



BC SOCCER

Appendix B

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

May 16, 2013

Forward

Dear BC Soccer Member,

As per Rule Amendment 12 – All Articles, outlined below.

AMENDMENT #12

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.

Yours in soccer,

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PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT – Global Replacement where applicable to Senior Leagues to Adult Leagues.

Rationale:

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RULE 2 - PLAYER AGE LIMITS

Existing:

Senior

- g) A **senior** team is one that is affiliated with the Association outside the youth age categories defined in paragraph "c" of rule 2 Player Age Limits. A **senior** player shall refer to a player registered with a senior team.

Proposed:

Adult

- g) A **adult** team is one that is affiliated with the Association outside the youth age categories defined in paragraph "c" of rule 2 Player Age Limits. A **adult** player shall refer to a player registered with a senior team.

RULE 3 - PLAYING SEASON

Existing:

Senior

- e) For **senior** players, the "winter" playing season shall commence on the 1st day of September and terminate on the 31st day of March in the following year.
- e) For **senior** players, the "summer" playing season shall commence on the 1st day of April and terminate on the 31st day of August in the same year.

Proposed:

Adult

- f) For **adult** players, the "winter" playing season shall commence on the 1st day of September and terminate on the 31st day of March in the following year.
- f) For **adult** players, the "summer" playing season shall commence on the 1st day of April and terminate on the 31st day of August in the same year.

RULE 4 – AFFILIATION

Existing:

- j) **Senior** Leagues and Youth districts are required annually to complete and submit to the Association all team affiliation forms, player registration forms and full registration fees as provided in the Registration Policy Manual of the Association.

Proposed:

- j) **Adult** Leagues and Youth districts are required annually to complete and submit to the Association all team affiliation forms, player registration forms and full registration fees as provided in the Registration Policy Manual of the Association.

Existing:

Senior

- m) **Senior** league teams shall be permitted to register the number of players as defined by league rules approved by the Association.

Proposed:

Adult

- m) **Adult** league teams shall be permitted to register the number of players as defined by league rules approved by the Association.

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

Existing:

Senior

- dd) All **senior** amateur players participating in leagues affiliated with the Association must register in such a manner as the Association rules prescribe.
- ii) **Senior** teams forming a 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 and registration under this category shall not be granted to applicants qualifying under Categories "A", "B", or "M" of senior registrations. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended for unique circumstances such as short-term community leagues, developmental leagues and geographically isolated leagues
- kk) Single **Senior** amateur teams 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 and registration under this category shall not be granted to applicants qualifying under Categories "A", "B", or "M" of senior registrations. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended for unique circumstances such as developmental leagues and geographically isolated leagues.

Proposed:

Adult

- dd) All **adult** amateur players participating in leagues affiliated with the Association must register in such a manner as the Association rules prescribe.
- ii) **Adult** teams forming a 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 and registration under this category shall not be granted to applicants qualifying under Categories "A", "B", or "M" of senior registrations. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended for unique

circumstances such as short-term community leagues, developmental leagues and geographically isolated leagues..

- kk) Single **Adult** amateur teams 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 and registration under this category shall not be granted to applicants qualifying under Categories "A", "B", or "M" of senior registrations. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended for unique circumstances such as developmental leagues and geographically isolated leagues.

RULE 8 - YOUTH TO SENIOR TRANSFERS

Existing:

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- a) Any registered youth player wishing to transfer services to a senior team during the current playing season must do so on forms supplied by the Association.
- b) No youth to **senior** transfers will be permitted after the dates outlined in paragraph "b", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.
- d) Youth to **senior** transfer fees are non-refundable.
- e) A youth-aged player who has been registered as "**senior** amateur" shall be ineligible to play in any youth club competitions unless said player has upon request, been reinstated to youth status by the Association, subject to rule 7 n.

Proposed:

RULE 8 - YOUTH TO ADULT TRANSFERS

- a) Any registered youth player wishing to transfer services to a senior team during the current playing season must do so on forms supplied by the Association.
- b) No youth to **adult** transfers will be permitted after the dates outlined in paragraph "b", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.
- d) Youth to **Adult** transfer fees are non-refundable.
- e) A youth-aged player who has been registered as "**adult** amateur" shall be ineligible to play in any youth club competitions unless said player has upon request, been reinstated to youth status by the Association, subject to rule 7 n.

RULE 9 - REINSTATEMENTS

Existing:

- a) Any registered **senior** player of youth age wishing to be reinstated to youth status must apply to the Association to be reinstated on forms supplied by the Association.

Proposed:

- a) Any registered **adult** player of youth age wishing to be reinstated to youth status must apply to the Association to be reinstated on forms supplied by the Association.

Existing:

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

Proposed:

- b) Reinstatement of **adult** players to youth status may be granted by the Association prior to January 15th of the current coastal playing season and prior to June 30th of the current interior playing season.

Existing:

- g) A registered **senior** player, after being reinstated to a youth team, must wait a period of seven (7) days before taking part in any game for the youth team. The seven-day period commences from the date the completed reinstatement application and fee are filed with the Association.

Proposed:

- g) A registered **adult** player, after being reinstated to a youth team, must wait a period of seven (7) days before taking part in any game for the youth team. The seven-day period commences from the date the completed reinstatement application and fee are filed with the Association.

RULE 10 – PERMITS

Existing:

- a) The Association shall grant a registered youth player permission to play up any number of times with a **senior** team in any one season providing the player has the consent of the affiliated youth team and the approval of the **senior** league or designate.

Proposed:

- a) The Association shall grant a registered youth player permission to play up any number of times with a **adult** team in any one season providing the player has the consent of the affiliated youth team and the approval of the **adult** league or designate.

Existing:

- 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:

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

Existing:

- c) Any player wishing to play on a permit with a **senior** team must apply for permission to do so by completing a permit form supplied by the Association.

Proposed:

- e) Any player wishing to play on a permit with a **adult** team must apply for permission to do so by completing a permit form supplied by the Association.

Existing:

- e) Permit applications must be authorized by the youth team and approved by the Youth District & **Senior** League prior to the game for which the permit is to be issued. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A copy of the authorized permit must be presented with the team list at game

Proposed:

- e) Permit applications must be authorized by the youth team and approved by the Youth District & **Adult** League prior to the game for which the permit is to be issued. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A copy of the authorized permit must be presented with the team list at game.

RULE 11 – DISCIPLINE

Existing:

- v) For Provincial Cup play, a player who accumulates two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during provincial cup play, shall automatically be suspended without hearing and without appeal from the player's next provincial cup game. Provincial Cup for youth teams is defined as all "A" Cup competition and "B" Cup competition beyond district qualification (inter-district), (see Rule 25 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play – Youth). Provincial Cup for **senior** teams is defined as provincial cup play beyond league qualification (see Rule 27 – **Senior** Cup Competition Rules).

Proposed:

- v) For Provincial Cup play, a player who accumulates two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during provincial cup play, shall automatically be suspended without hearing and without appeal from the player's next provincial cup game. Provincial Cup for youth teams is defined as all "A" Cup competition and "B" Cup competition beyond district qualification (inter-district), (see Rule 25 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play – Youth). Provincial Cup for **adult**

teams is defined as provincial cup play beyond league qualification (see Rule 27 – Adult Cup Competition Rules).

RULE 12 – PROTESTS

Existing:

- g) An affiliated team may be entitled to lodge a protest with the Association, arising out of any provincial cup competition, as defined in Rule 25 -Rules for Provincial Cup Play - Youth & Rule 27 - Senior Cup Competition Rules. Such protest must be in writing, stating the grounds upon which the protest is lodged

Proposed:

- g) An affiliated team may be entitled to lodge a protest with the Association, arising out of any provincial cup competition, as defined in Rule 25 -Rules for Provincial Cup Play - Youth & Rule 27 - Adult Cup Competition Rules. Such protest must be in writing, stating the grounds upon which the protest is lodged.

RULE 13 – APPEALS

Existing:

- o) Decisions of the BCSA Appeals Committee arising from interpretations of the Bylaws or Rules & Regulations of a Youth District Association, Senior League in membership, or Youth Inter-District League shall be final and binding.

Proposed:

- o) Decisions of the BCSA Appeals Committee arising from interpretations of the Bylaws or Rules & Regulations of a Youth District Association, Adult League in membership, or Youth Inter-District League shall be final and binding.

RULE 14 - SANCTION AND CONTROL OF LEAGUES

Existing:

- a) Teams forming a senior league shall make application for sanction to the Association. The league, once sanctioned, shall be under the jurisdiction of the Association. A league must be composed of a minimum of four (4) teams.

Proposed:

- a) Teams forming a adult league shall make application for sanction to the Association. The league, once sanctioned, shall be under the jurisdiction of the Association. A league must be composed of a minimum of four (4) teams.

Existing:

- b) Matches shall not be played until the league constitution, league rules and regulations and league member teams are approved by the Association, Senior League or Youth District having jurisdiction.

Proposed:

- b) Matches shall not be played until the league constitution, league rules and regulations and league member teams are approved by the Association, **Adult** League or Youth District having jurisdiction.

Existing:

- c) A league is not entitled to alter its constitution or rules and regulations without the consent of the Association, **Senior** League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction.

Proposed:

- c) A league is not entitled to alter its constitution or rules and regulations without the consent of the Association, **Adult** League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction.

Existing:

- d) Leagues and teams must not play matches other than those comprising the league schedule without the prior consent of the Association, **Senior** League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction

Proposed:

- d) Leagues and teams must not play matches other than those comprising the league schedule without the prior consent of the Association, **Adult** League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction

Existing:

- e) Leagues are not permitted to run cup competitions without the prior consent of the Association, **Senior** League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction.

Proposed:

- e) Leagues are not permitted to run cup competitions without the prior consent of the Association, **Adult** League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction.

Existing:

- f) **Senior** Leagues or Youth Districts wishing to sponsor a tournament must obtain the consent of the Association.

Proposed:

- f) **Adult** Leagues or Youth Districts wishing to sponsor a tournament must obtain the consent of the Association.

Existing:

- g) Leagues shall pay match fees as are approved of by the Association, **Senior** League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction, to referees and assistant referees officiating in their matches. Officials shall neither ask for nor receive a larger fee than that fixed.

Proposed:

- g) Leagues shall pay match fees as are approved of by the Association, **Adult** League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction, to referees and assistant referees officiating in their matches. Officials shall neither ask for nor receive a larger fee than that fixed.

Existing:

Senior

- i) A league or competition for **senior** Category "A" amateur players shall allow to participate, only players who are registered as **senior** Category "A" amateur players and registered youth players in accordance with the provision of Rule 10 - Permits.
- j) A league or competition for **senior** Category "B" amateur players shall allow to participate; only players who are registered as senior "Category "B" amateur players and registered youth players in accordance with the provision of Rule 10 – Permits.

Proposed:

Adult

- i) A league or competition for **adult** Category "A" amateur players shall allow to participate, only players who are registered as adult Category "A" amateur players and registered youth players in accordance with the provision of Rule 10 - Permits.
- j) A league or competition for senior Category "B" amateur players shall allow to participate; only players who are registered as **adult** "Category "B" amateur players and registered youth players in accordance with the provision of Rule 10 – Permits.

RULE 17 - PROFESSIONAL SOCCER

Existing:

Senior

- iv) A registered **senior** amateur player registered with a **senior** amateur team shall be allowed to play three trial games (league games only) with a professional team providing a permit to play for a professional team has been duly completed.

Proposed:

Adult

- iv) A registered **adult** amateur player registered with an **adult** amateur team shall be allowed to play three trial games (league games only) with a professional team providing a permit to play for a professional team has been duly completed

Existing:

- d) Challenge Trophy Playoffs - Professional Players
- i) An amateur team which has reached the provincial finals of the Canadian Challenge Trophy Competition shall retain the rights to the services of a **senior** player who has been claimed by a professional team through the three games' trial permit providing such team has reached such finals prior to or during the period of the thirty (30) days trial.

Proposed:

- d) Challenge Trophy Playoffs - Professional Players

- i) An amateur team which has reached the provincial finals of the Canadian Challenge Trophy Competition shall retain the rights to the services of a **adult** player who has been claimed by a professional team through the three games' trial permit providing such team has reached such finals prior to or during the period of the thirty (30) days trial.

RULE 19 - TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Existing:

- b) Teams, clubs, Youth Districts, **Senior** Leagues and associations affiliated with the Association desiring to sponsor a tournament shall then submit a tournament application form provided by the Association, requesting permission to stage the tournament and containing necessary tournament information. Tournament applications shall be filed at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the tournament and shall be signed by the district, league or affiliated association having jurisdiction. A copy of the approved tournament application shall then be sent to the applicant, the responsible Youth District, **Senior** League or affiliated association, and the referees associations.

Proposed:

- b) Teams, clubs, Youth Districts, **Adult** Leagues and associations affiliated with the Association desiring to sponsor a tournament shall then submit a tournament application form provided by the Association, requesting permission to stage the tournament and containing necessary tournament information. Tournament applications shall be filed at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the tournament and shall be signed by the district, league or affiliated association having jurisdiction. A copy of the approved tournament application shall then be sent to the applicant, the responsible Youth District, **Adult** League or affiliated association, and the referees associations.

RULE 20 - GENERAL MANAGEMENT RULES

Existing:

- d) Prior to the commencement of each season or immediately following the Annual General Meeting of each Youth District, **Senior** League or affiliated association shall annually furnish the Association with a list of its operating officers.

Proposed:

- d) Prior to the commencement of each season or immediately following the Annual General Meeting of each Youth District, **Adult** League or affiliated association shall annually furnish the Association with a list of its operating officers.

RULE 22 - RISK MANAGEMENT

Existing:

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- c) Every Director of BC Soccer, **Senior** League, Youth District Association or Youth Club must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the previous 36 months from an agency approved by the Association.

Proposed:

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- c) Every Director of BC Soccer, **Adult** League, Youth District Association or Youth Club must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the previous 36 months from an agency approved by the Association.

RULE 27 - SENIOR CUP COMPETITION RULES

Existing:

RULE 27 - **SENIOR** CUP COMPETITION RULES

- a) A **senior** Category "A" amateur team affiliated with the Association shall be eligible to enter any open **senior** Category A Cup competition.
- b) A **senior** Category "B" amateur team affiliated with the Association shall be eligible to enter the open age or age defined Category B Cup competition as provided for in the rules described under Rule 5 ee) and Rule 5 ff), Player Registration.
- c) All entries to an association run cup competition must have been received by the Association on or before the date approved by the Board as the entry deadline for the competition. All entries to a league run cup competition must have been received by the league Secretary on or before the date approved by the **Senior** league as the entry deadline for the competition.
- d) Each league shall report in writing to the Association, which competition(s) the **Senior** league is designating as being that association's qualifying playdowns for a corresponding category of provincial cup competition.
- e) The Association or **Senior** league, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a cup competition shall retain the right to exempt leading teams from the preliminary rounds of a cup competition.
- f) **Senior** players must be registered with the Association on either a senior Category "A" form (form "A") or Category "B" form (form "B"), as the case may be, to participate in a respective cup competition.
- k) The Association or **Senior** League as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a cup competition shall decide on the venue of all games.

- q) The Association, or the **Senior** League as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a Cup competition shall appoint the referee and referee assistants.
- v) A player who has registered with a **senior** amateur "summer playing season" team, who then signs with a "winter playing season" team, must obtain a release pending the formation of the "summer playing season" team, on or before the transfer deadline of January 15th of the current season.
- w) A **senior** amateur player who registered with a "summer playing season" team who then signs with a "winter season" team and continues to play for the "winter playing season" team after the transfer/release deadline, will be ineligible to play for a "summer playing season" team that participates in an inter-league competition for the provincial cup.

Proposed:

RULE 27 - ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

- a) An **adult** Category "A" amateur team affiliated with the Association shall be eligible to enter any open **adult** Category A Cup competition.
- b) An **adult** Category "B" amateur team affiliated with the Association shall be eligible to enter the open age or age defined Category B Cup competition as provided for in the rules described under Rule 5 ee) and Rule 5 ff), Player Registration.
- c) All entries to an association run cup competition must have been received by the Association on or before the date approved by the Board as the entry deadline for the competition. All entries to a league run cup competition must have been received by the league Secretary on or before the date approved by the **Adult** league as the entry deadline for the competition.
- d) Each league shall report in writing to the Association, which competition(s) the **Adult** or league is designating as being that association's qualifying playdowns for a corresponding category of provincial cup competition.
- e) The Association or **Adult** league, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a cup competition shall retain the right to exempt leading teams from the preliminary rounds of a cup competition.
- f) **Adult** players must be registered with the Association on either a senior Category "A" form (form "A") or Category "B" form (form "B"), as the case may be, to participate in a respective cup competition.
- k) The Association or **Adult** League as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a cup competition shall decide on the venue of all games.

- q) The Association, or the **Adult** League as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a Cup competition shall appoint the referee and referee assistants.
- v) A player who has registered with a **adult** amateur "summer playing season" team, who then signs with a "winter playing season" team, must obtain a release pending the formation of the "summer playing season" team, on or before the transfer deadline of January 15th of the current season.
- w) A **adult** amateur player who registered with a "summer playing season" team who then signs with a "winter season" team and continues to play for the "winter playing season" team after the transfer/release deadline, will be ineligible to play for a "summer playing season" team that participates in an inter-league competition for the provincial cup.

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