



BC SOCCER

**Amendments for Consideration at the
2018 Annual General Meeting
POST AGM**

May 10, 2018

Foreword

Dear BC Soccer Member,

As we continually work to review and improve BC Soccer's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, building from last year, we have reviewed and revised BC Soccer's Bylaws to become up to date and compliant with then new Societies Act, and, reviewed BC Soccer Rules & Regulations to put forward appropriate amendments with the purpose of updating items, reflecting current practice, and/or to assist with and grow the game.

This year, BC Soccer has also reviewed its Rules & Regulations with the overall objective to work towards lessening restrictions, which will better support our membership while also working to mitigate player attrition. If carried, the Rules & Regulations will provide members and their affiliated clubs the flexibility to balance a player-centric approach to development with their own practical realities, whilst maintaining the competitive spirit of the game.

This document outlines the Proposed Bylaw Amendments, Rule Changes Requiring Ratification, and proposed Rule Amendments for consideration at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Notably, this year, the Rationale for each amendment has been presented first so the objective and intent of the amendments is known. Following is the Current and the Proposed, which includes all of the amendments required to achieve the objective or intent provided in the Rationale.

I am looking forward to presenting the updated bylaws and rule amendments for your consideration at the AGM to be held on **Saturday, June 9, 2018**.

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

Yours in soccer,

Aiman El-Ramly
First Vice President
Chair, Governance Committee

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BYLAW AMENDMENT #1

RATIONALE

Housekeeping – Under the new Societies Act unalterable provisions are not allowed; however with the transition, BC Soccer wasn't able to remove those per legal recommendation. Now these amendments will align fully with the Societies Act

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend Part 2 as follows:

CURRENT

PART 2 - FORMER CONSTITUTION PROVISIONS

- 2.1 The operations of the Society are to be carried on within the territorial limits of the Province of British Columbia. **This provision is alterable.**
- 2.2 Upon dissolution of BC Soccer, the assets which remain after payment of all charges and expenses which are properly incurred in winding up, shall be assigned and distributed to such organizations as may be involved in the game of soccer, or to such charitable organization or organizations as may be determined by the members of BC Soccer at the time of dissolution. **This provision was previously unalterable.**
 - (a) Upon dissolution of BC Soccer, any assets that are a result of Gaming within the Province of British Columbia shall be returned to the Minister of Finance of the Province of British Columbia.
- 2.3 The Head office of BC Soccer shall be located in the Greater Vancouver area, British Columbia. **This provision is alterable.**
- 2.4 BC Soccer may, from time to time, frame temporary rules or regulations covering specific cases not contained herein, but which may be necessary for the carrying out of the objectives of BC Soccer. **This provision is alterable.**
- 2.5 BC Soccer shall be operated without purpose of pecuniary gain to any of its members and any surplus of BC Soccer shall be used solely for the purposes of BC Soccer and the promotion of its objectives. **This provision was previously unalterable.**

PROPOSED

PART 2 - FORMER CONSTITUTION PROVISIONS

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- (a) Upon dissolution of BC Soccer, any assets that are a result of Gaming within the Province of British Columbia shall be returned to the Minister of Finance of the Province of British Columbia.
- 2.3 The Head office of BC Soccer shall be located in the Greater Vancouver area, British Columbia.
- 2.4 BC Soccer may, from time to time, frame temporary rules or regulations covering specific cases not contained herein, but which may be necessary for the carrying out of the objectives of BC Soccer.
- 2.5 BC Soccer shall be operated without purpose of pecuniary gain to any of its members and any surplus of BC Soccer shall be used solely for the purposes of BC Soccer and the promotion of its objectives.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #2

RATIONALE

BC Soccer has recently changed its fiscal year end to be July 31st so these changes are required to facilitate the related operational items, such as having the AGM after the fiscal year end, and associate members renewing in-line with this as well.

Currently, BC Soccer's has two-year terms so the amendment to Part 7.b. is for the allowance of the new fiscal year as it relates to the new date of the AGM.

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend BC Soccer Part 3, Part 5 and Part 6 as follows:

CURRENT

PART 3 - MEMBERSHIP

2) Associate Members – Non-Voting

- (c) Associate Members must make an application for membership renewal with the Society annually, on or before April 1 of each year, in a form provided by the Society.

PART 5 - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- 5.1 **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the members shall be held on or before June 30 in each year, and at such time as the Board may by resolution determine at any place within Canada or, if all of the voting members so agree before the meeting, outside Canada.

PART 6 - DIRECTORS

- 6.9 **General Duties. The Ceasing to be a Director.** A person will automatically cease to be a director:
 - (a) upon the date which is the later of the date of delivering his resignation in writing to the President or to the registered office of the Society and the effective date of the resignation stated therein;
 - (b) upon the expiry of his term;

PROPOSED

PART 4 - MEMBERSHIP

2) Associate Members – Non-Voting

- (c) Associate Members must make an application for membership renewal with the Society annually, **in line with the Society's fiscal year**, on a form provided by the Society.

PART 6 - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- 6.1 **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the members shall be held **within 120 days of the Society's fiscal year end**, and at such time as the Board may by resolution determine at any place within Canada or, if all of the voting members so agree before the meeting, outside Canada.

PART 7 - DIRECTORS

- 6.9 **General Duties. The Ceasing to be a Director.** A person will automatically cease to be a director:
 - (a) upon the date which is the later of the date of delivering his resignation in writing to the President or to the registered office of the Society and the effective date of the resignation stated therein;
 - (b) upon the expiry of his term; or, **if his term does not expire on the date of an annual general meeting, at the close of the next annual general meeting after the expiry of his term.**

BYLAW AMENDMENT #3

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

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend BC Soccer bylaw Part 6.4.d as follows:

CURRENT

PART 6 - DIRECTORS

- 6.4 **Election and Term.** The members will elect the directors at each annual general meeting at which an election of directors is required.
 - (d) The following positions shall be elected in the time frames and order indicated:
 - (i) in even calendar years, the President, Vice President Finance, Vice President Youth, and four directors-at-large shall be elected, all for a two year term;
 - (ii) in odd calendar years, the First Vice President, the Vice President Adult, and five directors-at-large shall be elected, all for a two year term.

If at any time necessary, an officer may be elected for a one year term so that such offer's term will expire in the necessary year to allow for the election of

officers in the manner set out in this subsection (d). Any one year positions will be elected after all two year positions have been elected.

PROPOSED

PART 6 - DIRECTORS

6.4 **Election and Term.** The members will elect the directors at each annual general meeting at which an election of directors is required.

(d) The following positions shall be elected in the time frames and order indicated:

(i) 2019

- A. The Vice President Adult and 3 directors shall be elected for a three-year term
- B. The First Vice President and 2 directors shall be elected for a two-year term

(ii) 2020

- A. The President, Vice President Finance and 3 directors shall be elected for a three-year term
- B. The Vice President Youth and 1 director shall be elected for a one-year term

(iii) Beginning in 2021, on a three-year cycle:

- A. In the first year (2021), the First Vice President, Vice President Youth and 3 directors shall be elected for a three-year term
- B. In the second year, the Vice President Adult and 3 directors shall be elected for a three-year term
- C. In the third year, the President, Vice President Finance and 3 directors shall be elected for a three-year term.

If at any time necessary, an officer may be elected for a one-year or two-year term so that such officer's term will expire in the necessary year to allow for the election of officers in the manner set out in this subsection (d). Any one-year or two-year term positions will be elected after all three-year positions have been elected.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #4

RATIONALE

Updated to become aligned with Canada Soccer's Disciplinary Code and Code of Conduct and Ethics. (BC Soccer is required to comply by December 2018).

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend BC Soccer bylaw Part 6.19 as follows:

CURRENT

PART 6 - DIRECTORS

- 6.19 **Judicial.** The board shall appoint from its number, a director to oversee the judicial policies and procedures of the Society and its members, including constituting panels as needed to conduct:
- (a) Appeals;
 - (b) Protests; and
 - (c) Discipline.

PROPOSED

PART 6 - DIRECTORS

- 6.19 **Judicial.** The board shall appoint an individual who does not serve on the Society's board or Committees, its members or affiliated clubs in a staff or volunteer capacity, to oversee the judicial policies and procedures of the Society and its members, including constituting panels as needed to conduct:
- (a) Ethics;
 - (b) Appeals;
 - (c) Protests; and
 - (d) Discipline.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #5

RATIONALE

Housekeeping - To properly reflect the reporting requirement of CPAs and clarify the definition

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend BC Soccer bylaw Part 15.2.a.iii and Part 15.2.d.v as follows:

CURRENT

PART 15 - YOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, ADULT LEAGUES AND AFFILIATED YOUTH CLUBS

- 15.2
- (a) **Annual Tasks.**
 - (iii) Financial Statements. Each Youth District Association and Adult League shall produce at a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements, which have been prepared by a licensed CPA, to the Society within 30 days of their annual general meeting. Review and Audit Engagements are acceptable. A financial statement for the current fiscal period shall be issued to the directors and voting members prior to the annual general meeting in accordance with the notice requirements of the Act.

(d) Affiliated Youth Clubs.

- (v) All affiliate clubs shall provide at a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements prepared by a licensed CPA to their Youth District Association within 30 days of the club's annual general meeting. Review and audit engagements are preferred.

PROPOSED

PART 15 - YOUTH DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS, ADULT LEAGUES AND AFFILIATED YOUTH CLUBS

15.2

(a) Annual Tasks.

- (iii) Financial Statements. Each Youth District Association and Adult League shall produce at a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements, which have been prepared by a licensed CPA **in public practice**, to the Society within 30 days of their annual general meeting. Review and Audit Engagements are acceptable. A financial statement for the current fiscal period shall be issued to the directors and voting members prior to the annual general meeting in accordance with the notice requirements of the Act.

(d) Affiliated Youth Clubs.

- (v) All affiliate clubs shall provide at a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements prepared by a licensed CPA **in public practice** to their Youth District Association within 30 days of the club's annual general meeting. Review and audit engagements are preferred.

RULE CHANGES REQUIRING RATIFICATION

RULE RATIFICATION #1

(Amendment carried at the August 8, 2017 board meeting)

RATIONALE

In follow up to discussion during the 2017 AGM, to align with the Criminal Records Review Act and include actionable provisions for individuals and affiliated organizations during the time between criminal record check intervals.

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to add/insert Rule 21.c as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 21 - RISK MANAGEMENT

- a) All BC Soccer directors and every volunteer or employee of BC Soccer or an affiliated BC Soccer organization, age 19 and over, who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:
 - i) be entrusted with performing financial duties;
 - ii) be responsible for book keeping or bank account(s) or any other monetary duties; must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the last 36 months.
- b) All BC Soccer directors and every volunteer or employee of BC Soccer or an affiliated BC Soccer organization, age 19 and over, who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:
 - i) be with any vulnerable person must have on file the results of a Vulnerable Sector Check completed within the last 36 months.

PROPOSED

RULE 21 - RISK MANAGEMENT

- a) All BC Soccer directors and every volunteer or employee of BC Soccer or an affiliated BC Soccer organization, age 19 and over, who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:
 - i) be entrusted with performing financial duties;
 - ii) be responsible for book keeping or bank account(s) or any other monetary duties; must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the last 36 months.
- b) All BC Soccer directors and every volunteer or employee of BC Soccer or an affiliated BC Soccer organization, age 19 and over, who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:
 - a) be with any vulnerable person must have on file the results of a Vulnerable Sector Check completed within the last 36 months.
- c) If a director, volunteer, or employee of BC Soccer, or an affiliated BC Soccer organization, is charged with or convicted of an offence, per the Criminal Records Review Act (RSBC 1996), within 36 months of their last criminal record check on file, that person must promptly report the charge or conviction to the organization(s) with which they volunteer or are employed by.

The organization must promptly request the charged or convicted person obtain a new criminal record check including a vulnerable sector check (if applicable) and determine, within timelines specified by the organization, if that person is suitable to continue carrying out his or her duties.

RULE RATIFICATION #2

(Amendment carried at the September 16, 2017 board meeting)

RATIONALE

To support the BCSPL and the BCSPL Technical Committee’s request to recognize other higher levels of certification currently held by coaches in the BCSPL that are not under Canada Soccer’s foreign equivalency program while noting the pending transition in coaching certification requirements being introduced by Canada Soccer.

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend Rule 23.h.i as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 23 - RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

h) Head Coaches of any youth team shall complete the appropriate Canadian Soccer Association / BC Soccer coaching course respective to the age group of the team(s) they are currently coaching. (Note: compliance with this rule will be as of June 1, 2016).

- 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 Trained

PROPOSED

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- i) Head Coaches shall comply with this requirement within six (6) months of their Head Coach appointment. CSA foreign equivalency may be applied. Upon seasonal application, only in special circumstances, and reviewed on a case by case basis, the BCSA Board may accept other coaching certification designations solely for the U13-U18 High Performance category and will provide a designated expiry date for that certification.

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 Trained

RULE RATIFICATION #3

(Amendment carried at the November 4, 2017 board meeting)

RATIONALE

As the rule pertains to player ID cards, the change in rule is to require players and team officials to have them prior to the beginning of the weekend for that week of play.

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend Rule 5.x as follows:

CURRENT

- x) A grace period shall be allowed until midnight October 1 of the coastal playing season and midnight June 1 of the interior playing season.

PROPOSED

- x) A grace period shall be allowed until September 30th of the coastal playing season and May 31st of the interior playing season.

RULE RATIFICATION #4

(Amendment carried at the January 27, 2018 board meeting)

RATIONALE

- To move this into a larger BC Soccer Criminal Record Check Policy
- To reduce BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations
- Potential future amendments would not need to be ratified by members

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend Rule 21 as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 21 - RISK MANAGEMENT

- c) All BC Soccer directors and every volunteer or employee of BC Soccer or an affiliated BC Soccer organization, age 19 and over, who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:
 - ii) be entrusted with performing financial duties;

- iv) be responsible for book keeping or bank account(s) or any other monetary duties; must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the last 36 months.
- d) All BC Soccer directors and every volunteer or employee of BC Soccer or an affiliated BC Soccer organization, age 19 and over, who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:
 - b) be with any vulnerable person must have on file the results of a Vulnerable Sector Check completed within the last 36 months.
- d) If a director, volunteer, or employee of BC Soccer, or an affiliated BC Soccer organization, is charged with or convicted of an offence, per the Criminal Records Review Act (RSBC 1996), within 36 months of their last criminal record check on file, that person must promptly report the charge or conviction to the organization(s) with which they volunteer or are employed by. The organization must promptly request the charged or convicted person obtain a new criminal record check including a vulnerable sector check (if applicable) and determine, within timelines specified by the organization, if that person is suitable to continue carrying out his or her duties.

PROPOSED

RULE 21 – CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

All BC Soccer directors and every volunteer or employee of BC Soccer or an affiliated BC Soccer organization aged 19 years or older must have completed a Criminal Record Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check on file in accordance with BC Soccer's Criminal Record Check Policy.

PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

RULE AMENDMENT #1

RATIONALE

To provide clarity, bring into alignment with Canada Soccer, and reflect current practice.

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend housekeeping items as outlined in Appendix A:

Housekeeping amendments as presented in the Rules & Regulations tracked changes with comments document.

RULE AMENDMENT #2

RATIONALE

To be aligned with Canada Soccer

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend Rule 2.h. as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 2 - PLAYER AGE LIMITS

- h) A women's CLASSIC age category shall comprise of affiliated teams whose players have attained their thirtieth (30) birthday prior to January 1st of the current calendar year. For Coastal BC the current calendar year is the year in which play ends.

PROPOSED

RULE 2 - PLAYER AGE LIMITS

- h) A women's **MASTERS** age category shall comprise of affiliated teams whose players have attained their thirtieth (30) birthday prior to January 1st of the current calendar year. For Coastal BC the current calendar year is the year in which play ends.

RULE AMENDMENT #3

RATIONALE

- Allow Masters & Classics teams to compete through the season at the level they are capable of (highest level) instead of limiting them to participate in a Masters or Classics Division
- Provide the opportunity for our best teams to represent BC at Western Finals
- Level the playing field for BC teams as other Masters & Classics team in Canada are not limited to playing in a Masters or Classics Division
- Provide flexibility so each league has the ability to structure itself in the best interests of their respective teams/members
- Allow each league to determine where their Masters and/or Classics aged players/teams play. Providing that players/team rosters meet all the criteria set by BC Soccer for participating in Masters/Classics Provincials they should be allowed to do so regardless of where they compete or the form registered on through the season. (IE: if a league prefers their Masters or Classics aged teams to play in a Masters or Classics division, they have the ability to do so)

By ordinary resolution, Metro Women's Soccer League move to **amend** Rule 5.y.iv; **amend** Rule 25.a, b; **insert** Rule 25.c; and, **remove** Rule 25.f as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

Adult

Active Full Members

- y)
 - iv) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with Masters and Classics Divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championships which lead to the Western Canadian championships must register all players in Masters and/or Classics Divisions with BC Soccer in the category known as Form "M".

RULE 25 - ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

- a) An Adult Category "A" amateur team affiliated with BC Soccer shall be eligible to enter any open Adult Category A Cup competition.
- b) An Adult Category "B" amateur team affiliated with BC Soccer 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 bb) i) and Rule 5 bb) ii), Player Registration.
- f) Adult players must be registered with BC Soccer on either an Adult Category "A" form (form "A") or Category "B" form (form "B"), as the case may be, to participate in a respective cup competition.

PROPOSED

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

Adult

Active Full Members

- y)
 - iv) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with Masters and Classics Divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championships which lead to the Western Canadian championships may register Masters or Classics Players/Divisions with BC Soccer **on either an A form, B form or M form.**

RULE 25 - ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

- a) An Adult Category "A" amateur team affiliated with BC Soccer shall be eligible to enter any open Adult Category A Cup competition **or Masters A /Classics Cup competition provided the players meet the age requirement as defined in Rule 2 – Player Age Limits.**
- b) An Adult Category "B" amateur team affiliated with BC Soccer shall be eligible to enter the open age, or age defined Category B Cup competition **or Masters A /Classics Cup competition provided the players meet the age requirement as defined in Rule 2 – Player Age Limits.**

- c) An Adult Category “M” amateur team affiliated with BC Soccer shall be eligible to enter a Masters / Classics Cup competition.

RULE AMENDMENT #4

RATIONALE

Alignment with Canada Soccer’s Disciplinary Code

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend Rule 10.I and rule 12.h as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 10 – DISCIPLINE

- l) Associations, Leagues, teams and player may not be represented by a legal representative at a discipline hearing unless:
- The 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 legal representative’s status as an Executive Officer has been previously published by the Association, League or team; or
 - 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 legal representative in the discipline hearing.

RULE 12 – APPEALS

- h) Associations, Leagues, Clubs, teams and players may not be represented by a lawyer legal representative in an appeal unless:
- 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
 - For direct BC Soccer Appeal Committee hearings, the Association, League, Club, 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.

PROPOSED

RULE 10 – DISCIPLINE

- l) Associations, leagues, clubs, teams, their officials and/or players may have legal representation.
- If a communication to BC Soccer is received from legal representation requiring a legal response, any and all associated fees will be incurred by the association, league, club, team, team official or player who initiated the legal representative.
 - If a communication to a BC Soccer member, affiliated club or sanctioned league is received from legal representation requiring a legal response, any and all fees will be incurred by the

- association, league, club, team, team official, referee or player who initiated the legal representative.
- iii) If an association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player wish to have a legal representative attend a hearing of BC Soccer, they must advise BC Soccer, of this in writing a minimum of 10 business days prior to the hearing.
 - iv) If an association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player wish to have a legal representative attend a BC Soccer member, affiliated club or sanctioned league hearing, they must advise that BC Soccer member, affiliated club or sanctioned league of this in writing a minimum of 10 business days prior to the hearing.
 - v) If an association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player wish to have a legal representative attend a BC Soccer member, affiliated club or sanctioned league hearing, the association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player are required to attend said hearing.

RULE 12 – APPEALS

- h) Associations, leagues, clubs, teams, their officials, referees, and/or players may have legal representation.
 - i) If a communication to BC Soccer is received from legal representation requiring a legal response, any and all associated fees will be incurred by the association, league, club, team, team official, referee or player who initiated the legal representative.
 - ii) If a communication to a BC Soccer member, affiliated club or sanctioned league is received from legal representation requiring a legal response, any and all fees will be incurred by the association, league, club, team, team official, referee or player who initiated the legal representative.
 - iii) If an association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player wish to have a legal representative attend a hearing of BC Soccer, they must advise BC Soccer of this in writing a minimum of 10 business days prior to the hearing.
 - iv) If an association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player wish to have a legal representative attend BC Soccer member, affiliated club or sanctioned league hearing, they must advise that BC Soccer member, affiliated club or sanctioned league of this in writing a minimum of 10 business days prior to the hearing.
 - iii) If an association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player wish to have a legal representative attend a BC Soccer member, affiliated club or sanctioned league hearing, the association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player are required to attend said hearing.

RULE AMENDMENT #5

RATIONALE

To enable clubs and member organizations to act on behalf of their affiliated teams

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend Rule 11.i as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 11 - PROTESTS

- i) The protest shall be signed by the team coach or manager.

PROPOSED

RULE 11 - PROTESTS

- i) The protest shall be signed by the team coach or manager, club or member organization official.

RULE AMENDMENT #6

RATIONALE

To provide more flexibility for where players can register and remove administrative burden. Based on BC Soccer's research, the majority of players do play within the District in which they reside. *To view the number of in-district and out-of-district players by Youth District, please refer to Appendix B.*

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to move Rule 22a.i.a, a.i.b, a.i.c and Rule 22.b to Rule 5 – Player Registration (renumbering as required); remove the remainder Rule 22 – Youth Zoning; and remove Rule 26.h and k.i.

CURRENT

RULE 22 - YOUTH PLAYERS - ZONING

- a) Youth aged player to retain youth status, must register and play within the district which administers soccer for the area in which that player resides at the time of their first league game of the season except as specified in Rule 22 b) and d) and Rule 26.
 - i) The residency of the player is determined by the residence of the parent. For the purposes of regulations, paragraph "a", Rule 22 – Youth Players – zoning, the parent of the player is:
 - i) Either parent where both parents have a common residence or if there is only one surviving parent, such surviving parent and,
 - ii) In the event that the parents are living apart, the parent who has custody of the player, or if both parents have custody, the parent with whom the player habitually resides or if the player does not habitually reside with either parent, then either parent, and,
 - iii) In the event both parents are deceased, the person who is in loco parentis to the player.
 - ii) Loco parentis means: one who has taken a position in reference to a child of that lawful father, assuming the office of a father and the obligation of supporting the child, assuming a parental character and discharging duties, although not the parent.
- b) Players participating in provincial and/or national programming will register with the Youth District where they reside via BC Soccer.
- c) A player wishing to play Out-of-District will be granted a release from the district in which he/she resides, upon request and receipt of a completed District Release Application Form from that district's registrar or designate.
 - i) The receiving district upon acceptance of a player must also give written permission for acceptance of the player by completion of the District Release Application Form. Having received such authorization a player then qualifies for Rule 22.d).

- ii) The Accepting Youth District must provide a copy of the validated Out-Of-District form(s) upon request of BC Soccer.
- d) If challenged, the district is responsible for verifying residential qualifications of a player to BC Soccer for the purpose of Rule 22. Youth Players-Zoning.
 - i) Affidavits may only be considered with multiple pieces of corroborating documentation, acceptable to BC Soccer.
- e) 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 five (5) Out-of-district players.
 - i) Those districts whose boundaries are limited by geography and player registration of less than 1000 players may apply to BC Soccer for special exemption from Rule 22 d)
- f) Breach of these rules shall lead to disciplinary action as set out in Rule 10-Discipline and as defined in BC Soccer's Discipline Policy & Procedure Guide.
- g) Each district association shall have the option to establish zoning within its district.
- h) The Provincial Association shall have the final say in the event of any disputes.
- i) Those players on any existing teams in the U-13 or higher age categories as registered in the 2011-2012 season and whose District Boundaries were changed at the June 2011 AGM of BC Soccer shall not be considered to be Out-of-District for the purposes of this rule, unless they were deemed to be so during the 2011-2012 season. Players leaving their team following the 2011-2012 season shall no longer be covered by this section.

RULE 26 - RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BC SOCCER HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUES

Youth

- h) Youth Players will register with the Youth District where they reside via BC Soccer.
 - i) Residency shall be determined by the relevant sections of Rule 22 a i, and 22 a ii
- k) A youth BC Soccer High Performance League is granted variance from the Rules of BC Soccer as follows:
 - i) Rule 22 shall not apply to the BCHPL except as noted in d) above.

PROPOSED

RULE 5 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

- y) The residency of the player is determined by the residence of the parent/legal guardian. For the purposes of regulations, the parent of the player is:
 - i) Either parent where both parents/legal guardians have a common residence or if there is only one surviving parent, such surviving parent and,
 - ii) In the event that the parents/legal guardians are living apart, the parent/legal guardian who has custody of the player, or if both parents/legal guardians have custody, the parent/legal

guardian with whom the player habitually resides or if the player does not habitually reside with either parent/legal guardian, then either parent/legal guardian, and,

- iii) In the event both parents/legal guardians are deceased, the person who is in loco parentis to the player.
- iv) Loco parentis means: one who has taken a position in reference to a child of that lawful father, assuming the office of a father and the obligation of supporting the child, assuming a parental character and discharging duties, although not the parent.
- z) Youth players participating in provincial and/or national **leagues or** programming will register with the Youth District where they reside via BC Soccer.

RULE AMENDMENT #7

RATIONALE

Background

- Currently, BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations:
 - Require a player to register to a team
 - Outside of permits (which are completed on a per game basis), if a player wants to move teams, a transfer is required
 - In total there are 7 transfer deadlines listed (Dec. 15th, Dec. 31st, Jan. 15th, May 31st, June 30th, Aug. 15th)
 - These are to allow for the overlap in the three seasons of play (Coastal, Interior, Calendar)
- Currently FIFA's Rules:
 - Require player to be registered to a club
 - Require a transfer only when a player is transferring clubs
 - Up to three transfers in a season, (though there are provisions for overlap in season), but a player may only play for two teams within one season.
- Guidance being provided from Canada Soccer to ensure new programming and activity being introduced at the national level, will be actionable in BC.
 - Players participating at various age categories and/or levels each week depending on certain criteria, for the small-sided game (U6-U12 age categories)
- Within BC Soccer's membership:
 - On the Youth side:
 - Many rural communities often experience challenges in fielding a "selects" team, whilst maintaining the viability of their "house" teams. Often, the Selects players also participate in house league play
 - Many rural communities often have to merge multiple age groups to create one team, especially as players get older
 - The newly amalgamated BC Coastal Soccer League making the youth to youth permitting process more efficient by providing players with permit provisions on their ID card and listing the names of permitted players on rosters
 - Metro Select/Division 1 level players often play with their team, but after the December 15th transfer deadline, permit every week to a BC SPL team

- On the Adult side:
 - Some adult leagues only allow permits to happen if player being permitted is registered to the same club as the team they are permitting to
 - Often, older (U18/U17) youth players within a cradle to grave club, will permit to the adult teams

Therefore, the concept below is proposed to:

Rationale

- Empower clubs, districts, leagues to implement their own controls
- Ease of administrative burden
- More flexible player movement as to promote player development and Canada Soccer directives
- Flexibility for the realities of rural areas
- Ability to address unforeseen circumstances (injuries, etc.)
- Better align with FIFA's player status regulations

Concept

NOTE: *This flexible model is for BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations. Clubs, Districts, and Leagues can implement further requirements if they choose so long as they are player-centric and aligned with Canada Soccer Long Term Player Development and BC Soccer technical initiatives.*

- Players register to a club
- Players can play for, different teams of the same club week by week, as long as game day rosters do not exceed the maximum specified in BC Soccer's Rules and Regulations and are aligned with BC Soccer's Playing Up Policy and Regulation and Playing Down Policy
 - This better enables clubs to move players to ensure each player is enjoying soccer in the most appropriate playing environment
- If a player wants to be eligible for provincial cup competition, they must be assigned to a team by the eligibility deadline
 - This replaces a player registering and being bound to a team from the beginning of a playing season
- After the eligibility deadline, if players have been assigned to a team that will compete for provincial cup, they cannot transfer to a new club (but could use permits if allowed at the league level). Leagues can also implement these, or other transfer deadlines, for those players that will not compete for provincial cup but may compete for a league cup for example.

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to:

- Amend
 - Rule 3 – Playing Season in its entirety
 - Rule 4 – Team Affiliation sections 4.d, 4.e, 4.g, 4.h, 4.l, 4.m, 4.n, 4.o
 - Rule 5 – Player Registration sections 5.h, 5.i, 5.j, 5.j.i, 5.o
 - Rule 7 – Player Transfers sections 7.a, 7.b, 7.c, 7.d, 7.e, 7.f, 7.h.
 - Rule 9 – Permits (Youth to Adult) section 9.a
 - Rule 24 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play – Youth sections 9.d, 9.e
- Remove
 - Rule 5 – Player Registration section 5.p
 - Rule 7 – Player Transfers sections 7.i, 7.j, 7.k, 7.l, 7.m, 7.n, 7.o, 7.q, 7.r
- Insert
 - Rule 4 – Team Affiliation section 4.f.
 - Rule 5 – Player Registration section 5.a and 5.a.i
- And renumber accordingly

CURRENT & PROPOSED

For comparison purposes, the Rules 3, 4, 5 and 7 referenced above have been provided in their entirety as means to view the current rules (before) and the proposed rules (after) if Amendment #7 is carried. The specific (minor) amendments to Rule 9 and 24 are provided.

CURRENT

RULE 3 - PLAYING SEASON

General

Youth

- a) For youth players, the "coastal" playing season shall commence on the 1st day of August and terminate on the 31st day of July in the following year.
- b) For youth players, the "interior"-playing playing season shall commence on the 1st day of April and terminate on the 31st day of

PROPOSED

RULE 3 - PLAYING SEASON

General

- a) The Coastal Primary playing season shall commence on the 1st day of August and terminate on the 31st day of March the following year.
- b) The Coastal Secondary playing season shall commence on the 1st day of April and terminate on the 31st of July the same year.

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- c) For youth players, the "calendar"-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.

Adult

- d) 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.
- e) 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 - TEAM AFFILIATION

General

- a) BC Soccer or any affiliate shall have the power to prohibit the teams and players under its jurisdiction from playing with or against any team which is not a member of the Canadian Soccer Association or an affiliated association.
- b) Only properly affiliated teams shall be eligible to participate in competitions under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer.
- c) Teams shall be allowed to retain the players registered to it until their respective league and/or cup competition commitments have been

c) The Interior Primary playing season shall commence on the 1st day of April and terminate on the 31st of October of the same year.

d) The Interior Secondary playing season shall commence on the 1st day of November and terminate on the 31st day of March the following year.

e) The Calendar playing season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of December

- 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 August of the same year.

f) Any Primary Playing Season may be extended for those players and teams who are competing in league or regional playdowns or provincial cup competition.

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- c) Teams shall retain the players assigned to it until their respective league and/or cup competition commitments have been fulfilled, and the defined playing season is completed, subject to rule 7.

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- d) Teams may not register new players for league and/or cup competitions after the expiry date of the playing season for which league and/or cup play is still in progress.
- e) Females are permitted to compete for a place on and play on otherwise all male teams. In order to maintain and encourage girl's/women's soccer program, BC Soccer shall be permitted, at the Board's discretion, to deny permission for males to play on otherwise all-female teams. Where a male player is registered with a team, the team for the purposes of competition shall be considered a male team unless given special designation by BC Soccer.
- f) In instances where males and females play on the same team, all players shall be granted all the rights and privileges afforded by the Constitution and Bylaws of BC Soccer.
- 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.
- h) No team shall be permitted to register more players at any given time than either defined or approved by BC Soccer. Any team having registered the maximum number of players and desiring to register an additional player, or players, must first release such of its players so

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- h) Clubs may not assign more players than roster limits specify to one team. Any club having assigned a team the maximum number of players and desiring to assign an additional player, or players, must first release such of its players so that the team's roster does not exceed the maximum allowable number of registered players.
- i) All teams must be affiliated in the format authorized by BC Soccer.

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- j) Affiliation fees are non-refundable.
- k) Adult Leagues and Youth districts are required to complete and submit to BC Soccer all registration data and full registration fees as provided in the Registration Policy Manual of the Association.
- l) A "small-sided team" shall be recognized when a minimum of the number of players specified in the table below are registered with BC Soccer Registrar or Designate under one team name.

U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10	U-11
3	4	4	7	7	8

Youth

- m) Youth teams aged Under 13 to Under 16 shall not be permitted to register more than eighteen (18) players. BC Soccer Board may grant seasonal dispensation to Rural or Remote Districts for players/teams within the Rural or Remote District.
- n) Youth teams aged Under 17 and Under 18 shall not be permitted to register more than twenty (20) players. BC Soccer Board may grant seasonal dispensation to Rural or Remote Districts for players/teams within the Rural or Remote District.

Adult

- o) Adult league teams shall be permitted to register the number of players as defined by league rules approved by BC Soccer.

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- p) Youth teams aged Under 13 to Under 16 shall not be permitted to **roster or assign** more than eighteen (18) players. BC Soccer Board may grant seasonal dispensation to Rural or Remote Districts for players/teams within the Rural or Remote District.
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Adult

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RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

General

- a) No player registered with BC Soccer shall be entitled during the valid period of such registration to compete in any competition for any club outside Canada without first obtaining permission from BC Soccer. Any violation of the Rule will immediately cancel the registration and render the player ineligible to compete again in Canada during the current playing season.
- b) An amateur player:
 - i) Shall not receive any remuneration or consideration directly or indirectly from playing soccer except as provided in these rules;
 - ii) May, if injured while playing soccer, with the consent of the association having jurisdiction is entitled to receive payment for medical bills or proceeds of any benefit match, subscription or collection;
 - iii) May receive necessary hotel and travelling expenses and may, in special cases, receive expenses for equipment, physical preparation and insurance against accidents during play and while travelling;
 - iv) Shall give a receipt in writing for any moneys received and shall produce a copy of the receipt whenever required to do so by the association having jurisdiction;
 - v) May be required, by the association having jurisdiction, to prove that any remuneration paid to the player is fair and proper remuneration for employment in any other capacity with the team for which the player is registered.

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

General

- a) A player must register to a club, district, league, or directly with BC Soccer
 - i) Where Youth Districts run Metro Select Programming directly, players must register with a club; however, may move between the club and District run Metro Select Program prior to December 31st.
- b) No player registered with BC Soccer shall be entitled during the valid period of such registration to compete in any competition for any club outside Canada without first obtaining permission from BC Soccer. Any violation of the Rule will immediately cancel the registration and render the player ineligible to compete again in Canada during the current playing season.
- c) An amateur player:
 - i) Shall not receive any remuneration or consideration directly or indirectly from playing soccer except as provided in these rules;
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 - iii) May receive necessary hotel and travelling expenses and may, in special cases, receive expenses for equipment, physical preparation and insurance against accidents during play and while travelling;

- c) An amateur player shall lose amateur status whenever:
 - i) The player receives remuneration, payment or consideration not authorized by these rules;
 - ii) The player is registered as a professional.
- d) An amateur player is permitted to register with a professional team as an amateur, but such player shall also have registered with the Provincial Association.
- e) BC Soccer shall be the final authority in determining when a player is properly registered with BC Soccer.
- f) Any player or official not registered with BC Soccer shall be determined to be ineligible to participate in league and cup competition under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer and not eligible for any benefit from membership in BC Soccer. For the purposes of this section registration shall cease at the end of the playing season as specified in Rule 3.
- g) Failure to register all players by any district, league or affiliated association shall result in a directive from the Board leading to the expulsion and/or suspension of that district, league or affiliated association from BC Soccer. Such suspension or expulsion shall not commence for 10 working days from the date that the directive is delivered in writing to the district, league or affiliated association and shall remain in effect until the matter has been rectified to the satisfaction of the Board.
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- h) No player shall be permitted to register for more than one team at any one time, or play in more than one provincial, district or inter-district cup competition under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer without first receiving written permit from BC Soccer. (Exceptions are BC Soccer player programming and school teams, as well as Associate Member Adult League teams. School is defined as those schools affiliated with the B.C. Schools Sports Federation and post-secondary institutions as recognized by BC Soccer).
- i) A player is bound to the team for which the player is signed, unless transferred or released as provided for in these rules, until the end of the team's current playing season.
- j) Subject to competition rules, a player whose team has completed its playing season, and who wishes to play for the same team or a different team in another league or competition, must be registered again as per the Registration Policy Manual.
 - i) Youth players may register for a different team for a secondary season in the current registration season after April 1 (Coastal Season) and August 1 (Interior season) provided they fulfill their obligations to their current team. Cup tied rules apply.
- k) A team representing the Province of British Columbia in a Canadian Soccer Association National Cup Competition, shall retain, for the purpose of that competition only, those players registered with the team on the day when the team wins the right to represent the Province of British Columbia.
- l) In all cases where a player has last been registered outside the Province of British Columbia, documentary evidence must be produced that the player has been cleared by his previous association and must state whether this prior registration was as an amateur or

commence for 10 working days from the date that the directive is delivered in writing to the district, league or affiliated association and shall remain in effect until the matter has been rectified to the satisfaction of the Board.

- i) No player shall be permitted to be assigned by the club for more than one team at any one time to play in more than one provincial, district or inter-district cup competition under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer without first receiving written permit from BC Soccer. (Exceptions are BC Soccer player programming and school teams, as well as Associate Member Adult League teams. School is defined as those schools affiliated with the B.C. Schools Sports Federation and post-secondary institutions as recognized by BC Soccer).
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- k) Subject to competition rules, a player whose team has completed its playing season, and who wishes to play for the same team or a different team in another league or competition, must be registered again as per the Registration Policy Manual.
 - i) Youth Players may be assigned to a different team in the same club for a Secondary Playing Season provided they fulfil their obligations to their Primary Playing Season team. Cup tied rules apply.
 - ii) Players may register with a different club for a Secondary Playing Season by way of transfer provided they fulfil their obligations to their Primary Playing Season team. Cup tied rules apply.
- l) A team representing the Province of British Columbia in a Canadian Soccer Association National Cup Competition, shall retain, for the purpose of that competition only, those players registered with the

professional, before the player shall be allowed to register in the Province of British Columbia.

- m) Registration is good only for the current season.
- n) Where a person other than BC Soccer is authorized to receive any registrations, the date such registrations or transfers are submitted or mailed (the post-mark will be the accepted date of mailing) to the authorized person shall be recognized as the date covering such registrations. In such cases, the District or League shall forward the registrations to BC Soccer in accordance with the time limits as set.
- o) Proof of registration rests with team officials and proof of age, where required, rests with the player.
- p) All players must be registered seven (7) days before taking part in any cup competition.
- q) All players must be registered one (1) day prior to taking part in any league match.
- r) Players who wish to register with BC Soccer must do so in the format approved by BC Soccer.
- s) All persons desiring to become team officials on any team are required to register with BC Soccer and comply with Rule 21.
- t) All individuals residing in the Province of British Columbia shall be eligible for registration as a player in BC Soccer. The Board may grant special permission to non-residents upon written request.
- u) The following individuals shall be issued with a photo (taken within 24 months) identification card once they have been registered with BC Soccer's Registrar or designate:

team on the day when the team wins the right to represent the Province of British Columbia.

- m) In all cases where a player has last been registered outside the Province of British Columbia, documentary evidence must be produced that the player has been cleared by his previous association and must state whether this prior registration was as an amateur or professional, before the player shall be allowed to register in the Province of British Columbia.
- n) Registration is good only for the current season.
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- All youth players in the U13 to U18 age categories
- All youth team officials
- All adult players and team officials in divisions that will participate in provincial cup

The photo identification card shall include the player or team official's: Surname, Given Name(s), Club Name, Team Name, Birthdate, Player ID# and the year in which the playing season ends. Where required, 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.

Youth

- v) A youth age player shall be recognized as a registered player of BC Soccer once BC Soccer or designate validates the youth's application for membership, providing the applicant has met all eligibility requirements.
- w) The youth age player shall be required when first applying for membership as a registered player, to provide proof of age, such as a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, citizenship papers, passport or other evidence acceptable to BC Soccer. Documented proof of age may also be necessary from time to time. Affidavits may only be considered with multiple pieces of corroborating documentation acceptable to BC Soccer.
- x) A grace period shall be allowed until September 30th of the coastal playing season and May 31st of the interior playing season.

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 - All youth team officials
 - All adult players and team officials in divisions that will participate in provincial cup

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- bb) A grace period shall be allowed until September 30th of the Coastal Primary playing season and May 31st of the Interior Primary playing season.

Adult

Active Full Members

- y) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues may obtain the Adult Player Registration Form from BC Soccer for distribution to registering players or collect the required information via an alternative format. Registrations shall be completely filled in and submitted to the League Registrar who will in turn record each registration and return the various portions of the form and/or electronic confirmation to the players and submit the registration data to BC Soccer as per the Registration Policy Manual. The cost of the registration is determined and circulated by BC Soccer to the membership prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season. Payment for all registration is due as per the Registration Policy Manual and current fee schedule.
 - i) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with open age divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championships which lead to the national championships must register all open age players with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “A”.
 - ii) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with open age divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championship that does not lead to the national championships must register all open age players with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “B”.
 - iii) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with Graduate divisions, players Under the Age of 21, wishing to participate in the provincial championship that does not lead to the national championships must register all players in a Graduate division

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 - ii) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with open age divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championship that does not lead to the national championships must register all open age players with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “B”.
 - iii) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with Graduate divisions, players Under the Age of 21, wishing to participate in the provincial championship that does not lead to the national championships must register all players in a Graduate division with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “B under 21”.

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- iv) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with Masters and Classics Divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championships which lead to the Western Canadian championships must register all players in Masters and/or Classics Divisions with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “M”.
- v) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with Over 40 Divisions must register all players with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “O”.
- vi) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with divisions that operate in Secondary Season must register all players with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “SEC”.

Associate Members

- z) 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 BC Soccer under this category must be made seasonally and registration under this category shall not be granted to applicants qualifying under Categories “A”, “B”, “M” “O” or “SEC” of Adult 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.
- i) Notwithstanding the above, associate adult leagues that run futsal specific programming or league play may participate in futsal specific provincial or national competitions.

- iv) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with Masters and Classics Divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championships which lead to the Western Canadian championships must register all players in Masters and/or Classics Divisions with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “M”.
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 - iv) Associate Member Adult Leagues must register all players with BC Soccer in the category known as Form "C".
 - aa) 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 BC Soccer under this category must be made seasonally and registration under this category shall not be granted to applicants qualifying under Categories "A", "B", "M", "O" or "SEC" of Adult 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.
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RULE 7 - TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

General

- a) A player is entitled by these rules, to a transfer provided the player has complied with all provincial, district or league rules and regulations and is not indebted to the current team, district or league.
- b) A player is entitled to a transfer as hereinafter provided, by January 15th of the current year for the coastal/winter-playing season, except as provided below, and by June 30th of the current year for the interior/summer-playing season, except as provided below. A player shall not be allowed to transfer during the team's playing season without the consent of the team for which the player is registered. A player currently under suspension and seeking a transfer is not eligible to play until the suspension has been served.
 - i) Once a team plays its first league game in the current playing season any player movement thereafter would be subject to the transfer regulation.
 - ii) Transfer fees do not apply to transfers received by BC Soccer prior to the registration submission deadline.
 - iii) Players registered on teams in the Under 12 and younger age groups may transfer at any time within their own age group during their playing season.
 - iii) Players are not permitted to transfer to or from a MSL or equivalent team after December 31st of the current Coastal/Winter playing season unless their currently registered team has completed its playing obligations for that season.

RULE 7 – ELIGIBILITY & TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

General

- a) A player is entitled by these rules, to a transfer provided the player has complied with all provincial, district or league rules and regulations and is not indebted to the current club, district or league.
- b) A player shall not be allowed to transfer without the consent of the club, district, or league for which the player is registered. A player currently under suspension and seeking a transfer is not eligible to play until the suspension has been served.
- c) Once a player registers with a club, district, or league, the player is subject to transfer regulations.
- d) Players may play for multiple teams within the same club, district, or league so long as a team's gameday roster does not exceed the roster limit defined in these Rules & Regulations.
- e) To be eligible for Youth Provincial A Cup competition, players U13 to U18 must be assigned to a team by their club by:
 - i) December 31st of the Coastal Primary Playing Season
 - ii) May 15th of the Interior Primary Playing Season
- f) To be eligible for Youth Provincial B Cup competition, players U13 to U18 must be assigned to a team by their club by:
 - (1) January 15th of the Coastal Primary Playing Season
 - (2) May 15th of the Interior Primary Playing Season
- g) To be eligible for Youth Premier Provincial Cup competition, players U13 to U18 must be assigned to a team by their club by May 31st of the Calendar Playing Season

- iv) 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.
 - v) However, notwithstanding the above, player transfers may occur between BCHPL teams only between January 1 and May 31.
- c) A player who has been registered with BC Soccer by a team for the current playing season shall not be allowed to transfer to any other team unless first having given the team seven (7) days notice by BC Soccer transfer form, of intention to transfer. A team and/or club official of the team must respond to the application to transfer within seven (7) days of receipt of such notice. Such permission, when received by BC Soccer or Designate, shall entitle the player to be transferred to any other affiliated team as provided by these rules.
 - d) A player being refused a transfer by the player's team and/or club shall be allowed to apply, without fee, to BC Soccer for review. If the releasing team official refuses to sign the application form without just cause, BC Soccer shall have the authority to approve an application to transfer without the releasing team official's signature, subject to paragraph "a", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.
 - e) A player shall be entitled to the benefits of the Transfer Rule as follows:
 - i) Within the jurisdiction of BC Soccer, only two (2) transfers shall be permitted during the current playing season; but a player once transferred cannot be transferred back to the original team until a period of thirty (30) days has elapsed.
- h) To be eligible for an Adult Provincial Cup competition, adult players must be assigned to a team by their club by January 15th of the Coastal Primary Playing Season.
 - i) Once a player is assigned to a team for purposes of provincial cup eligibility, cup tied rules apply until that player has completed their teams' playing obligations.
 - j) A player assigned to a team for purposes of provincial cup eligibility may not transfer clubs until the end of the Primary Playing Season for which the player's current team participates in.
 - k) Upon written request, BC Soccer may grant a player the ability to be assigned to a team after the eligibility deadline.
 - l) A player shall not be allowed to transfer to any other club, district or league unless first having given the club, district or league seven (7) days notice by BC Soccer transfer form, of intention to transfer. A club, district or league official of the team must respond to the application to transfer within seven (7) days of receipt of such notice. Such permission, when received by BC Soccer or Designate, shall entitle the player to be transferred to any other club, district or league as provided by these rules.
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- ii) One inter-provincial transfer, except that, a player having been transferred and finding it necessary to return to the original registration jurisdiction, shall be allowed to return to the team from which the player was last transferred.
- f) Every authorized youth player transfer application form and payment shall be sent immediately to BC Soccer. All authorized adult player transfers shall be submitted with appropriate payment to BC Soccer within 7 days of the transfer deadline.
- g) Players moving from one province to another (inter-provincial transfer) must receive written clearance from the Provincial Association with which he/she was last registered. A player moving from one Country to another (international transfer) must receive an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) from the Country with which he/she was last registered.
- h) When a team, with the written consent of the district or league having jurisdiction, has ceased to operate, or has been declared defunct, then the players registered on this team shall be entitled to transfer without fee to any other team, upon making application to BC Soccer. Having satisfied itself of the bona fide of the application, BC Soccer shall have the power to transfer the player to a team producing the player's signed application. BC Soccer may, at its discretion, transfer a player of a team that has been declared defunct after the transfer deadline.
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Youth

- h) District approval is required for all transfers.
- i) Youth age players, to be considered eligible for youth district cup, inter-district cup, regional cup or provincial cup must have played at least one league game in a properly constituted youth league for the team to which he/she is assigned unless under exceptional

- j) All transfers (excluding full member internal transfers) shall be subject to a transfer fee, to be determined and circulated by the Board, prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season, due and payable to BC Soccer, before the transfer can be completed.
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- l) Players must be transferred seven (7) days before taking part in any cup competition. This rule shall not apply to league games. A player, after being transferred, may compete in league games as provided by the rules of such leagues. All player transfers for league games must be made at least one (1) day prior to the game-taking place. The grace period commences from the date the completed application and fee is filed with BC Soccer. The transfer application shall be authorized by BC Soccer prior to the player taking part in any competition with the new team.
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- n) A player transferred to a youth team must play at least one league game before playing in Provincial Cup competition for the team to which he has been transferred unless under exceptional circumstances the BC Soccer Youth Competitions Committee may grant an exception to this requirement.
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- r) The transfer of youth players to one team in the U-13 or older age groups during any one season shall be limited to three, except in the case of:
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 - ii) BC Soccer approves the exception resulting from a defunct team pursuant to rule 7i, or
 - iii) BC Soccer High Performance League (BCHPL), as refined in Rule 26, team may be permitted to transfer an unlimited number of players to/from other teams. Such transfers shall not count toward any team's limit of three transfers in a season. All transfers must adhere to all requirements of Rule 22 Youth Player-Zoning where applicable. Regardless of the forgoing, no player shall be permitted to play for more than one team in any Provincial Cup.
 - iv) Teams who transfer players to BCHPL teams are entitled to an equivalent number of player transfers who shall not count towards the limit of three (3) transfers in one season. All transfers must adhere to all requirements of Rule 22 Youth Player-Zoning where applicable. Regardless of the forgoing, no player shall be permitted to play for more than one team in any Provincial Cup.

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DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO REVIEW

DOCUMENT #1

BC SOCCER SMALL-SIDED DEVELOPMENT MANUAL

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<https://bcsoccer.net/files/AboutUs/BylawsRulesRegsPolicies/BC%20Soccer%20-%20Small%20Sided%20Games%20Manual%20-%20Approved%201692017.pdf>

DOCUMENT #2

CONDUCT, ETHICS AND DISCIPLINE STANDARDS POLICY, AND PROCEDURES

Available on BC Soccer's website:

<https://bcsoccer.net/files/MemberService/Discipline/ConductEthicsandDisciplineStandardsandPolicyNovember22017.pdf>

*****NOTE – There have been no recent amendments to either documents subject to review; therefore, to reduce paper-waste, print-outs of these for the Delegates Package at the AGM will be made up on request. If you would like a print-out of either of these documents, please email Lori D'Andrea at loridandrea@bcsoccer.net by June 6, 2018.**