



BC SOCCER

**Amendments for
Consideration at the
2015 Annual General Meeting**

May 14, 2015

Foreword

Dear BC Soccer Member,

As we work toward completing BC Soccer's strategic plan objective of reviewing and updating the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, building from last year, over the last 6 to 8 months we have been reviewing the BC Soccer rules and regulations along with the bylaws from the perspective of putting forward appropriate amendments to clean-up items to reflect current practice, remove duplication (housekeeping) and assist with improving understanding. Based on this work, this year's proposed amendments are being presented in the same manner as last year.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This document outlines the Proposed Bylaw Amendments, Rule Changes Requiring Ratification, and proposed Rule Amendments for consideration at the 2015 Annual General Meeting which is to be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2015**.

Please note as part of the clean-up mentioned previously we have categorized a number of amendments as "housekeeping" which we are pleased to provide for your consideration in appendix A and C in a tracked changes format. Housekeeping amendments are being presented in a grouped single motion for acceptance. We are also pleased to provide for your consideration a Definitions list, to be added to the BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations, in Appendix B.

In addition to these, we also have the following proposals for amendments to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations for consideration at the 2015 Annual General Meeting which is to be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2015**.

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I am looking forward to presenting the amendments for your consideration at the AGM.

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

Yours in soccer,

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

BYLAW AMENDMENT #1

HOUSKEEPING AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors moves to amend housekeeping items as outlined in Appendix A:

Housekeeping amendments as presented in the Constitution and Bylaws tracked changed with comments document.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to bring current BC Soccer's Bylaws more in line with Canada Soccer, best practices, the Society Act and to be concurrent with legal recommendation.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #2

ARTICLE 2 - INTERPRETATION

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 2 to **add/insert** to become xiii) and renumber the remainder:

Proposed

xiii) "Residency" for the purposes of a BC Soccer board of director shall mean a person who lives in the province of British Columbia for a minimum of six (6) months plus one (1) day (183 days minimum).

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to provide a definition for the residency of a board member.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #3

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 3.1 to **add/insert** the following to become e):

Proposed

e) An organization wishing to become an Active Member, must present a membership application form to BC Soccer. The application shall be reviewed by BC Soccer's Membership Committee for completeness. Applications that pass the Membership Committees scrutiny shall be sent to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then present the application to the membership for approval at BC Soccer's next General Meeting.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to properly document the intent of the proposed amendment from the 2014 AGM.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #4

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 3.2 to **add/insert** e) as follows:

Proposed

- e) The Associate Membership Adult League category is designed for adult leagues that;
- i) play full 11-a-side outdoor soccer during the Spring and Summer, or
 - ii) play indoor, small sided outdoor and /or FUTSAL soccer

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to increase clarity and define Associate Member Adult League.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #5

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Article 3.4 as follows:

Existing

4) The membership committee of the Association shall be responsible for receiving, approving and processing applications for membership where such application is made for the purposes of an applicant becoming an active member or an associate member. The membership committee shall review any such application to ensure that the applicant qualifies for the specific membership that is the subject of the application, and in addition the membership committee may refuse any application on the grounds that it is not in the best interest of the Association to have the applicant as an active member or associate member of the Association, as the case may be. Any rejection of an application by the membership committee may be appealed by the applicant to the directors, whose decision as to such application shall be final.

Proposed

To delete in its entirety.

Rationale

This is captured in Article 3.1.e. for Active Members and Article 3.2.a. for Associate Members.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #6

ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 4.1.a and 4.1.b as follows:

Existing

a) The business of the British Columbia Soccer Association shall be conducted by a Board consisting of fourteen (14) members who are currently residents of the Province of British Columbia and have been residents of British Columbia for a minimum of six months preceding the election shall be elected for a term of two years, as follows:

- i) In even calendar years, the President, Vice President Finance, Vice President Youth, and four directors shall be elected;
- ii) In odd calendar years, the First Vice President, the Vice President Adult, and five (5) directors shall be elected;

Election into office as a director of the Association under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of the Association each year.

b) The term of office for a director of the Association shall commence immediately after the Annual General Meeting and shall continue for a period of two year.

Proposed

a) The business of the British Columbia Soccer Association (BC Soccer) shall be conducted by a Board consisting of fourteen (14) members who are currently residents of the Province of British Columbia and have been residents of British Columbia for a minimum of six months preceding the election shall be elected for - terms, as follows:

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2015

- i) In even calendar years, the President, Vice President Finance, Vice President Youth, and four directors shall be elected;
- ii) In odd calendar years, the First Vice President, the Vice President Adult, and five (5) directors shall be elected;

Election into office as a director of BC Soccer under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of BC Soccer each year.

2016

- i) The President, Vice President Youth and three directors shall be elected for three year terms;
- ii) The Vice President Finance and one director shall be elected for two year terms;

Election into office as a director of BC Soccer under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of BC Soccer.

2017

- i) The First Vice President, Vice President Adult and three directors shall be elected for three year terms;
- ii) Two director shall be elected for one year terms;

Election into office as a director of BC Soccer under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of BC Soccer.

2018 onwards

- i) At each Annual General Meeting, the Voting Members shall elect directors to any director positions where the term is complete and positions that were vacated before the completion of the term of office.

- b) The term of office for a director of the Association shall commence immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed because the Board of Directors' should focus on strategic longer-term planning to improve soccer in BC in addition to the annual operations. However, currently, a two-year term is half-over by the time a new director has completed a full year on the board. The transition to 3-year terms better aligns BC with Canada Soccer, which has three and four year terms for directors for similar reasons.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #7

ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 4.1 to add/insert the following to become c) and renumber the remainder as follows:

Proposed

- c) Nominations for directors elected by the Voting Members
 - i) Nominations for director may be forwarded by any individual, organization, or Member. There may be multiple candidates. All such nominations shall require a proposer and a seconder, and must be accompanied by a written confirmation by the candidate expressing a willingness to stand for office.
 - ii) Such nominations must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the BC Soccer Nominations Committee, together with supporting documents requested by the Committee, forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - iii) Nominees that comply with Article 4.c.ii. and declare for a specific position who are unsuccessful, remain eligible to declare for other vacant director positions at the same Annual General Meeting.
 - iv) Nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting for any elected position shall not be permitted.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to ensure membership have appropriate information and time to consider and make informed decisions about all director candidates' experience and priorities, and aligns BC with Canada Soccer and FIFA, which have similar provisions.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #8

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.3 as follows:

Existing

- 3) A quorum at any general meeting shall be 50% +1 accredited delegates of active members in good standing, **present in person or by proxy**. Associate members and life members may be present at any general meeting, but shall not be counted in the quorum.

Proposed

- 3) A quorum at any general meeting shall be 50% +1 accredited delegates of active members in good standing, **present in person**. Associate members and life members may be present at any general meeting, but shall not be counted in the quorum.

Rationale

This amendment removes proxies from the quorum calculation, as Article 6.4.b.4 forbids proxy voting.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #9

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.4.b.i as follows:

Existing

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. A 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).

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 (consisting of players who have been registered including submission of active full member adult league player fees to BC Soccer) 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).

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to further define and clarify how votes for the adult league members are determined.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #10

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.4.b.ii as follows:

Existing

- ii) Each affiliated Youth District having fewer than 400 registered players shall be eligible to cast one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Districts with more than 400 registered players shall be permitted one vote for the first 400 registered players and one vote for each additional 400 registered players registered by December 31st of the current coastal season and by June 1st of the current interior season.

Proposed

- ii) Each affiliated Youth District having fewer than 400 registered players, including players assigned to the Youth District by BC Soccer, shall be eligible to cast one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Districts with more than 400 registered players shall be permitted one vote for the first 400 registered players and one vote for each additional 400 registered players registered by December 31st of the current coastal season and by June 1st of the current interior season.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to provide clarity for players that are registered to a Youth District via BC Soccer and for BC Soccer to be able to include those players towards the vote calculation for each Youth District.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #11

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.4.b.iii to **add/insert** the following to become 6.4.b.iii. 1):

Proposed

iii.

- (1) To determine the number of teams for a Full Member Adult League whose season is defined as “summer”, divide the total number of players who are registered to that league who were not registered during the immediate past “winter” playing season by 20.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to remedy the current “double-dipping” situation in which an adult player who registers and pays BCSA registration fees to a winter season full member league - and later registers for a summer primary season full member, without paying fees - counts a second time in that summer league’s voting entitlement.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #12

ARTICLE 12 – YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 12.2 to **add/insert** the following to become k) and renumber the remainder:

Proposed

- k) Each Youth District Association shall submit a copy of its financial statements for the current fiscal period to BC Soccer within 30 days of its Annual General Meeting.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed following advice from BC Soccer’s legal advisers as to an appropriate safeguard for members to help reduce risk of financial misappropriation.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #13

ARTICLE 12 – YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 12 2.k. (prior to renumbering per Bylaw Amendment #12) as follows:

Existing

k) Each District Association must have their financial statements reviewed at a minimum every two years by an independent review committee consisting of not less than 3 persons. All reviewed financial statements must be submitted to BC Soccer within 50 days after the Youth District fiscal year end. Failure to submit bi-annual reviewed financial statements may result in that Youth District becoming a member not in good standing with BC Soccer.

Proposed

k) Each District Association must have their financial statements reviewed at a minimum every two years by an independent review committee consisting of not less than 3 persons, one of whom must be a Chartered Professional Accountant. All reviewed financial statements must be submitted to BC Soccer within 30 days after the Youth District's Annual General Meeting. Failure to submit bi-annual reviewed financial statements may result in that Youth District becoming a member not in good standing with BC Soccer.

Rationale

At the recommendation of BC Soccer's legal counsel and financial consultant, this amendment is proposed to bring in line with current good practice and consistency with 12.2.j.

NOTE: This amendment refers to Youth District Associations.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #14

ARTICLE 12 – YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 12.3.j. to add/insert the following to become 12.3.j. i):

Proposed

i) Each league must have their financial statements reviewed at a minimum every two years by an independent review committee consisting of not less than 3 persons, one of whom must be a Chartered professional Accountant. All reviewed financial statements must be submitted to BC Soccer within 30 days after the Adult League's Annual General Meeting. Failure to submit bi-annual reviewed financial statements may result in that Adult League becoming a member not in good standing with BC Soccer.

Rationale

At the recommendation of BC Soccer's legal counsel and financial consultant, this amendment is proposed following advice from BC Soccer's legal advisers as to an appropriate safeguard for members to help reduce risk of financial misappropriation.

NOTE: This amendment refers to Adult Leagues.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #15

ARTICLE 15 – ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 15 to **add/insert** the following to become 1) and renumber the remainder:

Proposed

1) BC Soccer, its Members, Leagues and Clubs, players, officials and volunteers will not take disputes to ordinary courts of law, without first exhausting all available remedies as provided for by independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunals recognized under the rules of the Association, Canada Soccer, CONCACAF, or FIFA .

Rationale

This amendment, using this exact wording in the Bylaws, recently became a mandatory obligation of membership in CSA (and FIFA); therefore BC Soccer is required to adopt it as written. It requires all within BC Soccer to use the protest and appeals mechanisms available to resolve disputes before moving to legal action. This amendment strengthens and better defines the current BCSA rule prohibiting those within BC Soccer taking Court action without Board permission.

RULE CHANGES REQUIRING RATIFICATION

RULE RATIFICATION #1

RULE 4 – TEAM AFFILIATION

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 4 to **add/insert** the following to become g) and renumber the remainder:

Proposed

g) For the purposes of registration on gender-based amateur teams, a player may register with the gender team with which the player identifies, and confirmation sufficient for guaranteeing access shall be satisfied by documentation or evidence that shows the stated gender is sincerely held, and part of a person's core identity. Documentation satisfying the herein stated standard includes, but is not limited to, government-issued documentation or documentation prepared by a health care provider, counsellor, or other qualified professional not related to the player.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to add the appropriate wording to the BC Soccer Rules & Regulations to reflect the wording of Canada Soccer's updated Rules & Regulations in this area.

RULE RATIFICATION #2

RULE 7 – TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 7.b.v. as follows:

Existing

v) Players are not permitted to transfer to or from a BCHPL or equivalent team after **December 1st** of the current Coastal/Winter playing season or after August 15th of the current Interior playing season unless their currently registered team has completed its playing obligations for that season.

Proposed

v) Players are not permitted to transfer to or from a BCHPL or equivalent team after **December 15th** of the current Coastal/Winter playing season or after August 15th of the current Interior playing season unless their currently registered team has completed its playing obligations for that season.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed as requested by attendees at the November Youth Forum/District Chair's meeting.

RULE RATIFICATION #3

RULE 3 – PLAYING SEASON

This Rule Ratification will be done in conjunction with Rule Amendment #16

RULE RATIFICATION #4

RULE 11 – PROTESTS

The Governance Committee moves to amend Rule 11.o. as follows:

Existing

o) A decision on a discipline and / or protest from any provincial cup competition game played under the jurisdiction of this Association shall be **final and binding**.

Proposed

o) A decision on a discipline and / or protest from any provincial cup competition game played under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer shall be **subject to BC Soccer Rule 12**.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to ensure compliance with BC Soccer Rule 12 – Appeals.

PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

RULE AMENDMENT #1

DEFINITIONS

The Board of Directors moves to amend BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations to include Definitions as outlined in Appendix B to be inserted after the Table of Contents:

Definitions as presented in Appendix B.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to provide consistency and clarity for BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations, BC Soccer's Discipline Sanctioning Policy, Canada Soccer, and FIFA.

RULE AMENDMENT #2

HOUSKEEPING AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors moves to amend housekeeping items as outlined in Appendix C:

Housekeeping amendments as presented in the Rules and Regulations tracked changes document.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to remove duplication within different rules and policies, remove expired items, bring in line with current practice, consolidate for easier understanding and ensure consistence with Canada Soccer Rules & Regulations.

RULE AMENDMENT #3

RULE 7 – TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 7.u:

Existing

u) Any registered youth player wishing to transfer services to an Adult team during the current playing season must do so on forms supplied by the Association.

Proposed

Delete in its entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed as it is duplication and existing transfer rules already apply to both youth and adult regardless of where they are transferring to/from.

RULE AMENDMENT #4

RULE 10 - DISCIPLINE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 10 to **add/insert** the following to become l):

Proposed

l) BC Soccer and member organizations may publically post discipline decisions and sanctions imposed on organizations and adult Registrants or other adults under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to advise that discipline / sanction may be published.

RULE AMENDMENT #5

RULE 10 - DISCIPLINE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 10 to **add/insert** the following to become m):

Proposed

- m) Associations, Leagues, teams and player may not be represented by a **lawyer legal representative** at a discipline hearing unless:
- i) the **lawyer legal representative** is an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the time the matter under review took place and the **lawyer legal representative's** status as an Executive Officer has been previously published by the Association, League or team; or
 - ii) **For direct BC Soccer Discipline Committee hearings** the Association, League, team or player has requested and received written permission from BC Soccer to be represented by a **lawyer legal representative** in the discipline hearing.

Rationale

The current Discipline Policy do not allow for legal representatives to act on behalf of a respondent unless they are a bona fide Executive Officer of the Association, League or team. This amendment is proposed to provide the Discipline Committee the discretion to allow for this.

RULE AMENDMENT #6

RULE 12 - APPEALS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 12 item h) as follows:

Existing

h) No barrister or solicitor shall represent any such Association, League, team or player at the hearing of any appeal unless he/she be an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the lodgement of the appeal and his/her name appears on the printed list of such Association, League or team as an Executive Officer.

Proposed

- h) Associations, Leagues, teams and player may not be represented by a ~~lawyer~~ legal representative in an appeal unless:
- i) the ~~lawyer~~ legal representative is an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the time the matter under appeal took place and the ~~lawyer~~ legal representative's status as an Executive Officer has been previously published by the Association, League or team; or
 - ii) For direct BC Soccer Appeal Committee hearings the Association, League, team or player has requested and received written permission from BC Soccer to be represented by a ~~lawyer~~ legal representative in the appeal. No ~~lawyer~~ legal representative shall represent any such Association, League, team or player at the hearing of any appeal unless he/she be an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the lodgement of the appeal and his/her name appears on the printed list of such Association, League or team as an Executive Officer.

Rationale

The current rules do not allow for legal representatives to act on behalf of a respondent unless they are a bona fide Executive Officer of the Association, League or team. This amendment is proposed to provide the Appeals Committee the discretion to allow for this.

RULE AMENDMENT #7

RULE 19 – GENERAL MANAGEMENT RULES

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 19 to **add/insert** the following to become i) as follows:

Proposed

- i) All affiliated teams must comply with BC Soccer travel requirements when participating in soccer activity outside of British Columbia.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to comply with Canada Soccer Rules & Regulations and reflect current BC Soccer requirement and practice.

RULE AMENDMENT #8

RULE 23 – RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 23 d), e), f), g) and h) as follows:

Existing

- d) The venue of all league matches shall be determined by the league or district having control of the league schedule.
- e) In all instances, the team declared "home" team should be responsible for marking the field and supplying the game ball.
- f) In the event that the uniform colours of both teams are similar, the "home" team must change to uniform colours distinct from its opponents. The referee has the authority to determine if team colours are similar.
- g) Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled game must give the secretary or scheduler of the district or league forty-eight (48) hours notice in writing stating the causes for it. Such causes are to be satisfactory to the league or district.
- h) Any team failing to fulfill a scheduled league game without just cause shall forfeit the game to its scheduled opponents.

Proposed

Delete in their entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to simplify rules as these are detailed and more appropriate to be in the respective / appropriate league / competition rules.

RULE AMENDMENT #9

RULE 23 – RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

The Board of Directors move to **delete** Rule 23 k) and l) as follows:

Existing

- k) The allowable number of substitutions shall be at the discretion of the scheduling body and approved by the Association.
- l) The scheduling body shall have the authority to order any game replayed, or played to a finish.

Proposed

Delete in their entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to simplify rules as these are detailed and more appropriate to be in the respective / appropriate league / competition rules.

RULE AMENDMENT #10

RULE 23 – RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 23. item n.i. as follows:

Existing

- i) Head Coaches shall comply with this requirement within six (6) months of their Head Coach appointment.

TEAM AGE GROUP	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13-U18
COACHING COURSES	ACTIVE START	FUNDAMENTALS		LEARN TO TRAIN				SOCCER FOR LIFE

Proposed

- i) Head Coaches shall comply with this requirement within six (6) months of their Head Coach appointment. CSA foreign equivalency may be applied.

TEAM AGE GROUP	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13-U18 Grassroots	U13-U18 High Performance
COACHING COURSES	ACTIVE START	FUNDAMENTALS		LEARN TO TRAIN			SOCCER FOR LIFE (or higher)	B National	

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to include current coaching requirements for High Performance coaches into the Rules as per the recommendation of BC Soccer High Performance Soccer Development Committee.

RULE AMENDMENT #11

RULE 25 – ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 25 n), o), and p) as follows:

Existing

- n) Where games are played on open parks, the first named (i.e., home) team shall be responsible for marking out the grounds.
- o) In all games prior to the semi-finals, the first named (i.e., home) team shall supply the ball for the game, additionally; each team must have an extra ball on hand for use in case of an emergency.
- p) Where the uniform colours of competing teams are similar, the first named (i.e., home) team must change. Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and the officials.

Proposed

Delete in their entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to simplify rules as these are detailed and more appropriate to be in the respective / appropriate league / competition rules.

RULE AMENDMENT #12

RULE 25 – ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 25 r), s) and t) as follows:

Existing

- r) When official referee assistants are not appointed, team linesmen may be used.
- s) Team lists shall be provided to the referee prior to the scheduled kick-off and shall be signed by a team official.
- t) Each team shall be allowed to make a maximum of five (5) substitutions at any time during the game including overtime when played. Unlimited substitutions may also be made at halftime or fulltime before any overtime. The exception shall be for the Masters and Classics cup competitions in which teams shall be allowed to make unlimited substitutions. No substitution shall be allowed for a player sent off from the field of play by the referee as a result of FIFA Law 12.

Proposed

Delete in their entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to simplify rules as these are detailed and more appropriate to be in the respective / appropriate league / competition rules.

RULE AMENDMENT #13

RULE 26 – RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BCSA HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 26.e as follows:

Existing

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

Proposed

- e) Youth Players will register with the Youth District where they reside via BC Soccer

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to amend the BCHPL registration process and to remove the administrative burden from the Youth District of residence.

RULE AMENDMENT #14

RULE 26 – RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BCSA HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 26.f as follows:

Existing

- f) The Youth District shall pay Association fee's 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.

Proposed

- f) The BCHPL shall pay Association fee's 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

This amendment is proposed to provide clarity on the organization required to submit player fees for the BCHPL.

RULE AMENDMENT #15

RULE 26 – RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BCSA HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 26.h.ii as follows:

Existing

ii) The playing season and registration period for the BCHPL shall be from January to December of each year regardless of Coastal or Interior residency.

Proposed

ii) The registration period for the BCHPL will follow the Coastal Player Registration period as defined in the BC Soccer Player Registration Policy Manual regardless of Coastal or Interior residency.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to amend the BCHPL registration timings to mirror the Coastal timings as discussed at the November 2014 and March 2015 Youth Forum/District Chair's meetings.

COMMENT FROM THE BOARD: The Board suggests the amendment be deferred for one year in light of the recent discussions among the BCHPL, Metro Select League and Youth Districts.

NOTE: If Rule Amendment #15 (above) is WITHDRAWN or DEFEATED then Rule Amendment #16 (below) is withdrawn and Rule Ratification #3 (below) remains.

If Rule Amendment # 15 (above) is CARRIED, then Rule Amendment #16 (below) remains.

RULE AMENDMENT #16

RULE 3 – PLAYING SEASON

The Board of Directors moves to delete Rule 3.c. as follows:

Existing

c) For youth players, the "calendar"-playing playing season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of December of the same year.

i) For youth players registered at the U18 age level, the "calendar" season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of July of the same year.

Proposed

Delete in its entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to align with the historical seasons of play.

NOTE: If the Rule Amendment #16 is CARRIED, then Rule Ratification #3 below is withdrawn.

If Rule Amendment #16 DEFEATED, then the below Rule Change Requiring Ratification remains.

*****RULE RATIFICATION #3**

RULE 3 – PLAYING SEASON

The Board of Directors move to amend Rule 3.c to add/insert the following to become c.i):

Proposed

- i) For youth players registered at the U18 age level, the "calendar" season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of July of the same year.

Rationale

Eliminates 'double registration' of U18 players who complete U18 BCSPL in July and then register for and Adult League in September (Calendar season registration goes until the end of December)

For U18BCSPL teams who qualified for Nationals, it allows players to move on to Adult League teams or register with another BCSPL team for the second half of the Calendar season whilst keeping all of the players and the team eligible to for the National competition (in October)
