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Attention: BC Soccer Members

From: BC Soccer

RE: Coaching Certification Requirements for Cup Play

BC Soccer wishes to remind all member organizations and their affiliated clubs, teams and coaches of the coaching certification requirements to compete in regional play down competitions that lead to and including Provincial Championships. These competitions include Youth Coastal Cup and Youth Interior play downs.

Coaching Certification Requirements

The coaching certification requirements as per BC Soccer's 2015 Youth Provincial Championships Rules and Regulations are as follows:

- *As of 2014, the head coach of each team must have the Soccer for Life CSA/BC Soccer coaching certification.*
- *Teams may not enter or take part in any Provincial Cup unless the Team Head Coach has completed the "Soccer for Life" coaching course or higher level (A or B Licence) course.*

The coaching certification requirement as per the Coastal Cup's and the Interior Play downs 2015 Competitions Rules are as follows:

- *Teams may not enter or take part in Coastal Cup unless the Team Head Coach has completed the "Soccer for Life" coaching course or higher level (A or B Licence) course.*

The coaching certification requirement as per BC Soccer's 2014-2015 Adult Provincial Championships Competition Rules and Regulations are as follows:

- At least one member of the coaching staff must have the following CSA / BC Soccer Coaching Certification for teams entered in the Provincial A Championship.
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Responsibility

The individual coach and team are responsible to ensure that they meet the requirement prior to entry (via their Youth District Soccer Association or Adult League) into said competitions.



Oversight

The organization/committee with jurisdiction over the competition (i.e. BC Soccer for Provincial Championships, Coastal Cup Committee for Coastal Cup, etc.) will have oversight of this requirement and will address any complaints that are received regarding compliance to it.

Repercussions

Should a coach be deemed not in compliance with the coaching certification requirement, the organization/committee with jurisdiction over that competition will be able to not accept entry and/or removal of team for said completion. Should this occur in any regional play down competition, said team would not be eligible to compete in any Provincial Championship for that season.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact myself.

Kind Regards,

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