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Cultures Unite at the 14th Annual Vancouver International Soccer Festival and Tournament!

32 Teams, 2 Days, 1 Dream of Cultural Harmony!

VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA – The Vancouver International Soccer Festival (VISF) is lacing up to kick off its 14 year on **Saturday and Sunday, July 7&8, 2018**. Hundreds of athletes, officials, and volunteers will descend on Empire Fields, 3311 East Hastings St, Vancouver BC for a tournament that promotes inclusion, respect, and equality.

The VISF is a 7-on-7 World Cup-style soccer tournament that brings together up to 32 women's and co-ed soccer teams and players from Canada, the United States, local international schools, local refugees and multi-cultural communities to celebrate "the beautiful game" and showcase diversity and cultural harmony. 4 **First Nations** teams from BC will also compete in this year's tournament.

VISF 2018 will officially open on Saturday, **July 7, at 9:30 AM at Empire Fields with a casual opening ceremony, followed by the opening match between The Newcomers team: Team Syria vs Team U.S.A a team from Washington State.**

Admission to the festival is free! It takes place **from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm on both Saturday and Sunday**. In addition to exciting soccer action, festival highlights include globally inspired cuisine, a beer and wine garden, house DJ, flat-screen tournament TVs, games, and more.

"Soccer has an incredible power that can be used to make this world a better place. We work within this powerful platform to promote peace, equality, health, and education for everyone," says Adri Hamael, the Founder and Executive Director of VISF and the One Team for Peace Society.

Lead sponsors and partners include: **City of Vancouver, Vancouver Park Board, VOLO Athletics, Simpson Thomas & Associates Trial Lawyers, Switch United, Simpson Family Foundation, and CIBC**. For more information, including schedules, kindly, visit www.oneteamunited.ca

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