

THE GREEN & GOLD SOCCER ACADEMY – VIMY RIDGE ACADEMY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Green & Gold Soccer Academy at Vimy Ridge Academy offers an ideal educational environment for students in grades 7 through 12 looking to balance the demands of an academic program with a passion for soccer. Vimy Ridge Academy Sports Alternative Programs provide a supportive learning environment and flexible timetabling so that students who enrol in the program are able to focus on both academics and athletics. Students attend core classes in the mornings and train at their soccer development a minimum three (3) training sessions per week.

The Green & Gold Soccer Academy at Vimy Ridge will serve to provide:

- ❖ A first-class soccer development program intended for highly motivated players in grades 7 - 12 who wish to significantly advance their soccer skills and knowledge of the game while achieving a high level of academic success.
- ❖ A systematic and structured youth development program designed to prepare players for the demands of higher-level competition. The Academy will provide a 10-month outdoor/indoor training program running the full school year. Academy members will be involved in 3 practice sessions per week – Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Junior Level

9-12 years	Grade 7	GST for Technical Development and Tactical Awareness Harmony Phase Comfort with movement and ball 1 v 1 Attacking and Defending Development of General Fitness
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Intermediate Level

11-14 years	Grades 7 – 9	Skill Acquisition and Technique Development – Ball Mastery Growth Phase Tactical Awareness Development of Mobility, Quickness, Core Strength and Flexibility
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Senior Level

13-18 years	Grades 8 – 12	Technique on Demand Team Tactical Awareness Development of Strength, Speed and Power
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- ❖ A coaching process based on a challenging and dynamic game situation-training environment delivered by professional and experienced coaches utilizing superior soccer facilities. Further, **Adidas** and **Eurosport** are proud sponsors of the Green & Gold Soccer Academy. All participants will receive a full Adidas training kit, which includes: bag, tracksuit, t-shirt, jersey, training shorts and socks.
- ❖ Training sessions that will take place at the **Campus Saint Jean** (8406 - 91 Street) and **Footo Field** (11601-68th Avenue, next to the Balmoral Curling Club - entrance of Belgravia Road) facilities in the fall and spring, and moving indoors to the **South Indoor Centre** (6520 Roper Road) for the winter months.

- ❖ The cost of the academy program is **\$2,000** per student for the 10-month school year. Fees collected are used principally to cover coaching, equipment, facility rental and transportation to the training facilities from the school. A non-refundable deposit of **\$500** must accompany each application which will only be processed following confirmation of acceptance into the school. This \$500 will be placed towards the Academy fees. Parents have the option of paying the full amount at time of registration or paying 1 instalment of \$500 (Sept 1,) and 2 instalments of \$500 (Jan 1, Apr 1).

The Academy is structured and has specific aims that the experienced, motivated, professional coaching staff will guide the young players toward.

ACADEMY PHILOSOPHY

The Academy aims to develop a player's outstanding soccer potential through:

- ❖ Development of technical, tactical and physical aspects as well as mental skills training.
- ❖ Education in the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, nutrition and good practise habits.

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ACADEMY COACHING STAFF

LEN VICKERY

Academy Director

- ❖ Masters Degree (M.Sc.) in Physical Education
- ❖ Canadian Soccer Association A License Coaching Award
- ❖ Head Coach of University of Alberta Golden Bears since 1985
- ❖ Head Coach of Canada's entry at the Daegu (Korea) Universiade 2003 Games
- ❖ Director/Coach of combined National and Provincial High Performance Centre (1985-2000)
- ❖ National U-17 Girls Team Coach (1999-2000)
- ❖ 25+ years of professional coaching experience at provincial, national and university levels
- ❖ Coaching of Alberta squads competing at 11 CSA National All-Star Championships, two Canada Summer Games and two Dallas International Youth Cups

KURT BOSCH

Academy Director/Head Coach

- ❖ Bachelor Degree (BPE) in Physical Education
- ❖ Canadian Soccer Association National "B" License Coaching Award
- ❖ University of Alberta Golden Bears Assistant Coach
- ❖ Coach of the Juventus U-18 and U-14 squads that won CSA National Club Championships in 2007 & 2009 respectively
- ❖ Player with Edmonton Aviators & Calgary Storm of USL A-League & Edmonton Drillers of NPSL
- ❖ Captain of the Canadian National Futsal Team & Beach Soccer Team
- ❖ Former National Youth Team member
- ❖ Former member of the Golden Bears Soccer Team

ACADEMY COACHING STAFF cont...

ALEX DICKSON

Academy/Principle Coach

- ❖ Bachelor Degree (BPE) in Physical Education & Masters Degree in Physical Education - Coaching Route
- ❖ Canadian Soccer Association B License – Part 1 Coaching Award
- ❖ Assistant Coach with the University of Alberta Golden Bears Soccer Team
- ❖ Head Wizard at the Donnan School "Wizards" program in 2008-09
- ❖ Extensive provincial and club coaching experience

NIKI VIGNJEVIC

Academy/Principle Coach

- ❖ Canadian Soccer Association National B License Coaching Award
- ❖ Former professional player with Cleveland Crunch and Edmonton Drillers of the Major Indoor Soccer League (1997-2000)
- ❖ Former professional player with Toronto Lynx and Edmonton Aviators of the USL A League (2000-2004)
- ❖ Played as a professional player with FC Zeleznik of the Serbian First Division (1990-1996)
- ❖ Played with the former Yugoslavian Futsal Team

NEIL SANDE

Academy Principle Coach/School Liaison

- ❖ Bachelor of Education (BED)
- ❖ Teacher/Coach 19 years in the Edmonton Public School Board (Jr. High)
- ❖ Player with Southwest United (9 years)
- ❖ Green & Gold Soccer Academy Staff Coach (8 years)

MP DUXBURY

Academy Principle Coach/School Liaison

- ❖ Bachelor of Education (BED)
- ❖ Canadian Soccer Association B License – Part 1 Coaching Award
- ❖ Head Coach NAIT College Women's Soccer
- ❖ Elite Player Development Coach, Alberta Soccer Association
- ❖ NCCP Theory Level III
- ❖ Standard First Aid and CPR
- ❖ Green & Gold Soccer Academy Staff Coach (4 years)

Members of the Golden Bears and Pandas soccer players will support the principal coaches in their coaching sessions.

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