



BC SOCCER

Amendments for Consideration at the 2022 Annual General Meeting

November 5, 2022

(Reference: BC Soccer bylaw 5.15.b)

Dear Members,

Over the last 12 months we conducted an extensive work to improve and refine the Bylaws of the organization.

This was exemplified by the update to the voting structure that demonstrates the commitment from our Members to be a more equitable and representative organization.

As we enter this new year and begin implementation of the new voting structure, we present the Bylaw amendments package that outlines fine adjustments to the Bylaws that will create efficiency and clarity in conducting the business of the organization.

This package also includes a proposal from the Vancouver Metro Soccer League on page 9.

Looking forward to see you on November 4th and 5th in Richmond!

Yours in soccer,

Carlos Grosso

BC Soccer Governance & Membership Chair

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Bylaw Amendment #1

Rationale: Adjusting the budget to “current” provides members with the most up to date version of the budget, which is approved by the board (per the current bylaws) in advance of the start of the fiscal year. This also streamlines the financial planning process as it removes the need to re-forecast the budget presented at the previous AGM. This will result in the presentation of the most current version of the budget to the membership. The deletion of the last sentence is a housekeeping matter as it is already addressed in Part 4.1 “Membership Dues.”

Current

5.6 Notice of Meeting of Members.
(j) An annual budget for the following fiscal year, prepared by the Finance Committee, shall be forwarded to each member and each director at least 21 days before the date of each annual general meeting. The budget shall include all proposed fees.

Proposed

5.6 Notice of Meeting of Members.
(l) An annual budget for the current fiscal year, prepared by the Finance Committee, shall be forwarded to each member and each director at least 21 days before the date of each annual general meeting. ~~The budget shall include all proposed fees.~~

Bylaw Amendment #2

Rationale: Currently the short-term borrowing limit of \$50,000 is used to facilitate credit card purchasing by the Association to support the operational activities. As costs increase, and during peak activity times, these limits are not sufficient to allow the Association to use the credit cards efficiently. For example, during Provincial Championship periods, hotels require credit upwards of \$25,000 to secure blocks of hotel rooms. Thus, under the current bylaw borrowing limits, we are unable to support other credit card purchases during this period.

Current

12.3 Borrowing. Subject to these bylaws, the Board may, without authorization of the members:
(a) borrow up to \$100,000 on the credit of the Society, of which \$50,000 may only be short term debt to be paid within 60 days of incurring the debt;

Proposed

12.3 Borrowing. Subject to these bylaws, the Board may, without authorization of the members:
(a) borrow up to **\$150,000** on the credit of the Society, of which **\$100,000** may only be short term debt to be paid within 60 days of incurring the debt;

Bylaw Amendment #3

Rationale: Sub-classes of Associate Membership are altered through the annual review by the Governance & Membership Committee and based on needs of membership. Amendment will eliminate the duplication of language between Bylaws and the applicable governing documents while allowing the Association to better respond to changes to the landscape.

Current	Proposed
<p>(2) Associate Members – Non-Voting</p> <p>(a) Associate Members. Membership shall be open to organizations, on an annual basis, where such admission is of benefit to members and/or the wider soccer community, including but not limited to the following:</p> <p>(i) Adult Associate Leagues. Membership shall be open to all properly constituted adult leagues operating 11-aside soccer during the Spring or Summer, and/or indoor, small-sided or futsal soccer during any time of the year in British Columbia.</p> <p>(ii) Short Term Members. Membership shall be open to organizations for a short term of up to 30 days where such admission is of benefit to the Society, its members and/or the wider soccer community.</p> <p>(iii) 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. (Remove January 10, 2022)</p>	<p>(2) Associate Members – Non-Voting</p> <p>(a) Associate Members. Membership shall be open to organizations, on an annual basis, where such admission is of benefit to members and/or the wider soccer community. including but not limited to the following:</p> <p>(i) Adult Associate Leagues. Membership shall be open to all properly constituted adult leagues operating 11-aside soccer during the Spring or Summer, and/or indoor, small-sided or futsal soccer during any time of the year in British Columbia.</p> <p>(ii) Short Term Members. Membership shall be open to organizations for a short term of up to 30 days where such admission is of benefit to the Society, its members and/or the wider soccer community.</p> <p>(iii) 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. (Remove January 10, 2022)</p>

Bylaw Amendment #4

Rationale: The Amendment reflects current practice, streamlines efficiency, and is aligned with Operational Effectiveness Review outcomes.

Current

6.19 Operational Committees. The Board shall constitute and maintain operational committees as it deems needed to support the operation, which shall be accountable to the Board. The terms of reference of each committee shall be kept up to date and published on the Society's website for public access.

Proposed

6.19 Operational Committees. The **Executive Director** shall constitute and maintain operational committees as it deems needed to support the operation, which shall be accountable to the **Executive Director**. The terms of reference of each committee shall be kept up to date and published on the Society's website for public access.

Bylaw Amendment #5

Rationale: The current Bylaw provides Members with limited notice for a meeting while preventing the Association to proactively communicate and prepare for meetings (i.e. communicate more than 60 days before a meeting). The increase from 7 to 14 days also allows members to properly convene and appoint delegates as appropriate.

Current

5.6 Notice of Meeting of Members.
(i) Notice of a meeting of members shall be given to the auditor, if any is appointed, and to each member at its registered address, in writing (including electronic communication), by mail, courier or personal delivery at least 7 days and no more than 60 days before the meeting.

Proposed

5.6 Notice of Meeting of Members.
(i) Notice of a meeting of members shall be given to the auditor, if any is appointed, and to each member at its registered address, in writing (including electronic communication), by mail, courier or personal delivery at least **14 days** ~~and no more than 60 days~~ before the meeting.

Bylaw Amendment #6

Rationale: Extend time for Member Organizations to review and consult their stakeholders regarding any proposed amendments to the Bylaws while also allowing the Association to properly review and consider submissions.

Current	Proposed
<p>5.15 Process for Amendment. Any written amendment or addition request shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) received by the Board at least 45 days prior to any general meeting;(j) Adult Leagues or Youth Districts shall be provided with copies of the proposed amendments at least 30 days prior to any general meeting; and(k) no motion may be placed on the floor of a general meeting that obviates or intends to obviate the intention of this Section.	<p>5.15 Process for Amendment. Any written amendment or addition request will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) received by the Board at least 60 days prior to any general meeting;(j) Voting Members will be provided with copies of the proposed amendments at least 45 days prior to any general meeting; and(k) no motion may be placed on the floor of a general meeting that obviates or intends to obviate the intention of this Section.

Bylaw Amendment #7

Rationale: To comply with legislation as adult in British Columbia is defined as an individual who is 19 years or older.

Current	Proposed
<p>(c) "Adult" means an individual who has reached the age of 18 years;</p>	<p>(c) "Adult" means an individual who has reached the age of 19 years;</p>

Bylaw Amendment #8

Rationale: Amendment creates better alignment to The Canadian Sport Governance Code, improve efficiency, and reduces duplication of work amongst Standing Committees.

Current	Proposed
<p>6.18 Standing Committees. The Board shall constitute and maintain the following standing committees to be advisory to the Board. The terms of reference of each committee shall be kept up to date and published on the Society's website for public access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Finance;(b) Nominations;(c) Governance;(d) Risk Management; and(e) Membership	<p>6.18 Standing Committees. The Board shall constitute and maintain the following standing committees to be advisory to the Board. The terms of reference of each committee shall be kept up to date and published on the Society's website for public access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Finance, Audit and Risk(b) Nominations;(c) Governance and Membership

Bylaw Amendment #9 – Proposed by Vancouver Metro Soccer League

Rationale: The VMSL requests that BC Soccer Members vote on a motion at the November 5, 2022 BC Soccer AGM to increase the threshold for special resolutions to 75% in order to complement the recent changes to the voting structure for BC Soccer members. The rationale for this change is to more closely align the special resolution threshold with the new level of aggregate voting percentage of Youth District Associations. While voting percentages will vary over time (based on player numbers), this proposal generally creates a situation whereby in order for a special resolution to pass it would need near-unanimity among Youth District Associations or would need support from some combination of Youth District Associations and Adult Leagues. Note that the motion retains a two-thirds threshold for the removal of a BC Soccer Director as this is a requirement of the BC Societies Act.

Current	Proposed
<p>Part 1 – General 1.2 Definitions: (ff) "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by majority of not less than 2/3 of the votes cast by those members or delegates;</p>	<p>PART 1 – General 1.2 Definitions: (ff) "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by majority of not less than 3/4 of the votes cast by those members or delegates, or, in the specific case of the removal of a Director, not less than 2/3 of the votes cast by those members or delegates;</p>