



**Neil McPhie Memorial  
Scholarship Application Form  
2016**

# Thompson Okanagan FC - BC Soccer Premier League



TOFC is one of the original founding members of the EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League. The BCSPL is the only provincial-wide elite youth league in Canada which is partnered by a professional Major League Soccer club. The BCSPL is a collaboration between EA Sports, B.C. Soccer and Vancouver Whitecaps FC. The league is a gateway to a promising future for soccer in Canada and TOFC is an integral part of this future. The Premier League consists of approximately 1,500 top players from all over B.C. The BCSPL is the recognized feeder program for the Provincial High Performance Program. It is also a major source of talent for US and Canadian Colleges and Universities, the Vancouver Whitecaps FC Residency Program and REX Women's Programs. The TOFC mission is to fulfill player needs by being an organization committed to excellence and advancement in the sport of soccer. Our goal is to create an active and healthy community by focusing on youth players in harmony with BC Soccer's Player Development Pathway and Canada's Long Term Athlete Development Model. TOFC has approximately 170 players ranging from U13-U18 competing in the BCSPL. The season extends from February to November. Thompson Okanagan FC players are drawn from all over the Thompson Okanagan and represent the communities of Kelowna, West Kelowna, Penticton, Oliver, Vernon, Kamloops, the Shuswap, Revelstoke, and even the Kootenays and Prince George.

For more information on the league: [www.bcspl.ca](http://www.bcspl.ca)

For more information on Thompson Okanagan FC: <http://www.tofc.ca>

## **Neil McPhie**

Neil McPhie was a coach with the TOFC program for many years and a familiar face with the Whitecaps Okanagan Academy and Vernon soccer community. He passed away this past spring (2016) after a heroic battle with brain cancer. His good humor and easy way of working with players from all ages will be greatly missed. He had touched the lives of many soccer players and inspired them to continue on their path in the sport that he loved. In an effort to honor Neil and preserve his memory and impact on the club, Thompson Okanagan FC has created two \$750 scholarships in Neil's name to be awarded to 2 graduating TOFC players on an annual basis in September of each year. Official presentation will take place at the first Home game in September of the Phase 2 BCSPL schedule.

## **Neil McPhie Memorial Scholarship Program**

Through its Neil McPhie Scholarship Program, TOFC is proud to support student-athletes from the Thompson Okanagan region who strive for excellence in their academic and athletic pursuits by providing them with financial support to achieve their goals. This support goes out in memory of Neil McPhie, a wonderful coach, mentor and friend to all at Thompson Okanagan FC over the years.

## Scholarship Application Rules & Regulations

- 1) Thompson Okanagan FC will provide \$1500 total funding for 2 scholarships to participants from the EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League club.
- 2) Each Thompson Okanagan FC graduating player (*currently in their grade 12 year*) who qualifies can apply for a \$750 scholarship. One male and one female recipient will be awarded.
- 3) Applicants must be registered and playing in the EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League.
- 4) If Thompson Okanagan FC club does not have teams providing appropriate player/participants, then no scholarship shall be awarded that year.
- 5) The qualifications of recipients have to be:
  - a) Proceeding from Grade 12 to any university or other post-secondary institution as approved by the Scholarship Committee
  - b) Must have a minimum of "B" grade / 3.0 GPA average
  - c) Must have demonstrated good citizenship, personality, leadership and participation in community soccer activities
- 6) All applicants must follow the scholarship application process outlined in this policy in order to be considered for Neil McPhie Memorial Scholarship. TOFC reserves the right to forego processing any applications from applicants who do not follow the procedure outlined below.
- 7) The funds will be withheld until such time the recipient provides proof of payment of tuition either for the first semester or in full as well as proof of enrolment that he/she is attending any post-secondary institute approved by the Scholarship Committee.
- 8) A scholarship that is awarded, but not availed of within 2 years of the award winner's high school graduation year will be deemed to be null and void. The aforementioned scholarship award will be then awarded to a new candidate the following year.
- 9) All scholarship applications must be received no later than **12:00pm on August 30, 2016**.
- 10) All applications must contain three components:
  - a) Submission of a completed application form
  - b) Two written references
    - i) A letter of reference from your Principal or post-secondary Administrator certifying the candidate's age, character and ability, as well as participation in school activities.
    - ii) A personal letter of reference from family friend, coach or teacher regarding the candidate's character.
  - c) Submission of a transcript of the student's marks or a photocopy of the Permanent Record Card (if neither is available, a typed copy of the Permanent Record Card verified by the principal's or secondary administrator's signature will be accepted).
- 11) If no applicant suitably meets the criteria for an award in a given year, the Scholarship Committee is not obligated to award a scholarship. Scholarship funds shall then carry over to the following year.

## Applicant information

First Name:	Last Name:		
Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)		Grade:	
Address:		Gender:	
City:	Postal Code:		
Email:	Phone:		
Club Name:	Team Name:		

### School Information

Name:	
Address:	
City	Postal Code:
Website:	Phone:

## Details of participation in EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League

Provide details of your participation in the EA SPORTS BC Soccer Premier League; e.g. how long you have been in the club's program, which teams have you played for, team or individual honors earned, etc.


Provide details of your contribution towards community soccer activities as an individual or as part of a team; e.g. undertaken a coaching course and/or becoming a registered referee, providing club administration support, fundraising for soccer activities etc. Please also provide details of how that activity benefitted the soccer community (continued on next page)

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What are your aspirations in soccer?


What are your career aspirations?


What educational institution do you plan to attend?


**Additional Comments Relating to Application**

Use an additional page if necessary and attach any other details that support your application

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**Approval Process**

Applications must be approved by your Thompson Okanagan FC club General Manager or Technical Director prior to being forwarded to the scholarship committee. Please consult with your coach if you are not aware of who each of these people are.

**Approval Signature**

Name of your Thompson Okanagan FC Technical Director or General Manager (please print):
Signature of your Thompson Okanagan FC Technical Director or General Manager (please print):
Date:

**Signature of Applicant**

It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that the application is complete and the all the required information, documentation and letters are enclosed with the application.

Signature of Applicant:
Date:

**Scholarship Application Check List**

Before submitting the application, please verify that you have:

- Completed all sections of the application form
- Attached a letter of reference from the principal/post-secondary administrator
- Attached a personal reference letter
- Attached a transcript of marks or a photocopy of your permanent record card

## Submission Details

1. Applications must be received by **12:00pm on August 30, 2016** at the following address;

**Thompson Okanagan FC**  
**Neil McPhie Memorial Scholarship**  
**Attention: Kai Tolpinrud**  
**c/o VSA**  
**Box 1390**  
**Vernon, BC**  
**V1T 6N7**

2. Scholarships are conditional, in that the funds will be withheld until such time the recipient provides proof of payment of either the first semester or in full and proof of enrolment that he/she is attending a post-secondary institute approved by the Scholarship Selection Committee.
3. All applicants will be notified, successful or otherwise, on **September 12, 2016**.
4. Thompson Okanagan FC will make official presentations of the Neil McPhie Scholarships at the opening home game of the BC SPL Phase 2 season.



