



BC SOCCER

POST AGM (held November 2, 2019)

**Amendments for Consideration at the
2019 Annual General Meeting**

October 3, 2019

(Reference: BC Soccer bylaw 5.15.b)

Foreword

Dear BC Soccer Member,

As BC Soccer continually works to review and improve BC Soccer's Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, BC Soccer's Board of Directors with support from its various committees and advisory groups, are pleased to present this year's Amendments for Consideration at the 2019 Annual General Meeting, in accordance with BC Soccer bylaw 5.15.

This year's Amendments for Consideration were prepared with a focused, strategic approach that I, on behalf of the Board of Directors, believe will put BC Soccer in a position to better service its membership and their participants; and, continue to see the beautiful game prosper in BC.

Specifically, the amendments presented today all work towards meeting one or more of BC Soccer's strategic objectives:

- **Actively supporting members** in the execution of their sanctioned soccer programming for the good of the game
- Providing British Columbians with **more opportunities to include** soccer as part of a lifelong pursuit of active living and **community participation** in order to grow the game.
- **Working effectively and cooperatively** with Districts, Leagues and Clubs along with municipal partners, provincial partners, national partners, and other PSOs in developing and **delivering accessibility in soccer**
- Provide the **needed level of governance** and develop and execute good practices

The amendments for consideration have been provided within six (6) Bylaw Amendments; one (1) Rule Amendment Requiring Ratification; one (1) Rule Amendment that was Referred to Committee; and, twelve (12) Rule Amendments.

Notably, the Rationale for each amendment has been presented first so the objective and intent of the amendments is known. Following the rationale is the Current (where applicable) and the Proposed (where applicable), which includes all of the amendments required to achieve the objective or intent provided in the Rationale.

I am looking forward to presenting these amendments for your consideration at the AGM to be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019.

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

Yours in soccer,

Garry Sangha
Chair, Governance Committee, BC Soccer
Chair, Associate Membership Advisory Group

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BYLAW AMENDMENT #1

RATIONALE

- Housekeeping – To reflect current practice
- BC Soccer has now an independent Appeals Chair; therefore, in the first instance the decision of the board would first be appealed to the independent Appeals Chair of BC Soccer. Only decisions of the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer are appealable to Canada Soccer.

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to **amend** Part 4.3 as follows:

CURRENT

PART 4 - MEMBERSHIP DUES, TERMINATION AND DISCIPLINE

4.3 Discipline of Members. The Board shall have authority to discipline, suspend or expel any member from the Society on any one or more of the following grounds:

- (a) violating any provision of the constitution, these bylaws, or written policies of the Society;
- (b) failing to be in good standing;
- (c) carrying out any conduct which may be detrimental to the Society, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion; or
- (d) for any other reason that the Board in its sole and absolute discretion considers to be reasonable, having regard to the purposes of the Society.

In the event that the Board determines that a member should be disciplined, suspended, or expelled from membership in the Society, the President, or such other director or senior manager as may be designated by the Board, shall provide, in a written notice, 20 days' notice of the proposed discipline, suspension, or expulsion to the member and shall, in the written notice, provide reasons for the proposed discipline, suspension or expulsion. The member may make written representations to the President, or such other director or senior manager as may be designated by the Board, in response to the notice received within such 20 day period. In the event that no written representations are received by the President or such other director or senior manager as may be designated by the Board, the President or such other director or senior manager as may be designated may proceed to notify the member in writing that the member is suspended or expelled from membership in the Society. If written representations are received in accordance with this Section, the Board will consider such representations in arriving at a final decision and shall notify the member concerning such final decision within a further 20 days from the date of receipt of the submissions. **A member may appeal a Board decision in accordance with the Canadian Soccer Association appeal process.**

PROPOSED

PART 4 - MEMBERSHIP DUES, TERMINATION AND DISCIPLINE

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BYLAW AMENDMENT #2

RATIONALE

- Housekeeping – to provide clarity

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to **amend** Part 6.14 as follows:

CURRENT

PART 6 – DIRECTORS

6.14 Resignation from Conflicting Positions.

- (a) No member of the Board shall hold an office or be an employee of a member under the jurisdiction of the Society. A newly elected director must relinquish all positions held with a member within a period of 60 days of becoming a director.
- (b) No member of the Board shall hold an office or be an employee of a governing body of the Society. A director must relinquish all such positions within a period of 60 days of becoming a director.

PROPOSED

PART 6 – DIRECTORS

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BYLAW AMENDMENT #3

RATIONALE

Housekeeping – To align with Canada Soccer

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to insert Part 6.21.g as follows:

PROPOSED

PART 6 - DIRECTORS

6.21 Board Policies Regarding Conflict of Interest.

- (g) A Director must withdraw from the debate and from voting if there is any risk or possibility that the Director is in a conflict of interest.

CARRIED

BYLAW AMENDMENT #4

RATIONALE

- Housekeeping – BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations were recently updated which caused Rule 13 – Sanction and Control of Leagues to be renumbered to Rule 11 – Sanction and Control of Leagues. The proposed is to avoid having to amend the bylaws every time BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations are renumbered.

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend Part 14.1 as presented:

CURRENT

PART 14 - BOUNDARIES

14.1 Adult Leagues. The geographic boundaries of Adult Leagues are defined by the Board from time to time, subject to **Rule 13, Sanction and Control of Leagues**, of the Society’s Rules and Regulations.

PROPOSED

PART 14 - BOUNDARIES

14.1 Adult Leagues. The geographic boundaries of Adult Leagues are defined by the Board from time to time, subject to the Society’s Rules and Regulations.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #5

RATIONALE

- The proposed amendment comes at the recommendation (*Reference Appendix A*) of the Associate Membership Advisory Working Group, formed in Summer 2018.
- There is the desire from BC Soccer's governing bodies to become more inclusive and ensure new organizations who want to become members (at the local level, i.e. current clubs) have the opportunity to do so with access to the same benefits as organizations at the local level (i.e. current clubs)
- Further, that BC Soccer cannot seemingly favour one member over another, or potential member
- **BACKGROUND:** Over the past couple of years there have been increasing questions regarding which rules apply to For-Profit and Not-For-Profit Associate Members. There are misunderstandings that these organizations receive the same benefits as clubs without having to pay the same fees. Additionally, there are disputes about player pools and conflicts of interest.
- The intention is to have all organizations at the local level operate under the same rules and regulations, have access to the same benefits of membership and increase inclusion.
- The proposed amendment below is designed to achieve the following:
 - Remove the ability for academies/for-profit organizations to affiliate directly with BC Soccer
 - Enable academies/for-profit organizations to affiliate with BC Soccer via a Youth District Association
 - Give academies/for-profit organizations that affiliate with BC Soccer via a Youth District Association the same benefits and governed by the same bylaws, rules and policies.
 - Require Youth District Associations to have a membership application process for organizations that is free from conflict of interest
- If carried, to manage the transition, the intention is to not allow any new applications for associate membership with BC Soccer in the For Profit or Not-for-Profit Organization category. Those organizations that currently have associate membership in those categories with BC Soccer may retain this membership until July 30, 2020 or until they become a member of a Youth District Association, whichever comes first.

To achieve the full intention of "Bylaw Amendment #5" BC Soccer's bylaws need to change in six (6) areas. Each area of change is presented individually for clarity below (5A, 5B, 5C, etc.); however, are proposed as a collective amendment.

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend BC Soccer's bylaws as presented in items 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E and 5F.

5A. To insert Part 1.2.d. and renumber the remainder

PROPOSED

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.2 Definitions

- (d) “Affiliated Organization” means organizations that are members of a member;

5B. To amend Part 1.2.j as follows

CURRENT

PART 1 – GENERAL

- (j) “Club” means:

- (i) “youth club”, being those organizations operating a minimum of four affiliated youth soccer teams having not less than 44 players and under the jurisdiction of a Youth District Association; or
- (ii) “adult club”, being those organizations operating one or more adult teams under a common executive;

PROPOSED

- (j) “Club” means:

- (i) “not-for-profit youth club”, being those organizations operating a minimum of four affiliated youth soccer teams having not less than 44 players and under the jurisdiction of a Youth District Association; or
- (ii) “for-profit youth club”, being those organizations operating a minimum of four affiliated youth soccer teams having not less than 44 players and under the jurisdiction of a Youth District Association; or
- (iii) “adult club”, being those organizations operating one or more adult teams under a common executive;

5C. To amend Part 1.3 as follows:

PART 1 – GENERAL

CURRENT

1.3 Interpretation. In the interpretation of this bylaw, words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa, words in one gender include all genders, and "person" includes an individual, body corporate, partnership, trust and unincorporated organization. Other than as specified in Section 1.1 above, words and expressions defined in the Act have the same meanings when used in these bylaws. The headings used in these bylaws are inserted for reference purposes only and are not to be considered or taken into account in construing the provisions thereof or to be deemed in any way to clarify, modify or explain the effect of any such provisions.

PROPOSED

1.3 Interpretation. In the interpretation of this bylaw, words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa, words in one gender include all genders, and "person" includes an

individual, body corporate, partnership, trust and unincorporated organization. The term “youth club” shall be inclusive of not-for-profit youth clubs and for-profit youth clubs. Other than as specified in Section 1.1Error! Reference source not found. above, words and expressions defined in the Act have the same meanings when used in these bylaws. The headings used in these bylaws are inserted for reference purposes only and are not to be considered or taken into account in construing the provisions thereof or to be deemed in any way to clarify, modify or explain the effect of any such provisions.

5D. To amend Part 3.2.e and remove as of August 1, 2020:

CURRENT

PART 3 – MEMBERSHIP

- (2) Associate Members – Non-Voting
- (e) Limited Associate Membership may be granted to organizations by following the procedure set out in this subsection to for-profit soccer academies and schools for the sole purpose of granting permission to attend individual events sanctioned by recognized governing bodies, if requested, and subject to all rules and regulations of the Society.

PROPOSED

PART 3 – MEMBERSHIP

- (2) Associate Members – Non-Voting
- (e) Limited Associate Membership may be granted (prior to November 2, 2019) to organizations by following the procedure set out in this subsection to for-profit soccer academies and schools for the sole purpose of granting permission to attend individual events sanctioned by recognized governing bodies, if requested, and subject to all rules and regulations of the Society. (Remove August 1, 2020)

5E. To insert Part 15.1 and renumber the remainder:

PROPOSED

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

15.1 Youth District Associations shall have a process in place for accepting new club and/or organization membership applications that is free from conflict of interest. (Required latest August 1, 2020)

5F. To amend Part 15.2.d as follows:

CURRENT

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

15.2

- (d) **Affiliated Youth Clubs.**
 - (i) A Youth District Association shall only affiliate with clubs which are registered BC societies who complete at a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements.
 - (ii) All affiliated clubs shall comply with the principles of the Society’s rules, regulations and policies.

- (iii) All affiliated clubs shall comply with the Society's conflict of interest policy and the procedures set out in the Act for conflicts of interest. No director shall vote on any matter directly affecting that director or any club or team in which that director is involved with.
- (iv) All affiliate clubs shall provide to their Youth District Association proof of filling of the affiliated club's society annual report for the previous 12 months and annually thereafter.
- (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.
- (vi) The books and records of all clubs and teams shall be open to inspection by their Youth District Association on demand.

PROPOSED

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

15.2 If a new club wishes to apply for membership, Youth District Associations shall have a process in place for accepting new club and/or organization membership applications that is free of conflict of interest.

(d) **Youth Clubs.**

- (i) A Youth District Association shall only affiliate youth clubs which are registered with the province of British Columbia as a society, sole proprietor, partnership or incorporation that complete at a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements.
- (ii) All clubs shall comply with the principles of the Society's rules, regulations and policies.
- (iii) All youth clubs shall comply with the Society's conflict of interest policy.
- (iv) All youth clubs shall provide to their Youth District Association proof of filling of the affiliated club's society annual report or business registration renewal for the previous 12 months and annually thereafter.
- (v) All not-for-profit youth 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.
- (vi) All for-profit clubs shall provide a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements prepared by a licensed CPA in public practice to their Youth District Association within 90 days of their fiscal year end. Review and audit engagements are preferred.
- (vii) The books and records of all youth clubs and teams shall be open to inspection by their Youth District Association on demand.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #6

RATIONALE

- BC Soccer's bylaws do not need to dictate these requirements as they are covered within the bylaws of each organization and where silent, covered by the Societies Act. Initially, the dates of when members had to have their AGM was partly to ensure each member had a voting delegate in place leading into BC Soccer's AGM; however, operationally the dates provided may not be best for members and BC Soccer has confidence the membership can determine appropriate dates AGM dates, etc. for themselves
- The intention is to enable full members and affiliated clubs to govern themselves per their own bylaws, have their AGM at a time that makes most sense for their individual organizations and remove duplication from BC Soccer's bylaws.

By special resolution, the Board of Directors propose to **remove** Part 15.2.c as follows:

CURRENT

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

15.2

- (c) **Delegates.** The bylaws of the Youth District Association or Adult League shall reflect:
- (i) The voting delegates to the annual general meeting.
 - (ii) The annual general meeting shall occur:
 - A. on or before June 1st of each year for Coastal Youth District Associations
 - B. and on or before December 1st of each year for Interior Youth District Associations
 - C. on or before May 1st of each year for Adult Leagues
 - (iii) The delegates shall receive at least 14 days' notice of the date, time and venue of the annual general meeting.
 - (iv) A member who is in arrears with its fees or is indebted any way shall not be entitled to vote or participate in the business of the Youth District Association or Adult League unless financial agreement for the settlement of such indebtedness has been entered into with the Youth District Association or Adult League.
 - (v) The order of business at the annual general meeting shall be as follows:
 - A. roll call;
 - B. credentials;
 - C. minutes;
 - D. business arising;
 - E. officers' reports;
 - F. constitutional amendments;
 - G. Rules and Regulations amendments;
 - H. election of officers;
 - I. new business; and
 - J. adjournment.

Youth District Associations and Adult Leagues may choose to preclude proxies or may allow them with the following restrictions: at a meeting of members, a member may not carry more than three proxies or a number greater than 30% of the total vote for whom the member is a legal representative, whichever number is the least. Bona fide proxy credentials must be presented in writing, stating the meeting for which the proxy is given and from the member who is giving the proxy.

RULES CHANGES REQUIRING RATIFICATION

RULE RATIFICATION #1

(Amendment carried at the September 2019 board meeting)

RATIONALE

- Protest and Appeals rules have been moved into the Judicial Code & Policies of BC Soccer
- Further alignment with Canada Soccer

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to **remove** Rule 11 – Protests, **remove** Rule 12 – Appeals, **amend** Rule 10 Discipline and renumber the remainder as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 10 - DISCIPLINE

- a) The Judicial Chair of BC Soccer shall have the power to inquire into the conduct of any person or organization that relates in any way to soccer activities sanctioned by the Association and may take disciplinary action where it is determined that a person or organization has:
- i) Violated FIFA Laws of the Game and/or FIFA, Canadian Soccer Association and / or BC Soccer statutes, laws, bylaws, rules/regulations and/or policies;
 - ii) Violated rules established from time to time by BC Soccer governing the conduct of members on and off the field;
 - iii) Behaved in a manner considered by the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer to be unbecoming of a member registered with BC Soccer;
 - iv) Behaved in a manner considered by the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer not to be in the best interest of the game of soccer or BC Soccer;
 - v) Bet on any soccer match;
 - vi) Attempted to offer, either directly or indirectly; any consideration whatsoever to another team, player or players of any other team, with a view to influence the result of the match;
 - vii) Accepted consideration pursuant to clause vi);
 - viii) Committed any act or made any statement either verbally or in writing, or been responsible for conduct, continuing misconduct or any other matter which, could be unsporting, insulting or improper behaviour or likely to bring the game into disrepute.
 - ix) Where the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer has made a determination pursuant to paragraph “a” above the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer shall reprimand, suspend and/or impose a fine and/or bond per BC Soccer’s Judicial Code & Policies.

- b) The Judicial Chair of BC Soccer shall have the power to impose an interim suspension with respect to a person, member or affiliated organization pending a final determination pursuant to paragraph “b” Rule 10-Discipline.
- c) In addition to its powers under paragraphs “b” and “c”; Rule 10-Discipline; the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer may make any other disciplinary decisions that they consider just.
- d) No player or member of any such team, match official, District, League or affiliated association so removed or suspended shall be eligible for membership in any other team, District, League or association affiliated with BC Soccer without special permission of the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer.
- e) The Judicial Chair of BC Soccer may delegate and authorize Judicial Panel Chairs to perform the functions and exercise the disciplinary powers vested in the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer under Rule 10-Discipline.
- f) Every team, club, district, league or affiliated association is responsible to the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer for the actions of its players, officials and spectators.
- g) All Discipline administered by a Judicial Body of BC Soccer, a club, district, league or association in membership shall be performed under the Judicial Code and Policies of BC Soccer as approved by the Board of Directors of BC Soccer.
- h) All changes to BC Soccer’s Judicial Code and Policies document shall be forwarded by the Executive Director or designate to the Membership within 15 days of receiving Board approval.
- i) BC Soccer and member organizations may publicly post discipline decisions and sanctions imposed on organizations and adult Registrants or other adults under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer.
- j) Associations, leagues, clubs, teams, their officials and/or players may have legal representation.
 - i) If a communication to the Judicial Chair of 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.
 - 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 discipline hearing of BC Soccer, they must advise the Judicial Chair of 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 11 - PROTESTS

- a) A protest will only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of Competition Rules & Regulations.
- b) Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances shall not be entertained by the association having jurisdiction, unless notice of particulars has been given to the referee before the commencement of the match. The referee shall require the responsible teams to remove the cause of the objection, if this is possible, without delaying the commencement of the match. When an objection has been lodged with the referee, a protest must be made in writing to the district, league or BC Soccer and no objection or protest can be withdrawn except by leave of the association having jurisdiction at a regular meeting.
- c) No protest will be considered if, in the opinion of the referee, the objection lodged did not seriously affect the outcome of the match. This clause pertains only to paragraph "b", Rule 11 - Protests.
- d) In dealing with any protest, the association having jurisdiction may take into consideration the possession by the protesting team of any prior knowledge, which, if properly used, might have obviated the protest.
- e) Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the match to its opponents, provided the protest is upheld.
- f) An affiliated team may lodge a protest with a district, league or inter-district league arising out of any league or district cup match scheduled by a district, league or inter-district league. Such protest must be in writing, stating the grounds upon which the protest is lodged.
- g) An affiliated team may be entitled to lodge a protest with the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer care of the BC Soccer office, arising out of any provincial cup competition, as defined in Rule 24 -Rules for Provincial Cup Play - Youth & Rule 25 - Adult Cup Competition Rules. Such protest must be in writing, stating the grounds upon which the protest is lodged.
- h) A protest of any league or district cup match must be submitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of the match to which it relates. The protesting team official shall be responsible for proof of meeting this time line.
- i) A copy of the protest shall be forwarded by the association having jurisdiction to the opposing team within two (2) business days after the receipt of the protest. Upon receipt of the protest the opposing team shall have a maximum of 48 hours to supply a response to the Judicial Chair

of BC Soccer care of the BC Soccer office, failing which the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer may render their decision based solely on the information provided by the protesting team.

- j) The protest shall be signed by the team coach or manager, club or member association official.
- k) The protest fee must be received by the association having jurisdiction within 48 hours of the protest being filed.
- l) The fee (payable to the association having jurisdiction) shall be determined and circulated by the Association.
- m) In the event that a protest is upheld by the association having jurisdiction, the protest fee shall be refunded. In the event that the protest is denied, the protest fee shall be retained.
- n) The Judicial Chair of BC Soccer is required to provide to all parties affected by a decision, a written ruling which shall include the rationale for the decision and the associations appeal procedures, within five (5) business days of notification of the opposing team.
- o) A decision on a discipline and/or protest from any provincial cup competition match played under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer shall be subject to BC Soccer Rule 12.

RULE 12 - APPEALS

- a) Appeals from the decision of a League under the jurisdiction of a District shall be made to such District.
- b) Appeals from the decision of a League where no District exists, or where a League is directly under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer, shall be made to the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer care of the BC Soccer office.
- c) Appeals from the decision of a District shall be made to the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer BC Soccer care of the BC Soccer office.
- d) Appeals from the decision of an inter-district League shall be made to the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer care of the BC Soccer office.
- e) Any party may, with leave to appeal, granted from the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer, appeal the decision of a District Association or League in Membership or BC Soccer Committee, Protest, Ethics, or Discipline Panel made against that party, provided that the said appeal involves only an interpretation of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of BC Soccer or the District Association or League in Membership.
- f) In all other cases the decision of the District Association or League in Membership shall be final and binding, except when that decision was made, in the first instance, by the Board of Directors or Executive of the District Association or League in Membership.

- g) Any party may, with leave of the Canadian Soccer Association's Appeals Committee, appeal a decision of the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer or BC Soccer Appeals Panel, provided that the said appeal involves only an interpretation of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of BC Soccer.
- h) The applicant for "leave to appeal" shall:
- i. Make written application to the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer care of the BC Soccer office within ten (10) business days after issuance of the District's, League's or Committee's decision, setting out:
 - ii. The decision sought to be appealed;
 - iii. A concise statement of the facts; and
 - iv. A concise submission stating the By-Law, Rule or Regulation that has been contravened and setting out clearly in what respect the decision is alleged to be wrong.
 - v. Forward the said written application signed by the affiliated team coach, manager, or official; registered player or registered match official (referee, assistant referee)
 - vi. Forward with the written application and the appropriate fee. The Board of Directors of BC Soccer shall set the appeal fee annually. The Appeals Chair of BC Soccer may determine if the appeal fee from an application is returned.
- i) The Appeals Chair of BC Soccer or designate shall forward a copy of the written application for "leave to appeal", to the District Association or League in Membership or BC Soccer Committee within ten (10) business days of receipt of the application, and that District/League/Committee shall within seven (7) business days after receipt thereof, file all documents used in the rendering of the District's/League's/Committee's decision to the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer care of the BC Soccer office.
- i. If leave to appeal is granted, the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer shall notify the appellant, the respondent District Association, or League in Membership.
 - ii. If "leave to appeal" is not granted the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer shall notify the appellant, District Association or League in Membership giving reasons for their decision and returning the appeal fee minus any administration fee determined.
 - iii. The application for leave to appeal and the appeal may be abandoned with leave of the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer and on such terms and conditions, as it may deem proper.
 - iv. The Appeals Chair of BC Soccer shall cause written notification of its decision to the appellant; the District Association/League in Membership; and all relevant parties, not later than fifteen (15) business days after receiving all paperwork required by the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer pertaining to the appeal.

- v. Associations, leagues, clubs, teams, their officials, referees, and/or players may have legal representation.
 - a) If a communication to the Appeals Chair of 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.
 - b) 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.
 - c) If an association, league, club, team, team official, referee, and/or player wish to have a legal representative attend an appeal hearing of BC Soccer, they must advise the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer of this in writing a minimum of 10 business days prior to the hearing.
 - d) 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.
 - e) 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.
 - i) Pending the hearing of the appeal, the original decision under appeal shall not be suspended unless the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer so orders.
 - j) If the submitted evidence is felt by the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer to be insufficient to the rendering of a disposition, then a hearing of the matter shall be ordered and the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer or an Appeals Panel shall determine, if any, by whom the expenses of an appeal shall be borne.
 - k) The Appeals Chair of BC Soccer may reaffirm, revoke or amend a decision against which an appeal has been lodged. It shall not be bound by the petition of the parties concerned. A decision may be amended to the disadvantage of the party lodging the appeal.
 - l) A member of an Appeal panel may not sit on the panel if the case being dealt with concerns themselves or players, clubs, officials or any other members of any associations or leagues to which they belong.

- m) In dealing with any appeal, an Appeals Panel may take into consideration the possession by the appeal party of any knowledge, which if properly used, might have obviated the appeal.

Appeals from a decision of the Appeals Chair of BC Soccer or an Appeals Panel of BC Soccer, may be made to the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA).

PROPOSED

RULE 10 – JUDICIAL MATTERS

- a) All Discipline, **Protests and Appeals** administered by an **independent** Judicial Body of BC Soccer, a club, district, league or association in membership shall be performed under the Judicial Code and Policies of BC Soccer as approved by the Board of Directors of BC Soccer.
- b) The Judicial Chair of BC Soccer shall have the power to inquire into the conduct of any person or organization that relates in any way to soccer activities sanctioned by the Association and may take disciplinary action where it is determined that a person or organization has:
 - i) Violated FIFA Laws of the Game and/or FIFA, Canadian Soccer Association and / or BC Soccer statutes, laws, bylaws, rules/regulations and/or policies;
 - ii) Violated rules established from time to time by BC Soccer governing the conduct of members on and off the field;
 - iii) Behaved in a manner considered by the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer to be unbecoming of a member registered with BC Soccer;
 - iv) Behaved in a manner considered by the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer not to be in the best interest of the game of soccer or BC Soccer;
 - v) Bet on any soccer match;
 - vi) Attempted to offer, either directly or indirectly; any consideration whatsoever to another team, player or players of any other team, with a view to influence the result of the match;
 - vii) Accepted consideration pursuant to clause vi);
 - viii) Committed any act or made any statement either verbally or in writing, or been responsible for conduct, continuing misconduct or any other matter which, could be unsporting, insulting or improper behaviour or likely to bring the game into disrepute.
 - ix) Where the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer has made a determination pursuant to paragraph “a” above the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer shall reprimand, suspend and/or impose a fine and/or bond per BC Soccer’s Judicial Code & Policies.

- c) The Judicial Chair of BC Soccer shall have the power to impose an interim suspension with respect to a person, member or affiliated organization pending a final determination pursuant to paragraph “b” **Rule 10-Judicial Matters**.
- d) In addition to its powers under paragraphs “b” and “c”; **Rule 10-Judicial Matters**; the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer may make any other disciplinary decisions that they consider just.
- e) No player or member of any such team, match official, District, League or affiliated association so removed or suspended shall be eligible for membership in any other team, District, League or association affiliated with BC Soccer without special permission of the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer.
- f) The Judicial Chair of BC Soccer may delegate and authorize Judicial Panel Chairs to perform the functions and exercise the disciplinary powers vested in the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer under **Rule 10-Judicial Matters**.
- g) Every team, club, district, league or affiliated association is responsible to the Judicial Chair of BC Soccer for the actions of its players, officials and spectators.
- h) All changes to BC Soccer’s Judicial Code and Policies document shall be forwarded by the Executive Director or designate to the Membership within 15 days of receiving Board approval.
- i) BC Soccer and member organizations may publicly post discipline decisions and sanctions imposed on organizations and adult Registrants or other adults under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer.
- j) Associations, leagues, clubs, teams, their officials and/or players may have legal representation.
 - i) If a communication to the Judicial Chair of 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.
 - 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 discipline hearing of BC Soccer, they must advise the Judicial Chair of 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.

PREVIOUS PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND

At the 2018 BC Soccer AGM, BC Soccer's Board of Directors proposed that the requirement for youth players to register in the District in which they reside (i.e. Rule 20 – Youth Players – Zoning) be removed from BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations. The specific motion was to "Approve Rule Amendment #6 as presented." (Reference Appendix B). After discussion, the motion was "Referred to Committee".

BC Soccer established the Associate Membership Advisory Group in the Summer of 2018 and referred this amendment to them for their review and recommendation. The Advisory Group's report recommended that youth zoning be removed with the addition, that a rule be inserted that does not allow Youth Districts to have club boundaries. (Reference Appendix C)

From a process perspective, because the original motion was "Referred to Committee", it must be brought back on the floor at the 2019 BC Soccer AGM:

ORIGINAL MOTION - Motion to Approve Rule Amendment #6 as presented (at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM)

(Please reference Appendix B for the full Rule Amendment presented)

Based on their recommendation, with endorsement from the BC Soccer Board of Directors, The Associate Membership Working Group **propose to amend the original motion as outlined in the report (Appendix C) and below**

Motion to Approve Rule Amendment #6 as presented (at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM) and insert Rule 5.v: Youth Districts shall not have the option to establish zoning within its district.

From a process perspective, first, the membership will need to vote on the Advisory Group's addition (highlighted in yellow above). Then, vote on the updated motion, or the original motion.

POST AGM NOTE: The additional wording highlighted in yellow carried; thus, was added to the original motion. The over all motion including the added wording was defeated.

PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

RULE AMENDMENT #1

(Note: will be Withdrawn if amendment Referred to Committee is Carried)

RATIONALE

- To remove the requirement for unnecessary paperwork

By ordinary resolution, Burnaby District Youth Soccer Association propose to remove Rule 20.d and renumber the remainder:

CURRENT

RULE 20 - YOUTH PLAYERS – ZONING

- d) 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.

CARRIED

RULE AMENDMENT #2

(Note: will be Withdrawn if amendment Referred to Committee is Carried)

RATIONALE

- To use wording consistent with the removal of Rule 20.d (if carried) and that reflects the intent of the exemption

By ordinary resolution, Burnaby District Youth Soccer Association propose to amend Rule 20.f.i as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 20 - YOUTH PLAYERS – ZONING

- f) 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 20 d)

PROPOSED

RULE 20 - YOUTH PLAYERS – ZONING

- f) 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 the limit of 5 Out-of-district players.

RULE AMENDMENT #3

(Note: will be Withdrawn if amendment Referred to Committee is Carried)

RATIONALE

- Housekeeping, the rule no longer has any effect.

By ordinary resolution, Burnaby District Youth Soccer Association propose to remove Rule 20.j:

CURRENT

RULE 20 - YOUTH PLAYERS – ZONING

- j) 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 AMENDMENT #4

(Note: will be Withdrawn if amendment Referred to Committee is Defeated)

RATIONALE

- To encourage a player-centric approach to soccer in the province of BC

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

PROPOSED

RULE 5 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

- a) Any eligible individual wanting to register to play soccer may do so with any association, league or club within the society's membership in accordance with these rules and regulations.

RULE AMENDMENT #5

(Note: will be Withdrawn if amendment Referred to Committee is Defeated)

RATIONALE

- Housekeeping amendments to remove references to Rule 20 – Youth Players - Zoning

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to **remove** Rule 7.n and **amend** Rule 7.r.iii. and 7.r.iv as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 7 - TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

Youth

- n) Youth player transfers are subject to Rule 20 - Youth Players, Zoning.
- 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:
 - iii) BC Soccer High Performance League (BCHPL), as refined in Rule 24, 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 20 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 20 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.

PROPOSED

RULE 7 - TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

Youth

- 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:
 - iii) BC Soccer High Performance League (BCHPL), as refined in Rule 24, 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. 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. Regardless of the forgoing, no player shall be permitted to play for more than one team in any Provincial Cup.

RULE AMENDMENT #6

RATIONALE

- Housekeeping – To provide clarity, bring into alignment with Canada Soccer, reflect current practice, remove duplication with bylaws and/or other policies

To achieve the full intention of “Rule Amendment #6” BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations need to change in six (6) areas. Each area of change is presented individually for clarity below (6A, 6B, 6C, etc.); however, are proposed as a collective amendment.

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations as presented in items 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E and 6F.

6A. To amend Rule 2.d as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 2 - PLAYER AGE LIMITS

d)

AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART

Using January 1 Cut-Off Date

Born in or after the current calendar year (Current calendar year is the year in which play ends)

SEASON (Year in which play ends)	U-18	U-17	U-16	U-15	U-14	U-13	U-12	U-11	U-10	U-9	U-8	U-7	U-6
2018	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
2019	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2020	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
2021	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2022	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2023	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2024	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2025	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

EXAMPLE: A player born in 2001 would be in the U18 age category for the season ending in the year 2019

PROPOSED

RULE 2 - PLAYER AGE LIMITS

d)

AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART

Using January 1 Cut-Off Date

Born in or after the current calendar year (Current calendar year is the year in which play ends)

SEASON (Year in which play ends)	U-18	U-17	U-16	U-15	U-14	U-13	U-12	U-11	U-10	U-9	U-8	U-7	U-6
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2020	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
2021	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2022	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
2023	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
2024	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
2025	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019

EXAMPLE: A player born in 2004 would be in the U18 age category for the season ending in the year 2022

6B. To amend Rule 5.h as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

General

- 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).

PROPOSED

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

General

- 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 BC School Sports and post-secondary institutions as recognized by BC Soccer).

6C. To amend Rule 7.g as follows:

CURRENT

- 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.

PROPOSED

- g) A player moving from one province to another (inter-provincial transfer) must receive written clearance from the Provincial Association with which the player 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 the player was last registered.

6D. To amend Rule 15.i as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 15 – REFEREES

- i) A registered player who is also on the official list of referees shall not officiate in any league or competition in which the player's team is entered.

PROPOSED

RULE 15 – REFEREES

- i) A registered player or team official who is also on the official list of referees shall not officiate in any division of competition in which the player's team is entered.

6E. To amend Rule 19 as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 19 – 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 19 – 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 or Enhanced Police Information Check on file in accordance with BC Soccer's Criminal Record Check Policy.

6F. To amend and move Rule 20.a.ii as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 20 – YOUTH PLAYERS -ZONING

- a)
 - 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.

PROPOSED

DEFINITIONS

- z) "Loco Parentis" shall mean a person who is acting as a temporary guardian or caretaker of a child, taking on all or some of the responsibilities of a parent.

RULE AMENDMENT #7

RATIONALE

- **BACKGROUND:** Currently members may only request dispensation to rules when the rule specifically states they can do so. In the past, members have been able to request dispensation to anything; however, over time as BC Soccer has made amendments to its rules, there are less requests for dispensation that come in, even in the areas where members are currently able to do so. It has become apparent that in some cases the 'one-size fits all' approach that rules naturally embody isn't what is always best.
- The intention is to allow dispensation requests to any BC Soccer Rule & Regulation so the board of directors can consider rationale and have the opportunity to "do what is right for the game" rather than be beholden to its own rules.

To achieve the full intention of "Rule Amendment #7" BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations need to change in six (6) areas. Each area of change is presented individually for clarity below (7A, 7B, 7C, etc.); however, are proposed for an amendment as a collective.

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to amend BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations as presented in items 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E and 7F.

7A. To insert Rule 1.c

PROPOSED

RULE 1 - REGULATIONS REGARDING VARIATIONS OF THE GAME OF SOCCER

General

- c) Members may submit requests for dispensation to BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations to the BC Soccer Board of Directors via the BC Soccer office. A rationale must be provided. Dispensation may or may not be granted at the discretion of the BC Soccer Board of Directors.

7B. To amend Rule 4.e, 4.m and 4.n as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 4 - TEAM AFFILIATION

General

- 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.

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.

PROPOSED

RULE 4 - TEAM AFFILIATION

General

- e) Females are permitted to compete for a place on and play on otherwise all male teams. Where a male player is registered with a team, the team for the purposes of competition shall be considered a male team.

Youth

- m) Youth teams aged Under 13 to Under 16 shall not be permitted to register more than eighteen (18) players.
- n) Youth teams aged Under 17 and Under 18 shall not be permitted to register more than twenty (20) players.

7C. To amend Rule 5.h and 5.t as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

General

- 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).
- 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.

PROPOSED

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

General

- 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. 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.
- t) All individuals residing in the Province of British Columbia shall be eligible for registration as a player in BC Soccer.

7D. To amend Rule 7.m, 7.q, 7.r.i, 7.r.ii, 7.s as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 7 - TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

Youth

- m) A player transferred to a youth team must play at least one league match 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.
- q) At the discretion of BC Soccer, and only in special circumstances, i.e., the case of a player having moved residence from one district to another, a youth player transfer may be permitted after the transfer deadline(s) specified in paragraph "b", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.
- 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:
 - i) teams given special dispensation by BC Soccer for the purposes of Provincial Cup competition (see paragraph "h", Rule 22 - Rules for Provincial Cup Play), or
 - 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 24, 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 20 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 20 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.
- s) 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 match in a properly constituted youth league for the team to which he/she was transferred unless under exceptional circumstances the responsible cup committee may grant an exception to this requirement.

PROPOSED

RULE 7 - TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

Youth

- m) A player transferred to a youth team, to be considered eligible for youth district cup, inter-district cup, regional cup or provincial cup must first play at least one league match in a properly constituted youth league for the team to which they were transferred.
- n) 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 BCHPL teams which shall have an unlimited number of transfers to/from other teams. 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.

7E. To remove Rule 21.c.ii

CURRENT

RULE 21 - RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

- c)
 - ii) The Small-Sided Soccer Development Manual shall be subject to review by the membership at any General Meeting of BC Soccer.

7F. To amend Rule 22.d and 22.e as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 22 - RULES FOR PROVINCIAL CUP PLAY - YOUTH

- d) The provincial "A" Level championships shall be open to all youth teams, except BC Premier League teams, under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer, declared on entry forms submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, each year, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues. A properly constituted league shall consist of no less than four teams. **The Board may grant special permission for a team or teams to participate otherwise, upon written request.**
- e) The Provincial "B" level competition shall be open to any affiliated youth team except BC Premier League teams, Metro Select Level teams, or Vancouver Island Premier League teams as declared on entry forms submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, each year, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches. A properly constituted league shall consist of no less than four teams. **The Board may grant special permission for a team or teams to participate otherwise, upon written request.**

PROPOSED

RULE 22 - RULES FOR PROVINCIAL CUP PLAY - YOUTH

- d) The provincial "A" Level championships shall be open to all youth teams, except BC Premier League teams, under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer, declared on entry forms submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, each year, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues. A properly constituted league shall consist of no less than four teams.

- e) The Provincial "B" level competition shall be open to any affiliated youth team except BC Premier League teams, Metro Select Level teams, or Vancouver Island Premier League teams as declared on entry forms submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, each year, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches. A properly constituted league shall consist of no less than four teams.

RULE AMENDMENT #8

RATIONALE

- To mitigate privacy of information concerns

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

CURRENT

RULE 5 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 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:
- 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 matches.

PROPOSED

RULE 5 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 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:
- 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, Birth Year, 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 matches.

RULE AMENDMENT #9

RATIONALE

- To allow for an Over 40s and Over 45s provincial cup competition

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to **insert** Rule 5.y.v. and renumber the remainder:

PROPOSED

RULE 5 – PLAYER REGISTRATION

Adult

Active Full Members

y)

- v) Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with Over 40 Divisions must register all players with BC Soccer in the category known as Form “O”.

RULE AMENDMENT #10

RATIONALE

- **BACKGROUND:** Currently, when a youth-aged player registers with an adult league, their status becomes “adult”. This prohibits them from playing in anything youth related. No league play, exhibition matches, tournaments/showcases, etc. even on permit. Yet, the rules allow a youth registered player to play up any number of times with an adult team for league play, tournaments, etc. Historically, BC Soccer does receive specific requests so that youth-aged but “adult” registered players can participate in youth college showcases, tournaments, and/or matches. There are also examples of players that were playing in adult soccer that have come back into the youth pathway.
There is no Canada Soccer rule that requires BC Soccer have a reinstatement to youth.
- The intention is to create more flexibility within BC Soccer’s rules and encourage a more player-centric approach that supports players playing in environments that they want to, and potentially increase the number of youth players that transition to adult.
- This also would make providing opportunities for youth-aged players registered as adults to be seen by potential college/universities more possible and/or easier (in terms of administrative burden)

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to **remove** Rule 8 – Reinstatements in its entirety and **amend** Rule 9 – Permits (Youth to Adult) to Rule 8 – Permits and renumber the remainder as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 8 - REINSTATEMENTS

- a) Any registered Adult player of youth age wishing to be reinstated to youth status must apply to the Association to be reinstated on forms supplied by BC Soccer.
- b) BC Soccer shall have the authority to approve or deny a player's application for reinstatement.
- c) Reinstatement of youth aged registered Adult players to youth status may be granted by BC Soccer subject to Rule 7 Transfer of Players.
- d) A player may only be reinstated to youth status once per every 12 months.
- e) The reinstatement fee, per application, shall be determined and circulated by BC Soccer prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season.
- f) Reinstatement fees are non-refundable.
- g) A youth-aged player who has been registered as “Adult amateur” shall be ineligible to play in any youth competitions unless said player has upon request, been reinstated to youth status by BC Soccer, subject to rule 7.

RULE 9 - PERMITS (YOUTH TO ADULT)

- a) BC Soccer shall grant a registered youth player permission to play up any number of times with an Adult team in any one season providing the player has the consent of the affiliated youth team and the approval of the Youth District and the Adult League or designate and the Adult League has received the completed Permit and Parental Liability Form prior to the match. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A copy of the authorized permit must be presented with the team list at the match.
- b) A permit shall allow a registered youth player to play for an Adult team in a league or Adult cup match without affecting the player's youth registration status.
- c) Any player wishing to play on a permit with an Adult team must apply for permission to do so by completing a permit form supplied by BC Soccer.
- d) A permit is valid only for the day and match stated on the permit application form.
- e) Any disciplinary action applied while playing in a match under permit shall apply to all future matches of the team for which the player is registered, and shall be subject to:
 - i) Disciplinary decisions shall be the responsibility of the discipline committee or panel for the association or league governing the competition where the permitted player was charged with an offence.
 - ii) Said discipline committee or panel shall forward a copy of the discipline ruling to the district association where the player is registered and to the team official of the team to which the player is registered.

PROPOSED

RULE 8 - PERMITS

- a) Youth Districts, affiliated clubs and/or organizations, and Youth Inter-District Leagues may administer youth to youth permits at their discretion.
- b) Adult Leagues may administer adult to adult permits at their discretion.
- c) BC Soccer shall grant a registered youth player permission to play up any number of times with an Adult team in any one season provided the player has the consent of the affiliated youth team and the approval of the Youth District and the Adult League or designate and the Adult League has received the completed Permit and Parental Liability Form prior to the match. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A copy of the authorized permit must be presented with the team list at the match.
- d) A youth-aged player who has been registered in an Adult League shall be allowed to permit any number of times with a youth team for a sanctioned tournament or exhibition match in any one season provided the player has the consent of the affiliated Adult League and the approval of the Youth District and the Adult League or designate.

- e) A youth-aged player who has been registered in an Adult League shall be allowed to permit to a youth team for sanctioned league play a maximum of 5 times in any one season provided the player has the consent of the affiliated Adult League and the approval of the Youth District and the Adult League or designate.

RULE AMENDMENT #11

RATIONALE

- To align with “Rule of Two” as a part of the Coaching Association of Canada’s Responsible Coaching Movement

By ordinary resolution, the Board of Directors propose to insert Rule 21.h and renumber the remainder:

PROPOSED

RULE 21 - RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

- h) All interactions between a team official and an individual player must take place within earshot and in view of other individuals (team officials, players, parents, match officials and/or association officials).

RULE AMENDMENT #12

RATIONALE

- To reduce disruption to in-season rosters by better aligning player registration dates.

By ordinary resolution, Burnaby District Youth Soccer Association propose to amend Rule 24.h as follows:

CURRENT

RULE 24 - RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BC SOCCER HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUES

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

PROPOSED

RULE 24 - RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BC SOCCER HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUES

- h) The playing season and registration period for the **BC Soccer High Performance Leagues** shall be from **August 1 to July 31 of the following year** regardless of Coastal or Interior residency. **(Note: To be implemented for the 2020-2021 season)**

Reference – Associate Membership Advisory Working Group Memo and Organization Membership Application Template and User Guide

May 2019

Attention: BC Soccer Members and affiliated organizations

From: BC Soccer

Subject: Associate Membership Advisory Group Request for Feedback

In late Summer 2018 BC Soccer formed an Associate Membership Advisory Group with the primary objectives of:

- 1) Facilitate the discussion and information gathering process regarding alignment and further inclusion of associate members
- 2) Facilitate the review, discussion, and information gathering from the membership regarding the proposed rule amendments number six and seven that were presented at the 2018 AGM.
- 3) Make related recommendations regarding, membership structure, proposed amendments, timing of amendments, etc.

Made up of community members from around the province, to date the focus of discussion has been on the inclusion of associate members, specifically those in the For-Profit and Not-For-Profit Organization category, commonly referred to as academies. The Advisory Group has reached consensus that there is a need to “level the playing field” so that academies are eligible to receive the same benefits such as player registration and participation in Inter-District Youth Leagues and/or Provincial Cup; as well as, be subject to the same rules and regulations, policies and fees as Districts and/or affiliated clubs.

To achieve this, the Advisory Group is exploring the possibility of academies seeking affiliation with BC Soccer by applying for membership with the Youth District in which they operate instead of seeking Associate Membership directly with BC Soccer in the For Profit or Not-For-Profit Organization associate membership category.

The Advisory Group recognizes that working towards this may impact some current Youth District members more than others and in a couple of key different ways; therefore, has discussed ways BC Soccer can assist the youth membership to implement this structural transition should it move forward.

As some Youth Districts currently do not have a new member application process in place, the Associate Membership Advisory Group has drafted a New Member Organization Application template and User Guide that empowers Youth Districts to have a fair and formalized process in place for potential new

members. In addition to ensuring potential new members are able to meet BC Soccer's compliance requirements, some of the other items the template application will provide parameters for include:

- Determining an organization's financial viability
- The number of new player/registrants an organization must have
- Restrictions on movement of entire teams (including the team officials)
- Potential pre-requisites for participating in the highest tier of play within the District or Youth Inter-District League, etc.

Considering there are many Youth Districts that essentially operate as a club, BC Soccer encourages these organizations to speak with neighbouring Youth Districts to discuss the possibility of merging to form a new Youth District or amalgamate in another way. In addition to being able to set up processes to accept new member organization applications, this proactive approach could also provide new opportunities in terms of economies of scale, sharing resources, aligning soccer activities and reducing scheduling and/or programming conflicts.

Youth Districts currently operating as a club may continue to do so. In the case that another qualified soccer organization (based on the New Member Application template minimums) seeks membership with BC Soccer within the boundaries of a Youth District that operates as a club, BC Soccer will work with both groups to create a structure that allows both organizations be a part of the affiliated soccer community under a Youth District body.

The Associate Membership Advisory Group also recognizes that to move forward would only be possible with timelines that nurture such a transition; therefore, has suggested implementation dates that would be in preparation for the 2021-2022 playing season; however, would also encourage any District that is able to implement earlier to do so.

Any bylaw amendments require approval from the membership. The Advisory Group is seeking to make recommendations to the BC Soccer Board of Directors in time to present them at BC Soccer's Annual General Meeting in November. Note: this timeline is updated from the [April 11th memo](#) circulated which stated BC Soccer's June 8th Special General Meeting as the targeted date to present bylaw amendments.

As a part of the continued information gathering process, the Associate Membership Advisory Group is seeking input from all members and/or affiliated clubs as it relates to the suggestions above; therefore, all members and/or affiliated clubs are encouraged to submit their questions and feedback to BC Soccer. Please submit to Lori D'Andrea, Director of Community Development via email (loridandrea@bcsoccer.net) **by end of business day May 24, 2019.**

Following this, BC Soccer will seek to consult with those that provide feedback or have questions. A meeting will be held the evening of June 7th for members to hear more about the transition and also have another opportunity to ask questions, etc. Please watch for more information to be circulated in the coming weeks.

<INSERT DISTRICT LOGO>

Name of District Organization Membership Application

[OPTIONAL] About *Name of District*

Name of District is a Full (Active) Member of BC Soccer Association and is responsible for governing, promoting and supporting soccer within the District's geographical boundaries, as defined in BC Soccer's Constitution & Bylaws.

Mission: *insert mission*

Vision: *insert vision*

Values: *insert values*

[OPTIONAL] Is your organization ready to become a member of *Name of District*?

If your organization is able to meet all of the following criteria, then your organization is encouraged to submit application for membership to *Name of District*!

<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of a registration with the province of British Columbia (as a registered society, sole proprietor, partnership, or incorporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Can provide Privacy Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Can provide a Constitution & Bylaws or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> Can provide Discipline and Ethics Policies
<input type="checkbox"/> Can provide Organization Operations Guide/Manual or equivalent	<input type="checkbox"/> Can provide a listing of Officers/Directors and staff (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Can provide most recent copy of Notice to Reader financial statements and/or budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Can provide a listing of Committees and appointments made to each committee
<input type="checkbox"/> A Risk Management Officer and Criminal Record Check Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Concussion Management/Protocol
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of players	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepared to adhere to the bylaws, rules & regulations and policies of <i>Name of District</i> and its governing bodies

[OPTIONAL] What does it mean to be a member of *Name of District*?

By becoming a member of *Name of District*, an organization can make a significant contribution to soccer in British Columbia. Becoming a member of *Name of District*, and affiliated organization of BC Soccer, is both an accomplishment and privilege for which organizations should be proud of. To be a member of *Name of District* means that an organization is committed to growing the game and improving soccer for all participants within *Name of District* and British Columbia by offering soccer programs through collaborative, progressive, and respectful environments. Members of *Name of District* are committed to a player-centric development model that represents the spirit of the game of soccer and the qualities that make it the world's most popular sport.

[REQUIRED] Application Process & Timelines

Upon receiving an application for membership, *Name of District* will confirm receipt within xx business days.

Name of District's Membership _____ (*Choose one throughout: Committee or Panel*) or designate will review the application for completeness. Provided the application is complete, *Name of District*'s Membership _____ will review the application to determine if all criteria are met. *Name of District*'s Membership _____ is made up of a minimum of three individuals who do not have any other role with a current member organization of *Name of District*.

Name of District's Membership _____ or designate will inform the applying organization if the organization has been accepted into membership with *Name of District* within a minimum of xx days of receipt of the completed application.

Upon acceptance, the applying organization will receive full District Member benefits and work with *Name of District* to determine the earliest possible time the new member organization can begin participating in related Inter-District Youth Leagues or other District-run programs or initiatives (as applicable).

c) **[REQUIRED]** Please describe the type of programs or programming your organization provides and for what age(s), gender, etc. (including adult if necessary)

d) **[REQUIRED]** Please describe the organization's player development model

e) **[OPTIONAL]** Please describe how your organization will engage with and support the community to participate in soccer.

f) **[OPTIONAL]** Does your organization provide programs for participants with disabilities and/or participants from other under-represented groups? If so, please describe.

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3. [REQUIRED] Listing of Board/Ownership/Executive of applying organization			
Position	Name	Primary Telephone	E-mail

4. [REQUIRED] Listing of Staff of applying organization			
Position	Name	Primary Telephone	E-mail

5. [REQUIRED] Listing of Coaches and Certifications		
Position	Name	Coach Certifications

Please check/mark the box to agree/confirm the following:

I confirm that those individuals who have not submitted a VSC/EPIC will not continue in their role with the organization until their VSC/EPIC has been completed.

FLAGGED VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK / ENHANCED POLICE INFORMATION CHECK

Of the **COMPLETED** VSC/EPICs, please indicate the number of checks that were flagged and how the organization handled them below:

Number of VSC/EPIC **Flagged**:

Of those individuals with flagged VSC/EPICs how many were:

Able to continue within their role as intended with the organization:

Able to continue working/volunteering with the organization in a different or **modified role**:

Not able to continue working/volunteering with the organization:

Organization President / Owner Name or Risk Management Officer Name (please print)

Organization President / Owner or Risk Management Officer Signature

8. Organization Viability

Please initial the check boxes below to confirm your acknowledgement, understanding and willingness to comply with the following:

a) **[REQUIRED]** I have attached a copy of my organization’s most recent Notice to Reader financial statements and/or budget for the upcoming or current fiscal year.

Initials

Choose ONE of the following statements. Delete the other. [REQUIRED]

b) I have attached player data as means to provide proof that my organization meets the minimum number of 44 registered players.

b) I have attached player data as means to provide proof that my organization meets the minimum number of xxx registered players.

b) I have attached player data as means to provide proof that my organization meets the minimum number of 44 registered players, xxx of which to my knowledge are new registrants¹ to soccer.

Initials

<p>b) I have attached player data as means to provide proof that my organization meets the minimum number of <u> xxx </u> registered players, <u> xxx </u> of which to my knowledge are new registrants to soccer.</p> <p>¹ A “New Registrant” is an individual who has not been a registered player with BC Soccer in the past year or more.</p>	
<p>c) I agree to register/report players to <i>NAME OF DISTRICT</i> with payment within the deadlines as determined by <i>NAME OF DISTRICT</i>. [REQUIRED]</p>	Initials
<p>d) Upon a successful application, I can confirm that my organization will be able to provide a cheque for a bond in the amount of \$<u> </u> to NAME OF DISTRICT within <u> xxx </u> weeks of being notified of a successful application. I understand that if my organization is not able to provide a cheque within this timeline, its membership could be revoked.</p> <p>[OPTIONAL]</p>	Initials

9. Organization Commitment	
Please initial the check boxes below to confirm your acknowledgement, understanding and willingness to comply with the following:	
<p>a) [REQUIRED] On behalf of my organization, I agree to work collaboratively within <i>NAME OF DISTRICT</i> and/or, and/or Inter-District leagues and maintain good standing with my <i>NAME OF DISTRICT</i> and BC Soccer.</p>	
<p>b) [REQUIRED] On behalf of my organization, in alignment with the principles of Long Term Player Development, I agree to inform players of playing development and/or advancement opportunities within BC/Canada as they become available. I acknowledge that players and their families have the right to make the choice on the environment they play in. I agree to fully support players in their decisions.</p>	Initials
<p><i>Choose ONE of the following statements. Delete the others. [OPTIONAL]</i></p>	
<p>c) I understand that should my organization be accepted into membership with <i>NAME OF DISTRICT</i>, my organization must opt in and show that it is actively working towards achieving BC Soccer’s Charter Standard within <u> xx </u> months of being accepted into membership.</p>	
<p>c) I understand that should my organization be accepted into membership with <i>NAME OF DISTRICT</i>, we must have achieved BC Soccer’s Charter Standard within <u> xx </u> months of being accepted into membership.</p>	Initials
<p>[OPTIONAL]</p>	

<p>d) I understand that my organization will not be eligible to apply to operate programming at the highest level in NAME OF DISTRICT (i.e. metro, rep, VIPL) until my organization has remained a member in good standing for a period <u> xx </u> year(s).</p>	Initials
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10. [OPTIONAL] Checklist of Required Supplemental Documentation	
<p>Please check off the boxes to confirm the following documentation has been provided with this application.</p>	
Proof of a registration with the province of British Columbia (as a registered society, sole proprietor, partnership, or incorporation)	
Constitution & Bylaws or equivalent	
Organization Operations Guide/Manual or equivalent	
Most recent copy of Notice to Reader financial statements and/or budget	
Risk Management Officer and Criminal Record Check Policy	
Privacy Policy	
Concussion Management Protocol	
Proof of player registration (per requirements stated previously)	
Refund Policy	

11. [REQUIRED] Complete Application
<p>Please read the following statement and sign below to confirm acknowledgement and understanding:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This application form and supplemental documentation has been provided to <i>Name of District</i> in good faith as application for membership. It is up to date and provided to the best of my knowledge.</p>

 Organization President / Owner Name
 (please print)

 Organization President / Owner Name
 Signature



BC SOCCER

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TEMPLATE USER GUIDE

USING THIS DOCUMENT:

This document is designed to assist Districts in creating an application for membership to their organization.

It is designed to meet the minimum standard of compliance as determined by BC Soccer; however, includes additional criteria for which a District organization may choose to implement.

REQUIRED vs. OPTIONAL

If a part of the application has **[REQUIRED]** by it, then a District must include the criteria in the application and may not alter the wording or format without first ensuring the alteration complies with BC Soccer.

If a part of the application has **[OPTIONAL]** by it, then a District may choose to include or remove the section from their member organization application.

NOTE: Some optional sections do have parameters for which the criteria must be within, which are detailed in this document.

Once the District is agreed on the application, the notes regarding **REQUIRED** and **OPTIONAL** are to be removed.

For further assistance, please contact Lori D’Andrea, Director of Community Development via email: loridandrea@bcsoccer.net.

TITLE & INTRODUCTION PAGES [SOME REQUIRED AND SOME OPTIONAL]

The following sections are suggested, but completely **OPTIONAL**:

- About *Name of District*
- Is your organization ready to become a member of *Name of District*?
- What does it mean to be a member of *Name of District*?

The section Application Process & Timelines is REQUIRED. A District may include more information regarding the application and review process; however, may not remove any part of this section.

A District must fill in the Optional Components:

- A District must include the number of days by which it will confirm receipt of an application. This number may not be more than 10 business days.
- A District must determine if it will have a Membership Committee or a Panel that will review new applications and determine acceptance or rejection. If a District already has a Membership Committee in place, this might be a natural fit. If not, a Membership Panel could be struck on an ad-hoc basis. NOTE: Regardless of whether it is a Membership Committee or Membership Panel, those conducting the review and making a decision may not have any other role with another current member of the District or be conflicted (real or perceived) in any other way.
- A District must include the number of days by which it will inform the applying organization if it has been accepted into membership or not. This number may not be more than 60 days from the date which the completed application has been received.

SECTION 1 [REQUIRED]

SECTION 2

In Section 2, questions “a” to “d” are **REQUIRED**. They give the applying organization an opportunity to provide more information about their operation, etc.

Questions “e” and “f” are **OPTIONAL** questions may be removed.

A District may include other questions; however, these questions need to be reviewed/approved by BC Soccer. Districts are not to include questions or criteria that they do not or would not ask of their current members.

SECTIONS 3 – 5 [REQUIRED]

These sections identify the leadership of the organization and level of coach certification the organization has in place.

SECTION 6 Listing of Committees and Appointments [OPTIONAL]

If the District is interested to know if or what committees an applying organization has in place, it would include this section. Another option is to leave it as an optional field for the applying organization to fill if it is applicable.

SECTION 7 Criminal Record Check Compliance [REQUIRED]

This section is required and not to be altered. BC Soccer has a Criminal Record Check Policy for which all members and affiliated organizations are required to comply. If their application is successful, an applying organization would also need to be compliant. The application requirement is the same report current affiliated organizations are required to submit to their Youth District and/or BC Soccer.

SECTION 8 Organizational Viability [SOME REQUIRED AND SOME OPTIONAL]

Sections “a” through “c” are **REQUIRED**.

To determine which option to select for “b”, the District must decide two things:

1. *Is the District going to require applying organizations to have more than the minimum of 44 players as per BC Soccer’s Bylaws?*

If so, the highest number of players a District may require of a new member applicant is 3% of the District’s total unique registration from the previous year.

NOTE: If 3% of the District’s previous year’s registration is less than 44 players, the requirement must be 44 players.

Example.

ABC District’s 2017-2018 Registration submissions were:

Primary Registration: 3500

Late Primary Registration: 200

NEW Secondary Season Registration: 150

RETURNING Secondary Season Registration: 650

The total unique registration is: $3500 + 200 + 150 = 3850$

Therefore, $3850 \times 3\% = 115.5$, rounded to 116

The highest number of players an applying organization must provide data for is 116.

2. *Is the District going to have a requirement that a certain number of players must be new registrants to soccer?*

Of the number of players the District determines that an applying organization must provide data for (per above), the District may require up to 85% of those players are new registrants to soccer.

Examples.

If a District determines that proof of only 44 players is required, then the District may require that up to 37 players are new registrants to soccer ($44 \times 85\% = 37.4$, rounded to 37)

Continuing from the example in 1., if ABC District determined that proof of 116 players is required, then ABC District may only up to 99 players are new registrants to soccer ($116 \times 85\% = 98.6$, rounded to 99).

Section “d” is **OPTIONAL**. If this criteria is required, the amount of the bond may not exceed \$10,000. The timeline to provide the bond must be upon successful application and may not be less than 10 business days.

SECTION 9 Organization Commitment [SOME REQUIRED AND SOME OPTIONAL]

Section “a” and “b” are **REQUIRED**.

Section “c” is **OPTIONAL**.

The time for an organization to opt into the Club Charter Program may not be less than 6 months.

Section “d” is **OPTIONAL**.

The time for an organization to achieve Standard 1 may not be less than 12 months.

SECTION 10 Checklist of Required Supplemental Documentation [OPTIONAL]

This section is optional and up to the District to use or amend at its discretion.

SECTION 11 Complete Application [REQUIRED]

Sign off from the Organization President or Owner is required.

Reference – Rule Amendment #6 as presented at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM

(NOTE: Since the 2018 AGM BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations have changed; as an example, Rule 22 – Youth Players – Zoning is now Rule 20 – Youth Players – Zoning. The rule numbers below reflect those in place at the time of the 2018 AGM)

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.

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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.

- b) 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).
- c) 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.
 - b) 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.
 - b) 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.

(NOTE: Since the 2018 AGM BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations have changed; as an example, Rule 22 – Youth Players – Zoning is now Rule 20 – Youth Players – Zoning. The rule numbers referenced in the memo below reflect those in place at the time of the 2018 AGM)

(Circulated to membership May 3, 2019)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY GROUP REPORT

BACKGROUND

At the 2018 BC Soccer Annual General Meeting, BC Soccer’s Board of Director’s proposed 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.”

A motion to accept the amendments presented (i.e. Rule Amendment #6) was made. After Discussion there was a motion to Refer the Motion to accept the amendments to a BC Soccer Sub-Committee. This motion passed.

In Summer of 2018, BC Soccer’s Board of Directors approved the creation of the Associate Membership Advisory Group, a sub-committee of BC Soccer’s Membership Committee. One of the deliverables of the Associate Membership Advisory Group was to review and report on the amendments “Referred to Committee” at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY GROUP COMPOSITION

Name	Organization
Garry Sangha (Chair)	BC Soccer
Justus Mirembe (Vice Chair)	BC Soccer
Chuck Bennett	Nelson Soccer Association
Kevin Cowie	Upper Island Soccer Association
Harj Dhaliwal	South Fraser District Association
Candace Dodson-Willis	Kamloops Youth Soccer Association
Dave Monk	Richmond Soccer Association
Frank Rennick	North Okanagan Youth Soccer Association
Mario Santos	Alouette District Youth Soccer Association
Tim Satterford	Lower Island Soccer Association
Jason Elligott (Staff Member)	BC Soccer
Lori D’Andrea (Staff Liaison)	BC Soccer

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT

In their discussion of Rule Amendment #6, the Associate Membership Advisory Group determined that the core of Rule Amendment #6 was the removal of youth zoning rules. The Group:

- Acknowledged the statistics regarding the number of Out-of-District Players by Youth District, previously shared with the membership which summarized that based on 2017-2018 Primary Season data (received by BC Soccer office as of January 4, 2018), 97.2% of players participate in soccer within their District.
- Were informed that annually BC Soccer staff receive requests for dispensation to Youth Zoning rules
- Acknowledged that some Youth Districts have club boundaries and discussed what potential impact the removal of BC Soccer’s youth zoning rule may have
- Agreed that players (and their families) should have the right to decide where they participate in soccer

RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Membership Advisory Group recommends that youth zoning rules be removed from BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations; further, that a rule be inserted that does not allow Youth Districts to have club boundaries.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION

The Associate Membership Advisory Group propose to amend the original motion of “Motion to Approve Rule Amendment #6 as presented (at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM)” to “Motion to Approve Rule Amendment #6 as presented (at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM) and insert Rule 5.v: Youth Districts shall not have the option to establish zoning within its district.”

TIMELINE

The target to propose the amendments is BC Soccer’s 2019 Annual General Meeting (November).