



**BC SOCCER**

***Amendments for  
Consideration at the  
2013 Annual General Meeting***

*May 16, 2013*

## Forward

Dear BC Soccer Member,

We have received the following proposals for amendments to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations for consideration at the 2013 Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013.

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I am looking forward to presenting your submissions at the AGM. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in soccer,

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## **PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

### **AMENDMENT #1**

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#### **ARTICLE 4 – Board of Directors**

**The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 4.1.d as follows:**

##### **EXISTING**

- 1) c) The Board shall meet whenever the President deems necessary, or if instructed to do so by a majority of the Board, but in any case shall meet at least six (6) times a year.
  - i) Board members shall be given a minimum of 14 days' notice of such meetings;
  - ii) In emergency circumstances this notice period may be reduced to 1 day, however, in such circumstance decisions taken at that meeting must be ratified at the next board meeting.
- d) The Board shall meet whenever the President deems it necessary, or if instructed to do so by a majority of the Board, but in any case shall meet at least six (6) times a year.

##### **PROPOSED**

Delete Article 4 (1)(d) as a duplication.

##### **RATIONALE**

In Article 4 (1) (c), the Constitution lays out the requirement for meetings of the Board of Directors and also special circumstances.

Article 4 (1) (d) is a shortened duplication of the above section.

### **AMENDMENT #2**

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#### **ARTICLE 6 – General Meetings**

**The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.8 as follows:**

##### **EXISTING**

8) The Board of Directors shall have a voice but no vote at any general meeting of the Association. The chairperson shall have a casting vote only.

##### **PROPOSED**

8) The Board of Directors shall have a voice but no vote at any general meeting of the Association. The chairperson shall have a casting vote only in the event of a vote which is tied.

##### **RATIONALE**

Article 6 8) is an incomplete sentence, providing authority for the chairperson to cast a vote, but it does not say when that vote shall be cast.

## AMENDMENT #3

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### ARTICLE 9 – Borrowing / Financial Powers

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 9 as follows:

#### EXISTING

- 1) Subject to the Society Act, the Board of Directors, in conducting the business of the Association, may borrow up to \$50,000 upon the credit of the Association without seeking the prior approval of the membership of which \$30,000 may only be short term debt to be paid within 60 days of incurring the debt. Any further amount must be approved at a general meeting.
- 2) No encumbrances shall be placed upon the real estate of the Association. Real estate owned by the Association may not be sold without approval of a majority of the membership at a general meeting.

#### PROPOSED

- 1) Subject to the *British Columbia Society Act*, the Board of Directors, in conducting the business of the Association, may borrow up to \$100,000 upon the credit of the Association without seeking the prior approval of the membership, of which \$50,000 may only be short term debt to be paid with 60 days of incurring the debt. Any further amounts must be approved at a General Meeting of the membership.
- 2) The Board of Directors is also authorized to enter into multi-year capital leases in conducting the business of the Association, to a maximum amount not exceeding \$100,000.
- 3) No encumbrances shall be placed upon the real estate of the Association. Real estate owned by the Association may not be sold without approval of the majority of the membership at a general meeting.

#### RATIONALE

The existing Article 9 is badly outdated and legally restricts the Association from engaging in modern business practices, such as multi-year capital leases for equipment such as photocopiers and furniture.

The Proposed amendment will correct this by allowing the Association to maintain a Line of Credit for the operation of the Association allows for multi-year capital leases and provide for the membership to approve any disposal of real estate owned by the Association.

## AMENDMENT #4

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### ARTICLE 11 – Districts (Youth Districts Registering Boys and Girls)

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.

**AMENDMENT #5**

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**ARTICLE 12 – Youth District and Senior League Boards and District Associations**

**The Board of Directors moves to amend the Article 12 as follows:**

**PROPOSED TO ADD to Senior (Adult) league Boards**

- 2) m) No member of the League Boards shall vote on any matter directly affecting him/herself or any team in which she/she is holding office.

**RATIONALE**

This clause is only applicable to Youth District Boards and Association; it is proposed that the same clause be added to Senior League Boards.

Article 14 (5) provides similar direction to members of the BC Soccer Board.

**AMENDMENT #6**

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**All Articles**

**The Board of Directors moves to amend the bylaws as follows:**

**PROPOSED**

Replace “Senior” with “Adult” within all areas of the Constitution and Bylaws. See separate document for specific amendment.

**RATIONALE**

The purpose of this global replacement of the term “Senior” to “Adult” leagues will make BC Soccer Constitution and Bylaws consistent with Canadian Soccer Association.

## **PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS**

### **AMENDMENT #1A – Alternative 1**

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#### **RULE 5 – Player Registration**

NOTE: this amendment will be withdrawn if bylaw amendment 4 (Article 11 – District) is defeated.

NOTE: Alternative 1A and 1B are contradictory, only one can be accepted.

**Proposed by the Board of Directors that Rule 5 cc) to be deleted in its entirety.**

#### **EXISTING**

5. cc) For the period of August 1st, 2012, though July 31st, 2013, Single youth amateur teams who are directly operating as a developmental team under the auspices of a recognized and registered Major Soccer League franchise operating within the Province of British Columbia wishing to play in an international amateur league may apply to register under the category of Associate Member. This category shall not be provided with, and shall not be allowed to participate in any provincial or national competitions. Applications to the Association under this category must be made seasonally. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended solely for the purposes of development within the Major Soccer League.

#### **PROPOSED**

Remove 5. cc) in its entirety

#### **RATIONALE**

By the acceptance of bylaw amendment 4 (Article 11 – District) the Whitecaps Football Club will be able to register their players within the defined High Performance Youth District and therefore rule 5 cc) is no longer required.

The existing clause is a short term solution for Whitecaps Football Club to be able to registered residency players accordingly.

This provides a permanent solution.

### **AMENDMENT #1B – Alternative 2**

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#### **RULE 5 – Player Registration**

NOTE: this amendment will be withdrawn if bylaw amendment 4 (Article 11 – District) is accepted.

NOTE: Alternative 1A and 1B are contradictory, only one can be accepted.

**Proposed by the Board of Directors that Rule 5 cc) be amended as follows;**

#### **EXISTING**

5. cc) For the period of August 1st, 2012, though July 31st, 2013, Single youth amateur teams who are directly operating as a developmental team under the auspices of a recognized and registered Major Soccer League franchise operating within the Province of British Columbia wishing to play in an international amateur league may apply to register under the category of Associate Member. This category shall not be provided with, and shall not be allowed to participate in any provincial or national competitions. Applications to the Association under this category must be made seasonally. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended solely for the purposes of development within the Major Soccer League.

**PROPOSED**

5. cc) ~~For the period of August 1st, 2012, through July 31st, 2013,~~ Single youth amateur teams who are directly operating as a developmental team under the auspices of a recognized and registered Major Soccer League franchise operating within the Province of British Columbia ~~wishing to play in an international amateur league~~ may apply to register under the category of Associate Member. This category shall not be provided with, and shall not be allowed to participate in any provincial or national competitions. Applications to the Association under this category must be made seasonally. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended solely for the purposes of development within the Major Soccer League.

**RATIONALE**

To continue to allow WFC academy teams to register players with BC soccer directly.

**AMENDMENT #2**

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**RULE 5 – Player Registration**

**Proposed by the Board of Directors that Rule 5 z) to be amended as follows;**

**EXISTING**

5. z) All players and team officials in the U13 to U18 Divisions shall be issued with a photo identification card once they have been registered with the Association’s Registrar or designate. A grace period shall be allowed until midnight September 30th of the coastal playing season and midnight May 31st of the interior-playing season.

**PROPOSED**

5. z) All players and team officials in the U13 to U18 Divisions, and team officials from U6 to U12 shall be issued with a current photo (within 24 months) identification card once they have been registered with the Association’s Registrar or designate. A grace period shall be allowed until midnight September 30th of the coastal playing season and midnight May 31st of the interior-playing season. Team officials are required to present photo identification cards of the players and team official to the referee prior to any league or cup games.

**RATIONALE**

This amendment is being strengthened to give better direction regarding the requirement for photo identification for all team officials and players.

Please note Rule 24 (m) is being deleted as a duplicate section.

**AMENDMENT #3**

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**RULE 7 – Transfer of Players**

**Proposed by the Lower Island Soccer Association to add v) to Rule 9 b) as follows;**

**PROPOSED – create 7.b.v**

However, notwithstanding the above, player transfers may occur between BCHPL teams only between January 1 and May 31.

**RATIONALE**

Due to the addition of the BCHPL as the only designated calendar year program, there were no existing BC Soccer rules and regulations allowing movement between BCHPL teams during the calendar season. Therefore, this new addition allows for player movement in-season between BCHPL clubs.

## AMENDMENT #4

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### RULE 9 – Reinstatements

Proposed by the Board of Directors that Rule 9 c) be amended as follows;

#### EXISTING

9. c) Reinstatement of senior players to youth status may be granted by the Association prior to January 15 of the current coastal playing season and prior to June 30th of the current interior playing season.

#### PROPOSED

9. c) Reinstatement of senior players to youth status may be granted by the Association prior to January 15 of the current coastal playing season, prior to June 30th of the current interior, and calendar playing seasons.

#### RATIONALE

Currently Rule 9 (c) makes no provision for eligible players in the Calendar Playing Season to transfer back to youth status when their senior league playing obligations are completed. This one line addition will allow that to happen.

## AMENDMENT #5

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### RULE 10 – Permits

Proposed by the Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association that Rule 10 b) be amended as follows;

#### EXISTING

10. b) A permit shall allow a registered youth player to play for a senior team in a league or senior cup game without affecting the player's youth registration status. However, a player shall not play in both youth and senior provincial cup competitions in any one competition season.

#### PROPOSED

10. b) A permit shall allow a registered youth player to play for a senior team in a league or senior cup game without affecting the player's youth registration status. ~~However, a player shall not play in both youth and senior provincial cup competitions in any one competition season.~~

#### RATIONALE

- players would only be allowed to permit to one senior team for cup play and would then be cup-tied to that senior team within the senior level of competition.
  - this would not allow a youth aged player who is registered for a senior team to play “down” into youth competition but would only allow youth players to play “up” into senior level of cup play
  - allows a player to still play and finish with their youth teams.
  - Encourages and allows for youth to senior development programs to be established across youth and senior leagues
  - players within a club are continually being monitored and called up to have Senior playing experience which should not preclude them from continuing into cup play.
  - most players at the Under 18 level will be in impact player at the Premier level men and women and therefore benefit with the additional training and game time at the youth level instead of being transferred entirely
  - Seasons are short, especially on the Women's side, finished the middle of January.
- For league cup and provincial cup permits are not allowed or will cup tie you, so the opportunity is very short to call players up.



- fits within the current player development model.

Other subsequent section of the Rules and regulations would also need to be amended to permit this to occur

## AMENDMENT #6

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### RULE 18 - Referees

**Moved by the Board of Directors, with support from the Referee Committee, that Rule 18 be amended as follows:**

#### EXISTING

a)

i) All referees classified as "Provincial", "Regional", "District" or "Youth" Referees shall be under the control and jurisdiction of the Association.

ii) All referees classified as "Small Sided Referees" shall be under the control and jurisdiction of the Youth District in which they are registered.

#### PROPOSED

a)

i) All referees classified as "Provincial", "Regional", "District", "Youth" or "Small Sided\*" Referees shall be under the control and jurisdiction of the Association.

\*to take effect as of April 1, 2014

Remove ii) in its entirety

#### RATIONALE

The issue of Small-Sided referees registering with the District rather than BC Soccer was discussed at the last Youth District Chair's meeting held on Saturday, March 9, 2013. Discussion supported the rule amendment proposal which would have Small-Sided referees register directly with BC Soccer; therefore, ensuring consistence in rule application, insurance, and instruction of course content, etc. be provided in the same manner as the other referees classifications.

\*If this amendment is approved, BC Soccer will work with its technology provider to support the Small Sided Referee classification in the same manner as all other referee classifications, including member organizations requesting small sided clinics, clinic registration and annual referee registration via the BC Soccer Ref Centre (online referee management system).

## AMENDMENT #7

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### RULE 23 – Youth Players - Zoning

**Moved by the Board of Directors that Rule 23 d) and d ii) be amended as follows:**

#### EXISTING

23. d) A youth aged player may register and play outside of the district in which he/she resides providing that no affiliated team of youth aged registered players shall register and/or play more than three (3) Out-of-District players for the balance of the 2011-12 season and no more than five (5) commencing the 2012-2013 season and thereafter.

ii) Those teams playing in the U-17 and U-18 age groups shall be allowed to register no more than five (5) Out-of-District players.

**PROPOSED**

23. d) A youth aged player may register and play outside of the district in which he/she resides providing that no affiliated team of youth aged registered players shall register and/or play more than ~~three (3) Out-of-District players for the balance of the 2011-12 season and no more than~~ five (5) Out-of-District players. ~~commencing the 2012-2013 season and thereafter.~~

Remove 23. D) ii) in its entirety

**RATIONALE**

The proposed amendment removes the past seasonal dates associated with the rule.

**AMENDMENT #8**

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**RULE 23 – Youth Players - Zoning**

Moved by the Board of Directors that Rule 23 h) i) be deleted as outlined below:

**PROPOSED TO DELETE**

**EXISTING**

23. h) For the sole purpose of the operation of the Y League, Regional Teams approved by the Executive Director of the Association that are admitted to the Y League, are not subject to the provisions of this rule solely for the purpose of participating in that Regional Y-League team.

23. i) Y-League Teams are not permitted to play in Provincial Cup.

**RATIONALE**

There are no longer Y League Teams in British Columbia.

**AMENDMENT #9**

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**RULE 24 – Rules of Play - Youth**

Moved by the Board of Directors that Rule 24 m) be deleted as outlined below;

**PROPOSED TO DELETE**

24. m) Photo Identification Cards for both players and team officials are required at the U13 – U18 age levels and for team officials for the U6 – U12 age levels. It is incumbent on team officials to present the photo ID cards of the players and team officials to the referee prior to any league or cup games. A grace period shall be allowed until October 1 of the coastal playing season and June 1 of the interior-playing season. After this date, players and team officials without validated BCSA photo ID cards will be ineligible to play, coach or manage. An exception will be made only when the person not able to present their BCSA photo ID has a letter of permission from the appointed District Registrar or designate.

**RATIONALE**

Duplication of rule 5 z)

## AMENDMENT #10

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### RULE 25 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play - Youth

Proposed by the Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association that Rule 24 b) be amended as follows;

#### EXISTING

b) The Premier Cup shall be open to all youth teams registered, as declared on entry forms submitted according to the registration dates specified by the Association provided the teams are not under suspension.

i) For the 2012 and 2013 seasons only, and for the U-13 to U-18 age categories only, only BC Premier League teams shall be permitted to register for the Premier Cup.

#### PROPOSED

b) The Premier Cup shall **only be** open to youth teams registered **within the HPL**, as declared on entry forms submitted according to the registration dates specified by the Association provided the teams are not under suspension.

AND

Deleted Rule 25 b) i) in its entirety

~~i) Only BC Soccer Premier League teams shall be permitted to register for the Premier Cup.~~

#### RATIONALE

The EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League was created to enhance and assist in the appropriate level of play for the aspiring and identified high performance youth players not only in British Columbia but within Canada. The Soccer Development Department firmly believes it is essential we continue to focus on a responsible implementation of our overall player development program which includes the appropriate competition structure being established. This would include the continuation of the current rule. The outcome will provide for the best scenario and provide British Columbia the opportunity to deliver the most competitive teams to compete at the CSA Club Championships at all levels.

## AMENDMENT #11A – ALTERNATIVE 1

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### RULE 25 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play - Youth

NOTE: Alternative 11A and 11B are contradictory, only one can be accepted.

Moved by the Board of Directors that Rule 25 j) through y) be deleted as outlined below:

#### PROPOSED TO DELETE

j) The duration of games shall be identical to those stated in paragraph "b", Rule 24 - Rules of Play - Youth.

k) In the provincial cup competition, the size of the ball shall be identical to those stated in paragraph "i", Rule 24 Rules of Play - Youth.

l) In the event that the game is tied on goals at the end of regulation time, there shall be a five-minute break, and then overtime shall be played as follows:

Under 18 Division 2 equal halves of 15 minutes each

Under 17 Division 2 equal halves of 15 minutes each

Under 16 Division 2 equal halves of 10 minutes each

Under 15 Division 2 equal halves of 10 minutes each

Under 14 Division 2 equal halves of 10 minutes each

Under 13 Division 2 equal halves of 10 minutes each

Under 12 Division 2 equal halves of 10 minutes each

There shall be no break or unlimited substitution at the half time of overtime. At the end of regulation play, in the event of a tie, it shall be broken by application of the applicable CSA Rule.

m) If teams are still tied on goals after the overtime period, the game shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, as per FIFA guidelines.

n) The venue of all provincial cup games shall be decided by the "home" team's district or by the Association.

o) Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled provincial cup game must give the provincial or district scheduler a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice in writing stating the causes for same. Such cases are to be satisfactory to the scheduling body.

p) Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled provincial cup game without just cause shall forfeit the game to its opponents.

q) In provincial cup competition, each team will supply an Official Line-up and Referees Report or a team list in a manner identical to that stated in paragraph "j", Rule 24 - Rules of Play - Youth.

r) In all provincial cup games substitutions shall be allowed according to the Association's Rules Governing Youth Provincial Cup Play downs and Finals.

s) Substitutions shall be made during a stoppage in the game and with the referee's consent.

t) The Association shall have the authority to order any game replayed, or played to a finish.

u) In provincial cup competitions, each team will supply to the referee a set of Photo Identification Cards, for all players and team officials in a manner identical to that in Rule 24 – Rules of Play-Youth “n”.

v) Discipline in all provincial cup competitions shall be as provided for in Rule 11 – Discipline, paragraph “i.”

w) Youth competitive teams, playing in the U-13 age group that does not have a league for select teams, shall have their eligibility to play in provincial cup restricted. Teams playing at the highest level (gold) in a tiered league (i.e. Gold, Silver, Bronze) shall be eligible to play Provincial A cup only.

x) Y league Teams are not permitted to play in Provincial Cup.

y) For the purposes of these regulations for Youth Provincial Cup only, the Premier, A, and B Cups shall be considered separate competitions, however notwithstanding the previous, no youth player may participate in any level of Youth Provincial Cup and in the same playing season participate in any Senior Provincial Cup.

**RATIONALE**

Duplication with BC Soccer Provincial Cup Rules

## AMENDMENT #11B – ALTERNATIVE 2

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### RULE 25 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play - Youth

NOTE: Alternative 11A and 11B are contradictory, only one can be accepted.

NOTE: this amendment will be withdrawn if rule amendment 5 (Rule 10 – Permits) is defeated.

**Moved by the Tri-Cities Youth Soccer Association that Rule 25 y) be amended as follows;**

#### EXISTING

y) For the purposes of these regulations for Youth Provincial Cup only, the Premier, A, and B Cups shall be considered separate competitions, however notwithstanding the previous, no youth player may participate in any level of Youth Provincial Cup and in the same playing season participate in any Senior Provincial Cup.

#### PROPOSED

y) For the purposes of these regulations for Youth Provincial Cup only, the Premier, A, and B Cups shall be considered separate competitions. ~~however notwithstanding the previous, no youth player may participate in any level of Youth Provincial Cup and in the same playing season participate in any Senior Provincial Cup.~~

#### RATIONALE

- players would only be allowed to permit to one senior team for cup play and would then be cup-tied to that senior team within the senior level of competition.
  - this would not allow a youth aged player who is registered for a senior team to play “down” into youth competition but would only allow youth players to play “up” into senior level of cup play
  - allows a player to still play and finish with their youth teams.
  - Encourages and allows for youth senior development programs to be established across youth and senior leagues
  - players within a club are continually being monitored and called up to have Senior playing experience which should not preclude them from continuing into cup play.
  - most players at the Under 18 level will be in impact player at the Premier level men and women and therefore benefit with the additional training and game time at the youth level instead of being transferred entirely
  - Seasons are short, especially on the Women's side, finished the middle of January.
- For league cup and provincial cup permits are not allowed or will cup tie you, so the opportunity is very short to call players up.
- fits within the current player development model.
- Other subsequent section of the Rules and regulations would also need to be amended to permit this to occur

## AMENDMENT #12

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### RULE 25 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play - Youth

NOTE: this amendment will be withdraw if amendment 11A) is accepted.

**Moved by the Board of Directors that Rule 25 x) be deleted as outlined below:**

#### PROPOSED TO DELETE

x) Y league Teams are not permitted to play in Provincial Cup.

#### RATIONALE

There are no longer Y League Teams in British Columbia.

## AMENDMENT #13

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### **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.

a) 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.

Also a housekeeping change typo "a" after "e" and change to "f".

## AMENDMENT #14

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

NOTE: if rule amendment 13 is withdrawn or defeated, this amendment will be proposed.

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

#### **EXISTING**

a) 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**

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

#### **RATIONALE**

A housekeeping change typo / sequence change, "a" after "e" and change to "f".

## **AMENDMENT #15**

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### **APPENDIX**

**Moved by the Board of Directors to delete Appendix 1**

### **RATIONALE**

Appendix 1 is a duplication of existing policy and procedures for small sided games that existing with the Small Sided/Mini Soccer Development Manual.

## **AMENDMENT #16**

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### **All Applicable Rules**

**The Board of Directors moves to amend the rules as follows:**

### **PROPOSED**

Replace "Senior" with "Adult" within all areas of the Rules and Regulations. See separate document for specific amendment.

### **RATIONALE**

The purpose of this global replacement of the term "Senior" to "Adult" leagues will make BC Soccer Rules and Regulations consistent with Canadian Soccer Association.