



BC SOCCER

***Pros & Cons for
Bylaw Amendment 4
and
Rule Amendment 13***

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Forward

Dear BC Soccer Members,

As per the commitment made by BC Soccer as documented in the minutes of the March 9, 2013 Youth District Chairs Meeting, I'm pleased to provide you with a pros and cons list for the bylaw and rule amendments outlined below. These amendments are contradictory and only one can be accepted.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Bylaw Amendment 4 - ARTICLE 11 – Districts

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Proposed Rule Amendments

Rule Amendment 10 - RULE 28 – Rules for the Operation of the BCSA High Performance League

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in soccer,

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT #4

ARTICLE 11 – Districts

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 11 as follows:

NOTE: This bylaw amendment (amendment 4) is contradictory with rule amendment 10, only one can be accepted.

At the direction of the Youth District Chairs' Meeting, two options are presented:

- Option 1 creates the High Performance League as a district and provides representation (voting rights) to the League.
- Option 2 creates the HPL as an Associate member, with no voting rights.

PROPOSED TO ADD

Option 1 Full Member – the BC Soccer recommended option
(rr) British Columbia: for the BC High Performance League as described in Rule 28.

Option 2 Associate Member

This option is outlined in rule amendment 10.

RATIONALE

Currently there are approximately 1,200 players in the BCHPL who register directly with BC Soccer. While other youth players register with their Districts, the BCHPL have no district affiliation and therefore no representation at general meetings.

Recommendation from the BCSA Board: Option 1 provides BCHPL with a voice and a vote in the business of the Association.

PROS

- Allows for the league to operate and be recognized as originally intended when the league was formed
- Allows for a single voice on behalf of the players / franchise clubs
- Player registration is coordinated and centrally managed
- Sign off on appropriate forms is consistent and centrally managed (i.e. transfers, travel applications, etc.)
- Consistent with the operational process that has been in place since league was established 2 years ago
- Allows for full compliance with Rule 28 e) and f) as it is currently written
- Supports membership decision of 2 years previous when agreed to established league through rule 28
- Able to affectively track and monitor player movement
- Allows league to hold clubs accountability for actions
- Currently BC Soccer has no associate youth member category with the ability to register players, form teams that are in competitive leagues and enter Provincial Cup.
- The BC HPL has provincial as opposed to regional scope.

CONS

- New to the BC Soccer landscape to appoint a league to govern a youth district
- Concerns over precedent this might set

PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT #13

RULE 28 – Rules for the Operation of the BCSA High Performance League

NOTE: This rule amendment (amendment 13) is contradictory with bylaw amendment 4, only one can be accepted. Therefore if bylaw amendment 4 is accepted, this amendment will be withdrawn.

NOTE: this is not the BC Soccer recommended option.

Moved by the Board of Directors that Rule 28 e) and f) be amended as follows:

EXISTING

e) Youth Players will register directly with the League.

f) The BCHPL shall pay Association fee's on the player's behalf as specified in the Associations fee schedule as modified from time to time.

PROPOSED

Option 2

e) Youth Players will register directly with the **Youth District where they reside.**

f) The **Youth Districts** shall pay Association fees on the player's behalf **for those who register with them and play in the BCHPL** as specified in the Associations fee schedule as modified from time to time.

RATIONALE

Currently there are approximately 1,200 players in the BCHPL who register directly with BC Soccer. While other youth players register with their Districts, the BCHPL have no district affiliation and therefore no representation at general meetings.

PROS

- Youth Districts maintain control of all youth player registration
- Maintains historical procedures

CONS

- Doesn't allow for the league to operate and be recognized as originally intended when the league was formed
- Doesn't allow for a single voice on behalf of the players / franchise clubs
- Player registration is not centrally managed
- Sign off on appropriate forms is inconsistent and not centrally managed (i.e. transfers, travel applications, etc.)
- Inability to affectively track and monitor player movement
- Inability for league to hold clubs accountability for actions
- League may opt to not apply for Associate Membership
- Allocation of players challenging operationally between league, club and district
- Additional workload for district registrars across whole calendar year
- Coordination between current traditional registration period and calendar period for BCSPL players