



CITYWIDE SPORTS REFERENCE (RECRUITING PLAYERS)

These guidelines were developed from various sources. This information was composed to educate all players, managers/coaches, and non-playing persons. This may seem lengthy, but is important (if you want to understand properly).

This information will become familiar to you, with proper practice and repetition. Please refer to these guidelines often. You may print these documents and bring with you to all your games, for handy reference.

The Challenge:



Change, involving team player personnel is always a possibility (either: before, during, or after a season). This may be due to many possibilities (moving away - for career or personal reasons; lack of playing interest, etc.).

Now, reliable players (male and/or female) have to be sought after and recruited for the team. Especially, players who are needed to 'fit' into the team (personality; skill; goals, etc.).



Suggestions for Recruiting Players:

1. Notice Boards/Discussion Forums

SPN (and other league websites around town, including ours) have these available for browsing. If you take the time to register for free, you will be able to post messages (as well).

2. Private Fitness Clubs/Public Community Centres

Post an 8 1/2" x 11" ad on coloured paper (i.e. bright orange), in order to stand out from the rest. Post your ad on their bulletin board (**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE CLUB OR CENTRE**). It would not be very effective use of your time and efforts, if you just went ahead, and found out that the ad would be taken down BECAUSE of not having permission in the first place.

Persons involved in any form of athletics are found here. Just keep your ad to the basic details (and ensure that you leave a contact name and number, as well). There are many of these facilities around, so the more facilities visited - the more your chances of success.

3. Post-Secondary Institutions

UBC, BCIT, Langara College, Capilano College, Kwantlen University College, SFU, Vancouver Community College (to name a few). Same methods, as what was mentioned above (private fitness clubs/public community centres). Busy traffic areas work best.

4. Your Workplace's Social Area/Lunch Room

Or (if this is not possible), a team-mate's or friend's workplace. Always encourage players to assume some team task responsibility. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION FIRST.**

5. Word of Mouth/Networking

All persons you communicate with now (or recently). Chances are, they may know of someone who is interested in playing/joining a team.

All these suggestions should **ALL** be a team effort. It should not be up to one or two persons.

Everyone can then focus on their own individual efforts for the benefit of the team's goal. Everyone should be assigned a certain regional area of the city, for focused efforts and higher rates of success.

Enjoy the journey, and have fun along the way. There is nothing more fulfilling than looking back at moments, incidents etc. which all played a part of the goal-achieving process. This information will become familiar to you, with proper practice and repetition. Please refer to these guidelines often. We sincerely hope that all of these methods provide some successful benefits to you and your team.