



**BC SOCCER**

## ***Appendix A***

***Global “Senior” to “Adult” Constitutional and Bylaw Amendments  
for Consideration at the 2013 Annual General Meeting***

*May 16, 2013*

## Forward

Dear BC Soccer Member,

As per Bylaw Amendment 7 – All Articles, outlined below.

### AMENDMENT #7

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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.

Yours in soccer,

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## PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

*Existing:*

Table of Contents: Article 12- YOUTH DISTRICT AND SENIOR LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.

*Proposed:*

Table of Contents: ARTICLE 12 – YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

#### ARTICLE 3 – Membership

*Existing:*

1)

- a) Are those Senior Leagues primarily established for the purpose of organizing and operating open age soccer as defined by the Association in these Bylaws;

*Proposed:*

- a) Are those Adult Leagues primarily established for the purpose of organizing and operating open age soccer as defined by the Association in these Bylaws;

*Existing:*

b) Have a recognizable membership and a bona fide operation according to the requirements of the Association in accordance with Article 12 (Youth District / **Senior** League Boards and District Associations) of these Bylaws;

**Proposed:**

c) Have a recognizable membership and a bona fide operation according to the requirements of the Association in accordance with Article 12 (Youth District / **Adult** League Boards and District Associations) of these Bylaws;

**Existing:**

d) The appointed voting delegates representing **Senior** Leagues and/or the Youth District Associations shall individually apply for delegate membership on behalf of the **Senior** League and/or Youth District Associations.

**Proposed:**

d) The appointed voting delegates representing **Adult** Leagues and/or the Youth District Associations shall individually apply for delegate membership on behalf of the **Adult** League and/or Youth District Associations.

**Existing:**

2) Associate Members shall have a voice but no vote at General Meetings of the Association and shall be organizations, whether incorporated or not, which have similar objectives to the Association. Associate Members may only receive services of the Association if approved by the Board. Organizations may include but are not limited to affiliated **Senior** Leagues (indoor and outdoor), school, college and university leagues, and referees', coaches' and trainers' associations.

**Proposed:**

2) Associate Members shall have a voice but no vote at General Meetings of the Association and shall be organizations, whether incorporated or not, which have similar objectives to the Association. Associate Members may only receive services of the Association if approved by the Board. Organizations may include but are not limited to affiliated **Adult** Leagues (indoor and outdoor), school, college and university leagues, and referees', coaches' and trainers' associations.

**ARTICLE 4 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Existing:**

ii) In odd calendar years, the First Vice President, the Vice President **Senior**, and five (5) directors shall be elected;

**Proposed:**

ii) In odd calendar years, the First Vice President, the Vice President **Adult**, and five (5) directors shall be elected;

**ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

**Existing:**

4) The Vice President **Senior** shall be responsible for the supervision of all senior programs.

**Proposed:**

4) The Vice President **Adult** shall be responsible for the supervision of all **adult** programs.

**Existing:**

- f) Maintain all Rules and Regulations, which govern the game of soccer amongst the Active members and Associate members of the Association.
- i) Proposed amendments or additions to the Rules and Regulations will only be considered if submitted, in writing, to the Association by an affiliated **Senior** League/Youth District, or by the Board of Directors of the Association. Notice of motion of the proposed changes or amendments must be received by the Association at least forty-five (45) days prior to any general meeting. **Senior** Leagues/Youth Districts in membership shall be circulated with copies of all proposed amendments or changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Meeting except as noted in this section. No motion may be placed on the floor that obviates, or intends to obviate the intention of this section.

**Proposed:**

- f) Maintain all Rules and Regulations, which govern the game of soccer amongst the Active members and Associate members of the Association.
- ii) Proposed amendments or additions to the Rules and Regulations will only be considered if submitted, in writing, to the Association by an affiliated **Adult** League/Youth District, or by the Board of Directors of the Association. Notice of motion of the proposed changes or amendments must be received by the Association at least forty-five (45) days prior to any general meeting. **Adult** Leagues/Youth Districts in membership shall be circulated with copies of all proposed amendments or changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Meeting except as noted in this section. No motion may be placed on the floor that obviates, or intends to obviate the intention of this section.

**Existing:**

- iii) A copy of every change or alteration in the Rules and Regulations shall be forwarded to each **Senior** League/Youth District in membership within fifteen (15) days.

**Proposed:**

- iv) A copy of every change or alteration in the Rules and Regulations shall be forwarded to each **Adult** League/Youth District in membership within fifteen (15) days.

**Existing:**

- v) From time to time, Rules and Regulations may be enacted which apply only to Youth or to **Senior** Players.

**Proposed:**

- v) From time to time, Rules and Regulations may be enacted which apply only to Youth or to **Adult** Players.

**ARTICLE 6 - GENERAL MEETINGS**

**Existing:**

- 4)
  - a) The accredited voting delegates to the General Meeting of the Association shall be the authorized delegate members of each **Senior** League or Youth District in active membership in good standing. The names of accredited delegates and alternates must be filed with the association not later than seven (7) days prior to any General Meeting of the association unless approved by a majority of the accredited members at the same General Meeting.

**Proposed:**

4)

a) The accredited voting delegates to the General Meeting of the Association shall be the authorized delegate members of each **Adult** League or Youth District in active membership in good standing. The names of accredited delegates and alternates must be filed with the association not later than seven (7) days prior to any General Meeting of the association unless approved by a majority of the accredited members at the same General Meeting.

**Existing:**

b)

i) Each affiliated **Senior** League having fewer than ten (10) teams shall be eligible to cast at least one vote at the Annual General Meeting. A **Senior** League shall be permitted an additional vote for each additional ten (10) teams or part thereof. The total number of votes allocated each **Senior** League will be determined by the formula as set forth in Bylaw 4 b) iii) and subject to the provisions of Bylaw 4 b) v).

**Proposed:**

b)

i) Each affiliated **Adult** League having fewer than ten (10) teams shall be eligible to cast at least one vote at the Annual General Meeting. An **Adult** League shall be permitted an additional vote for each additional ten (10) teams or part thereof. The total number of votes allocated each **Adult** League will be determined by the formula as set forth in Bylaw 4 b) iii) and subject to the provisions of Bylaw 4 b) v).

**Existing:**

iii)

To determine the **Senior** League votes, divide the total number of youth votes, as determined in Article 6 paragraph 4 b) ii) by the total number of senior teams in each league. The resulting figure is then multiplied by the number of teams per league. Fractional calculations are rounded up at 50% or more, and down at 49% or less.

**Proposed:**

iii)

To determine the **Adult** League votes, divide the total number of youth votes, as determined in Article 6 paragraph 4 b) ii) by the total number of senior teams in each league. The resulting figure is then multiplied by the number of teams per league. Fractional calculations are rounded up at 50% or more, and down at 49% or less.

**Existing:**

iv)

The total number of votes allocated to the **Senior** Leagues will equal the total number of votes allocated to the Youth Districts.

**Proposed:**

iv)

The total number of votes allocated to the **Adult** Leagues will equal the total number of votes allocated to the Youth Districts.

**Existing:**

vi)

No active member, youth or **senior**, shall be permitted to assign its voting privileges to another active member.

**Proposed:**

v)

No active member, youth or **adult**, shall be permitted to assign its voting privileges to another active member.

**Existing:**

- vi) No one **senior** member can carry more than twenty five percent (25%) of the total number of eligible **senior** votes. No Youth member can carry more than twenty five percent (25%) of the total number of eligible youth votes.

**Proposed:**

- vi) No one **adult** member can carry more than twenty five percent (25%) of the total number of eligible **adult** votes. No Youth member can carry more then twenty five percent (25%) of the total number of eligible youth votes.

**Existing:**

- c) Accredited Delegate Members to the Annual General meeting shall furnish the Association with their credentials prior to the start of the meeting. Those credentials shall comprise written authorization of the **Senior** League/Youth District to attend as an accredited Delegate member of that League/District.

**Proposed:**

- c) Accredited Delegate Members to the Annual General meeting shall furnish the Association with their credentials prior to the start of the meeting. Those credentials shall comprise written authorization of the **Adult** League/Youth District to attend as an accredited Delegate member of that League/District.

**Existing:**

- d) A **Senior** League/Youth District in arrears with its annual fees or indebted to the Association in any way shall not be eligible to vote or participate in the business of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Unless financial agreement for settlement of such indebtedness has been entered into with the Association.

**Proposed:**

- d) An **Adult** League/Youth District in arrears with its annual fees or indebted to the Association in any way shall not be eligible to vote or participate in the business of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Unless financial agreement for settlement of such indebtedness has been entered into with the Association.

**Existing:**

- e) A **Senior** League/Youth District who is under suspension from the Association will not be eligible to vote or participate in the business of the Association at the Annual General Meeting.

**Proposed:**

- e) An **Adult** League/Youth District who is under suspension from the Association will not be eligible to vote or participate in the business of the Association at the Annual General Meeting.

**Existing:**

- 11) General Meeting Election Voting System for Directors

- a) The Association shall use the runoff election plurality voting system for election of President, 1st Vice President, Vice President Finance, Vice President **Senior**, and Vice President Youth. If no candidate has at least 50% +1 of the votes cast, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated from further consideration and another round of voting conducted. This process shall continue until one candidate has at least 50% +1 of the votes cast.

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- a) The Association shall use the runoff election plurality voting system for election of President, 1st Vice President, Vice President Finance, Vice President **Adult**, and Vice President Youth. If no candidate has at least 50% +1 of the votes cast, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated from further consideration and another round of voting conducted. This process shall continue until one candidate has at least 50% +1 of the votes cast.

**ARTICLE 7 - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

**Existing:**

- a. Proposed amendments or additions to the Constitution and Bylaws will only be considered if submitted, in writing, to the Association by an affiliated **Senior** League/Youth District, or by the Board of Directors of the Association. Notice of motion of the proposed changes or amendments must be received by the Association at least forty-five (45) days prior to any general meeting. **Senior** League/Youth Districts in membership shall be circulated with copies of all proposed amendments or changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Meeting.

**Proposed:**

- a. Proposed amendments or additions to the Constitution and Bylaws will only be considered if submitted, in writing, to the Association by an affiliated **Adult** League/Youth District, or by the Board of Directors of the Association. Notice of motion of the proposed changes or amendments must be received by the Association at least forty-five (45) days prior to any general meeting. **Adult** League/Youth Districts in membership shall be circulated with copies of all proposed amendments or changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Meeting.

**ARTICLE 11 – DISTRICTS**

**Existing:**

- 4) **Senior** Leagues are defined by the Board of Directors of this Association, and subject to Rule 14, Sanction and Control of Leagues of the Association’s Rules and Regulations.

**Proposed:**

- 4) **Adult** Leagues are defined by the Board of Directors of this Association, and subject to Rule 14, Sanction and Control of Leagues of the Association’s Rules and Regulations.

**ARTICLE 12 - YOUTH DISTRICT AND SENIOR LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS**

**Existing:**

ARTICLE 12 - YOUTH DISTRICT AND **SENIOR** LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

**Proposed:**

ARTICLE 12 - YOUTH DISTRICT AND **ADULT** LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

**Existing:**

- 3) **Senior** League Boards

**Proposed:**

3) **Adult** League Boards

**Existing:**

- k) The books and records of all **Senior** Leagues and **Senior** teams shall be open to inspection by the Provincial Board on demand.

**Proposed:**

- k) The books and records of all **Adult** Leagues and **Adult** teams shall be open to inspection by the Provincial Board on demand.

**Existing:**

- l) Each **Senior** League shall submit a Discipline report on an annual basis to the Judicial Committee of the Association in a form acceptable to the Association.

**Proposed:**

- l) Each **Adult** League shall submit a Discipline report on an annual basis to the Judicial Committee of the Association in a form acceptable to the Association.

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