education and Fitness and Conditioning portion of the soccer academy classes. In addition to the classes, the Academy will play 3 to 4 games against other academies from the Lower Mainland. First semester male students will have the opportunity to tryout for the senior boy's school soccer team, that plays games twice weekly, with additional practices from September to the end of November.

The Soccer Academy will receive instruction from our three hired coaches twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays, from September through June, working on elevating student's soccer skills and game play. The remainder of the classes on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, will be used to cover the required curriculum for Fitness and Conditioning and Physical Education 9-12, using soccer as the primary vehicle for instruction. At the end of the school year, students will receive credit for two classes, provided they have met the learning outcomes: one course credit for Physical Education 9,10,11, or 12 and one course credit for Fitness and Conditioning 9, 10, 11, or 12. In addition to the soccer instruction, all students will receive a kit that includes pinnie, shorts, shirt, and a hoodie.

The fees for the Soccer Academy are \$900 for the year. These fees cover the costs for a soccer kit, soccer instructors, equipment, and Academy travel games expenses and uniforms. International students applying to the academy will pay their fees at the same time as they pay their International Student Program fees.

Priority for acceptance into the Soccer Academy will be based on the level of soccer played.

Reminder:

- 1) An application must be submitted by every student (New and renewal).
- 2) Every application must have a parent signature. (New and renewal).
- 3) Every application must be handed in and time stamped by the registrar (Mrs. Glenn).

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 2nd, 2026 – Registration for local soccer academy students opens. International students can submit the Soccer Application and the Student Expectations form earlier, ideally at the time they submit their application to the International Student Program.

March 16, 2026 – Registration for soccer academy closes. Applications for entry into the program following this date will only be accepted based on available spots left in the academy.

April 20, 2026 – Applicants will be notified as to whether their application has been approved, denied, or deferred to a waitlist.

September 14, 2026 – Applicants with a deferred status are reviewed pending space in the academy. Deferred applicants will be notified as to the status of their application. After this date, admission to the academy is closed if all available spots have been filled.

International Soccer Academy Application

Abbotsford Senior Secondary School 2026-2027

School Year Application applies to: _____

Date Received by Abby Secondary: _____

SECTION A: (TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT)

Student's Name: _____
LAST NAME/FIRST NAME

Grade: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Home Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent's Cell Phone: _____

SECTION B: SOCCER HISTORY (Very important to list previous and current level played and accomplishments)

Applicant's Soccer History - Number of Years Played: _____

Level of soccer played: _____

Please list previous two years of soccer experience.
Include club, level, and coach. _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

SECTION E: (TO BE COMPLETED BY PROGRAM DIRECTOR)

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Wait List **Director's Signature:** _____



Abbotsford School District Soccer Academy:
Abbotsford Senior Secondary

Student Expectations:

- Students must be aware that this district program is a privilege and positive behavior and respect is expected to be demonstrated at all times during the school year.
- Students must be a student in “good standing” in relation to their attendance, academics and behavior.
- Being responsible for your academics, behavior and time management will ensure a successful year.
- To be an ambassador for the Abbotsford Senior Secondary School Soccer Academy off the field.
- Personal accountability and leadership will be demonstrated by the student.
- Be punctual and ready to start each session on time and dressed in the academy kit.
- Students are expected to train in all academy sessions unless injured or sick. Students must present a letter to the Soccer Academy Coordinator if missing sessions with the reason clearly stated for not participating.
- Participation in the academy is reviewed annually and is a school district decision. Criteria is based on district guidelines.

As a member of the Abbotsford School District Soccer Academy, I agree to the expectations as stated above. I will ensure I try my best to follow these expectations so I can have a successful academy. I am aware that if I don't follow these expectations there will be consequences that may include loss of training time or expulsion from the program.

Date: _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Print name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Print name: _____