



Vermont Premier League

VPL FOUNDERS

The VPL was founded by the leadership of the following 5 clubs:

- Burlington FC
- Capital SC
- Far Post SC
- Nordic SC
- Queen City FC

While founded by these members, the VPL is not an exclusive organization - applications to become members is available to all



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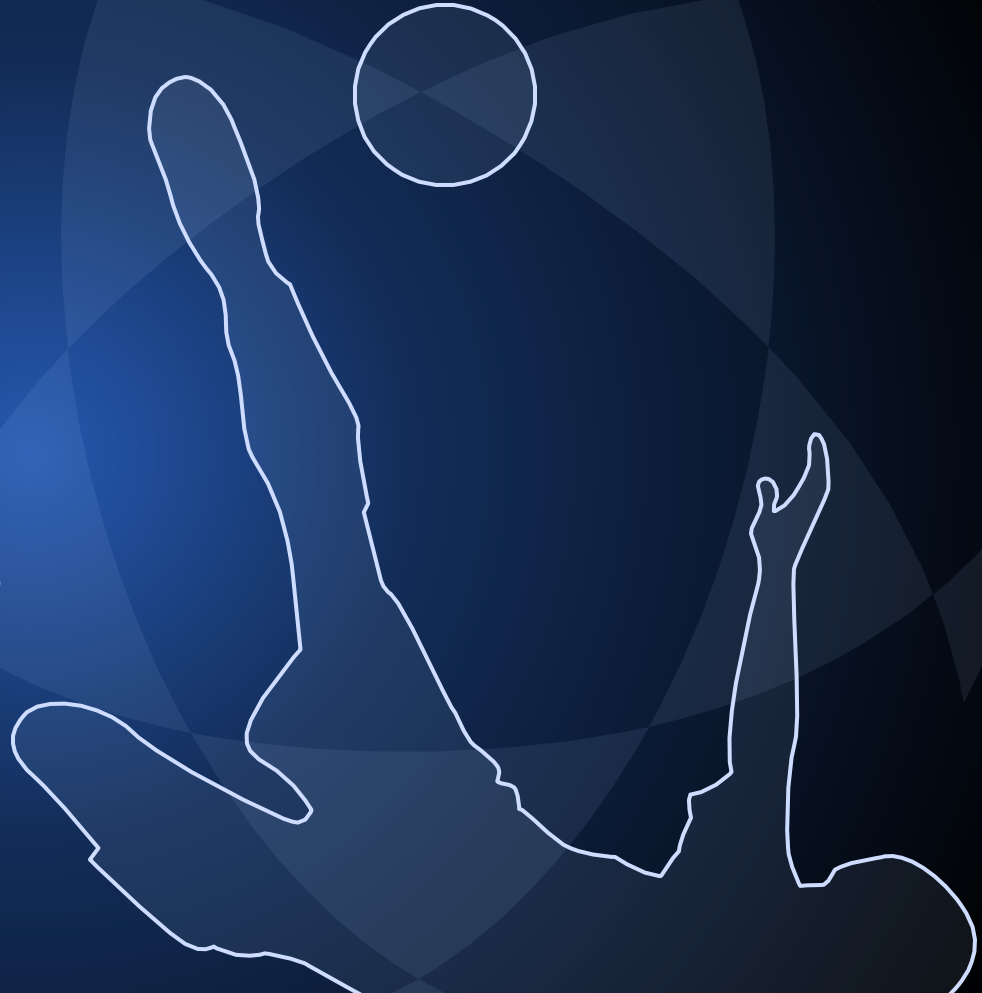
PURPOSE

Why was the VPL founded?



MISSION

The Vermont Premier League aims to expand opportunities for the entire Vermont soccer community with an option that provides an accelerated timeline on schedule release; more consistent scheduled game times; prioritization of families and coaches and developmentally appropriate matchups



PURPOSE - WHY DID THE VPL FORM?

LESS LEAGUE GAMES

5 Game Schedule - less league games to incorporate around tournaments/events

SUNDAY GAMES

Mostly played on Sunday's to keep game dates predictable for families

CENTRALIZED LOCATIONS

Keeping one club scheduled in a geographic area per week for families/refs/coaches

SMALLER BRACKETS

Smaller brackets that are developmentally appropriate



PURPOSE - WHY DID THE VPL FORM?



YEAR ROUND CLUBS

- Organize earlier
- Train and pay year round
- More resources/flexibility
- Participate in more events (less league play)
- Paid staff



SEASONAL CLUBS

- Organize after the new year
- Train and play primarily in one season
- Participate primarily in league play and less large events
- Volunteer staff

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REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for VPL Clubs

MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to organize and submit teams for application January 1st each year
- Must have at least 3 teams in their greater club (note: overall club size, not member teams in VPL)
- Willingness to travel to central location in Chittenden or Washington County
- Club must have been a VSA member for at least 3 years
- Club must be in good standing
- Club must have a board of directors
- Club must have a team with standard of high performance to provide appropriate competition level



MEET THE REQUIREMENTS?

If your team/club meets the requirements, apply for membership!



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HOW TO APPLY?

APPLYING TO VPL



MEET THE REQUIREMENTS

Check if you meet the requirements for application




CONTACT THE VPL BOARD FOR REVIEW

Send an email to the VPL Board prior to February 15th, 2025 - contacts listed on last slide



SUBMIT TEAMS VIA GOTSPORT

If approved - submit your teams via Gotsport by February 22nd, 2025



Special note for 2025 only during inaugural season. Our deadlines will be February 15th for application and February 22nd for team submittal.

In subsequent years, our deadlines will be January 1st of the year to produce final schedules in late January/early February

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- Commitment to improving soccer at all levels
- Providing appropriate development at all levels
- Centralizing locations
 - Referees
 - Coaches
 - Families
- Providing the ability for year round and seasonal clubs to thrive
- Creating more opportunities for events in the playing schedule

THANKS FOR ATTENDING!

If you have any questions get in touch with any of the founding members of the VPL Board of Directors. See contact information below:

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