



**KAMLOOPS**

**2025**



## **WELCOME TO KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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To all qualified Athletes, Coaches, Staff and Officials,

We're delighted to congratulate you on your outstanding season and your admirable qualification for the 2025 National Championships U-17 Cup in Kamloops, British Columbia. It's a remarkable achievement that reflects your hard work, training, and perseverance.

We are honoured to invite you to join us for this thrilling event, where you'll undoubtedly experience unforgettable moments that will be etched in your memory forever. Our Host Committee has gone above and beyond to ensure that the tournament is nothing short of amazing for all our guests, and we're confident that you'll have an exceptional stay with us.

To assist you in planning your trip, we'd like to share some essential information that will come in handy.

Our Local Organising Committee, our partners, and sponsors can't wait to welcome you to Kamloops in October. Get ready to enjoy an incredible tournament that will be the highlight of your season!

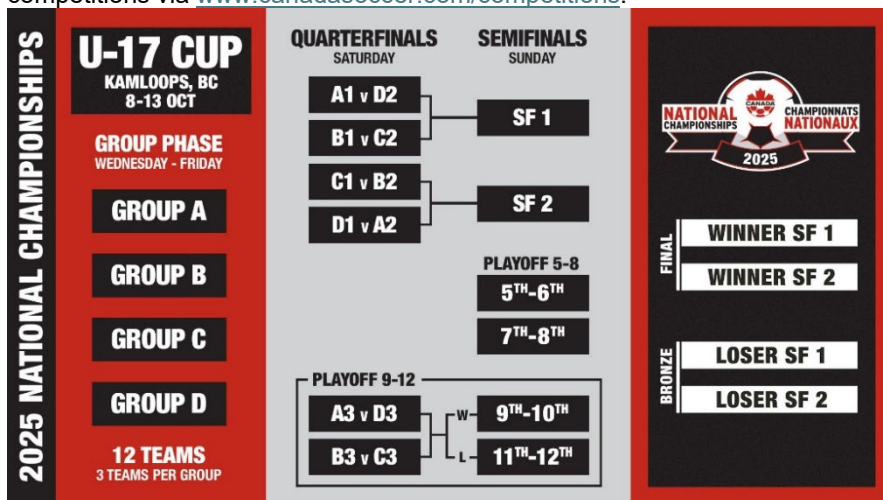
Sincerely,

**Duncan Olthuis**  
Chair of the Local Organising Committee

## CANADASOCCER.COM/COMPETITIONS

Canada Soccer's National Championships U-17 Cup serves as a pinnacle event to the 2025 season, bringing together competitive clubs from across the country. This year's edition will be played in Kamloops, British Columbia from 8 to 13 October with 12 teams in the boys' division and 12 teams in the girls' division.

Canada Soccer will deliver all key information pertaining to its national amateur competitions via [www.canadasoccer.com/competitions](http://www.canadasoccer.com/competitions).



The main landing page for your competition will feature:

- Links to each division for the U-17 Cup.
- Competition Regulations
- Resource Centre including:
  - o Canada Soccer Code of Conduct & Ethics
  - o Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code
  - o 2024-25 Laws of the Game

Your division's competition page will include the Schedule and Results (with a "Download XL" button) as well as the list of Participating Clubs (with links to each Club Profile page).

The 24 qualified teams for the 2025 National Championships U-17 Cup qualify through their respective provincial league and cup competitions that run from September 2024 through September 2025. As part of the Youth Competitions Network, 790 teams have taken part in 2024-25 / 2025 league and cup competitions leading to Canada Soccer's PDP Championship and youth National Championships.

## HOST CONTACT INFORMATION

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Clubs are asked to communicate first and foremost with their provincial soccer organisation in preparation for the National Championships.

### **Local Organising Committee (LOC)**

#### **LOC Chair**

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#### **LOC Co-Chair**

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#### **Local Organising Hotel Liaison**

Duncan Olthuis

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#### **LOC Ground Transportation Officer**

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#### **LOC Medical Officer(s)**

Andy and Shirly Philpot

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## SAFE SPORT

All participants deserve a sport experience that is safe, welcoming, accessible, and inclusive. To this end, we work diligently and proactively to ensure all soccer experiences are great ones.

If a member of your team witnesses or experiences maltreatment and wants to file a complaint, this complaint is to be directed to your Provincial or Territorial organisation to be processed by their independent service provider. If you require further support or direction, please reach out to our Safe Sport Officer, Allison Forsyth at [safesoccer@canadasoccer.com](mailto:safesoccer@canadasoccer.com).

## COMPETITION FIELDS & FACILITIES



In all, 52 matches will be played across the boys' and girls' divisions at the National Championships U-17 Cup, with the Final Matches played back-to-back on Monday 13 October.

All 52 matches as well as all booked training sessions will be scheduled at the McArthur Island Park, 1655 Island Pkwy, Kamloops, BC.

Matches will be played on multiple fields all located at McArthur Island Park. All fields feature natural grass with dimensions of 100m x 64m.

Training Windows: one 60-min slot per team on 6 & 7 October at McArthur Island Field 6 and 7. Additional requests coordinated via LOC (14-day notice required).

## **Competition Headquarters**

Unit 101-1550 Island Pkwy, Kamloops, BC, V2B 0H7.

## **Dressing Rooms**

Two permanent team rooms and four temporary team rooms per competition field at McArthur Island Park. Gatorade & water stocked pre-match by Field Coordinators. Dressing-room keys issued to Team Managers; teams lock rooms when vacant.

## **Athletic Therapy / First Aid**

AEDs located in all buildings around McArthur Island Park; additional AEDs will be provided by St. John's Ambulance paramedics on-site. On-site athletic therapist at each field from one hour before kickoff through to the final whistle. Medical HQ clinic inside competition headquarters (Unit 101-1550 Island Pkwy).

## **Technical / Spectator Areas**

Only accredited staff and players are permitted in the technical area.

It is important that Participating Clubs, their players, staff and fans all respect the fields and facilities accordingly. Clubs are expected to keep their benches clean and tidy after each match or training session.

## **MEDICAL FACILITIES & PHARMACIES**

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First-Aid services will be provided for all matches. Athletic therapy can be provided one hour prior to each match, although clubs must bring their own supplies for taping.

Medical HQ clinic inside competition headquarters (Unit 101-1550 Island Pkwy). Emergency vehicle gate access maps posted in Team Services App.

### **Nearest hospital**

- Royal Inland Hospital, 10 min / 10km drive  
311 Columbia St, Kamloops, BC

### **Walk-in Clinics**

- Kamloops North Shore UPCC, 6 min / 2.1km drive  
700 Tranquille Rd Unit #21-22, Kamloops, BC
- Norkam Healthcare Centre, 6 min / 2.2km drive  
370 Tranquille Rd, Kamloops, BC

## AIRPORT ARRIVALS

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Teams will be met at the airport by a volunteer staff member and escorted to the bus pick-up area. Teams may be paired with another team arriving at a similar time.

The Local Organising Committee will provide arrival and departure support at Kamloops Airport (YKA).

## TRANSPORTATION ON MATCH DAYS

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All teams will be picked up from their hotel to ensure arrival at the competition fields between 60-90 minutes prior to the kick-off time. Travel time from the team hotel to the match field is approximately 10-15 minutes (detailed plans will be shared before the group phase).

Depending on your location, the bus will LEAVE the hotel between 60-90 minutes before your team's start time. Teams should be at the designated location 10 minutes prior to their departure. Teams may be paired together when traveling to the match fields; so, the bus may have more than one stop between multiple hotels.

Buses will be identified so that each team gets on the correct bus (look for a "team card" positioned near the front window of the bus). It is critical that teams board the correct team bus (please DO NOT board another team's bus for any reason). After your match and cool down (or as per your pre-assigned departure time), please proceed to the pick-up area. As a kind reminder, your bus needs to maintain their schedule so that other teams are not left waiting.

## TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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Blue Star will supply transportation. Transportation services are provided for the following:

To / from the airport

To / from one training session

To / from all matches

To / from ceremonies (if required)

To manage the overall event logistics, the cooperation of teams is critical. If you **DO NOT** require transportation, please email Duncan Olthuis at [dolthuis@kamloopssportscouncil.com](mailto:dolthuis@kamloopssportscouncil.com) by **12 September 2025**

Pick up / drop off locations will be at the main entrance of team hotel.



Teams are expected to be at the pick-up location 10 minutes prior to departure. Buses are not able to wait for teams or players and will be instructed to leave at their scheduled time.

Teams and staff are not permitted to use other buses to attend additional matches. If you would like to watch matches, you will need to coordinate your own transportation.

## TRANSPORT COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

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All transportation has been coordinated between the Local Organising Committee and Blue Star.

If a team has a transportation question, please get in touch with Duncan Olthuis by: Email at: [dolthuis@kamloopssportsCouncil.com](mailto:dolthuis@kamloopssportsCouncil.com)

A detailed transportation schedule, including pick-up and departure times, will be provided in early October. The Local Organising Committee will also provide an update each evening for the following day (starting 8 October).

## TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAINING

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Teams that book their (optional) one official training session may also be provided bus transportation to that training, with note that teams are dropped off five minutes before the training time and picked up immediately following the training time.

Optional training sessions can be booked on 7 and 8 October at McArthur Island Park from 08.00-20.00 local time. Training sessions can be booked by contacting Duncan Olthuis at [dolthuis@kamloopssportsCouncil.com](mailto:dolthuis@kamloopssportsCouncil.com). Times will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Teams who are training will be transported from their host hotel to the McArthur Island Park.

## ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

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The Local Organising Committee has partnered with BlueStar for additional transportation needs for Participating Clubs.

**BlueStar** +1 778.478.3866



## LOCAL LAUNDRY OPTIONS

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Some hotels have on-site laundry options available, in the event they do not, off-site laundry services are available at McCleaners (301 Tranquille Rd and 1200 Summit Dr) and Fabriclean (903 Laval Crescent, Kamloops, BC).

## HOSPITALITY ROOMS

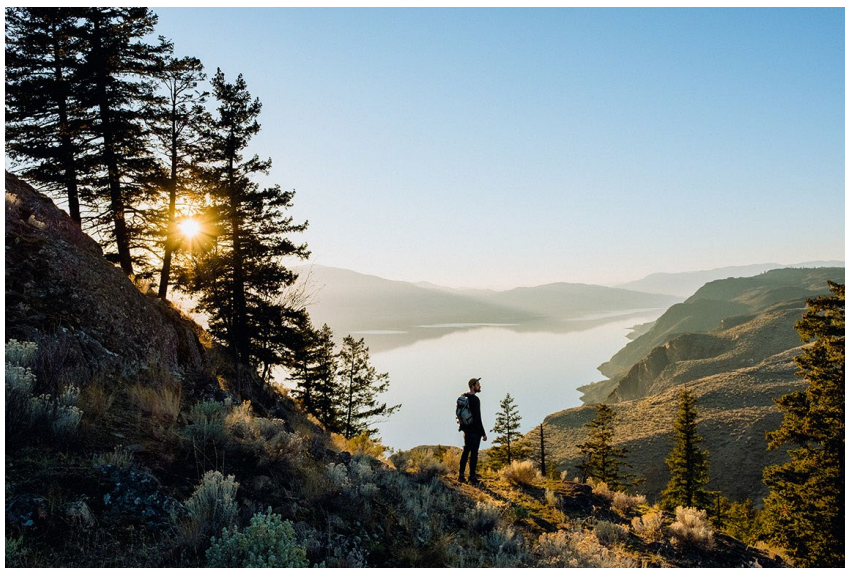
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The Local Organising Committee is pleased to offer a Hospitality Room for the visiting soccer community to gather and socialize. Light snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

The Hospitality Room will be open from 18.00 to 20.00 local time on Friday and Saturday night at the Coast Hotel – 1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops

## LOCAL HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

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Our partners at Tourism Kamloops are overjoyed to be welcoming athletes, families, and friends to Kamloops, and hope all guests are able to enjoy what our beautiful city has to offer during their spare time. A regularly updated list of events taking place in Kamloops can be found on their events calendar: <https://www.tourismkamloops.com/events/>. Information regarding other activities,

guided tours, and places to visit can be found under the “Things to Do” section on their website: <https://www.tourismkamloops.com/>.

## LOCAL FOOD & SUPPLIES

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Safeway – 750 Fortune Dr. – 2.0 km away from venue  
Save On-Foods – 1800 Tranquille Rd. – 3.0 km away from venue  
Sarah's Your Independent Grocer – 700 Tranquille Rd. – 2.5 km away from venue  
Nu Leaf Market – 740 Fortune Dr. – 2.0 km away from venue  
Save On-Foods – 450 Lansdowne St. – 6km away from venue  
Fratelli Foods 223 Victoria St. – 6 km away from venue  
Yew Street food Hall – 107 Yew St. – 2km away from venue  
Brighteye Brewing – 292 Tranquille Rd. – 3km away from venue  
Red Beard Café – 449 Tranquille Rd. – 2 km away from venue

For more restaurant options, please refer to the Tourism Kamloops Website:  
<https://www.tourismkamloops.com/things-to-do/food-drink/>

## COMPETITION MEETINGS

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To help prepare for Canada Soccer's National Championships, the following virtual and in-person meetings have been planned.

### **(Virtual) Pre-Arrival Meeting for Participating Clubs**

Canada Soccer will coordinate a virtual (Zoom) pre-arrival meeting with all the Participating Clubs in August and September. At least one staff member from each Club must attend the meeting on one of these dates.

Option 1 – Monday 4 August at 15.00 ET / 12.00 PT

Option 2 – Wednesday 12 August at 19.00 ET / 16.00 PT

Option 3 – Thursday 4 September at 16.00 ET / 13.00 PT

Option 4 – Wednesday 24 September at 20.00 ET / 17.00 PT

The Canada Soccer Match Commissioner and General Coordinator will chair the Pre-Competition Meeting. The PTSO Representative along with a staff or coach from each club must attend the meeting. All clubs must bring one example of each of their player and goalkeeper shirts and socks to this meeting (which means all colour variations for both outfield players and goalkeepers).

Clubs that have players who need to wear a cast or brace must have that equipment checked by the Supervisor of Officials (clubs must RSVP with Canada Soccer if they are bringing additional equipment that needs to be approved by the Supervisor of Officials).

### **Club Equipment Check and Pre-Competition Meeting**

Tuesday 7 October 19.15 for Equipment Check, 20.00 for Pre-Competition Meeting

Kamloops Sports Council Clubhouse 1550 Island Parkway Kamloops BC, V2B 0H7

### **Pre-Competition Meeting for PTSO Representatives**

Tuesday 7 October from 19.15 to 19.45 local time

Kamloops Sports Council Clubhouse 1550 Island Parkway Kamloops BC, V2B 0H7

## **OPENING CEREMONY**

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Kamloops Sports will host an Opening Ceremony for all Participating Clubs at the Pow Wow grounds at Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc to mark the start of the competition. This event provides an opportunity to welcome participants, celebrate the host community, and set the tone for the week ahead. Further details including location, timing and any specific arrival instructions will be shared in advance by the LOC.

## **CANADA SOCCER AWARDS**

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Following the Final Matches on Monday 13 October, Canada Soccer will hold one ceremony to present awards and medals for both divisions. The presentation includes the Most Valuable Player award, referee medals, player medals, and the Winners' Trophy.

Both Final Matches will be played at the McArthur Island Park.

Boys' U-17 Cup Final – 10.40 local

Girls' U-17 Cup Final – 13.30 local

## GATORADE BOTTLE & EQUIPMENT

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Canada Soccer will provide Gatorade water bottles for every participant at the National Championships U-17 Cup as well as Gatorade products for all teams. On all pitches and in all competition areas, Gatorade is the only brand that will be used or featured.

## YOUTUBE.COM/CANADASOCCERTV

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Canada Soccer will broadcast select matches from the National Championships U-17 Cup on CanadaSoccerTV. The full schedule of matches as well as a link to the broadcast will be announced in September. All matches will be available on YouTube and the links will be directly available from the website competition page.

## COMPETITION LOGO & BRAND GUIDELINES

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Provincial associations, participating leagues and participating clubs must follow the brand guidelines to feature the competition logo (either on its own or as a logo lock up next to your league or club logo). Any and all use of the logo should be approved by Canada Soccer.

Approval requests can be sent to [marketing@canadasoccer.com](mailto:marketing@canadasoccer.com).

Third parties expressly authorised to use Canada Soccer's logos must not alter or modify the logo(s) in any way.

## OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

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Canada Soccer and Northwest Designs have launched pre-sales to its official merchandise for the 2025 National Championships in St. John's, Kamloops and Charlottetown. The early online offering includes shirts and hooded sweatshirts with the National Championships logo on the front. Merchandise can be ordered in advance at: <https://nwdinc.ca/s/canada-soccer-national-championships/>

Canada Soccer and Northwest Designs will have a larger variety of items available on location at all three venues for this year's National Championships in October. On site, Northwest Designs will also offer special customisation on select products.



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Club+ is a new platform built to support community soccer clubs across Canada with tools, templates, and strategies to grow the game. Whether you're a volunteer-run club or a growing organisation, Club+ is your go-to hub for practical, ready-to-use resources tailored to the real needs of grassroots soccer.

For more information, please visit <https://clubplus.canadasoccer.com>.



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to grow your club and your  
community coast to coast.**





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