

**Via E-mail**

June 21, 2016

**Attention:** BC Soccer Membership (and affiliated soccer clubs)

**From:** BC Soccer

**Re:** 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Summary

The BC Soccer Annual General Meeting was held on June 11, 2016. During the AGM there were changes to the BC Soccer board as well as amendments approved by the membership to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations that BC Soccer would like to make everyone aware of. A few changes that BC Soccer wants to highlight are: Board of Director Changes, Implementing the Retreat Line in all U13 playing environments, Introducing BC Soccer Short Term Player Permits, enhancements to Coaching Course hosting as well as the requirement for all Youth Districts, Adult Leagues and Affiliated Youth Clubs to have Notice to Reader Financial statements.

**Retreat Line Required for all U13 Playing Environments**

Rule 23 D, was added to the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations

- d) All Youth Districts shall administer the retreat line for the U13 age group in all playing environments under the U13 Retreat Line Guidelines as produced and published by the BC Soccer Soccer Development Department, and approved by the Board of Directors of BC Soccer.

The Retreat Line is a development tool that assists with the development of players, technically and as a team, tactically. It is currently implemented within all Small-Sided Under 12 and below playing environments along with the u13 age group within the BCSPL. To see the guidelines for implementing the Retreat line into Under 13 age group playing environments please read the U13 Retreat Line Guidelines which can be found here: <https://www.bcsoccer.net/bylaws>

Benefits of Implementing the Retreat Line include:

- The use of the retreat line for Under 13 players transitioning to eleven-a-side soccer increases the number of passing sequences and frequency of the ball advancing beyond the middle third from a goal kick.
- The space generated by the retreat line allows players to practice appropriate dispersal, which enables supporting movement into channels to help advance the ball out of the defensive and middle thirds of the field. Also, the space provides opportunities for goalkeepers to be more involved with and to practice their distribution.
- The time generated by the retreat line allows the attaching team's players the opportunity to receive and play the ball into their teammates. This allows for players to repeatedly receive the ball with less pressure which enhances the opportunity of three or more passes.

The implementation of the retreat line within U13 playing environments take effect for the 2016/2017 coastal season and for the 2017 interior season.

If you or any of your affiliate members have any questions regarding the Retreat Line and its implementation please contact: Chris Cerroni, Director of Soccer Development at [chriscerroni@bcsoccer.net](mailto:chriscerroni@bcsoccer.net)

### **Coaching Course Hosting**

BC Soccer is enhancing the administration of community coaching courses to support the membership and affiliate organizations. These enhancements will provide more coach education opportunities to more coaches in British Columbia. Enhancements will take effect August 1, 2016 and were approved by the BC Soccer membership with the annual budget at the 2016 AGM.

BC Soccer is introducing the following as of August 1, 2016:

- ✓ Lowering the requirement for minimum registration numbers to limit cancelled courses
- ✓ Creating course delivery formats that will provide more flexibility to hosts
- ✓ Streamlining the community course fee invoicing process with a flat fee model for hosts
- ✓ Providing autonomy to Hosts to charge course participants if they choose

[For more information on the enhancements, please click here.](#)

### **Notice to Reader**

In addition to the above, amongst other notable amendments was the membership approval of the requirement for all Youth Districts, Adult Leagues and their youth affiliate clubs to have Notice to Read financial statements completed on an annual basis. By having this now in play within the overarching BC Soccer bylaws, participants (and families) who register within soccer have the assurance each BC Soccer member and affiliate has appropriate measures to ensure financial responsibility.

### **Short Term Player Permit**

At the AGM the membership also approved rule amendments to introduce the BC Soccer Short Term Player Permit. These amendments enable member organizations that ability to permit individuals whom are otherwise not registered with BC Soccer via a Youth District Association or Adult League to participate solely in sanctioned tournament or exhibition / friendly matches. Players who are permitted are not registered players with BC Soccer nor can they participate in any sanctioned youth or adult league, including cup competitions.

BC Soccer is currently working to develop the process to administer BC Soccer Short Term Player Permits and will update the membership in due course. Thanks you for your patience

### **Other Bylaw, Rules and Regulations Amendments**

[To ensure all members are aware of the approved and defeated amendments, BC Soccer is pleased to provide its members and the soccer community with the 'Amendments for Consideration' updated document with identifies whether the item was carried \(approved\) or defeated.](#)

## **Board of Director Appointments**

The Annual General Meeting saw the appointment of a new BC Soccer President, **Kjeld Brodsgaard**, and a newly elected First Vice President, **Aiman El-Ramly**.

Furthermore, BC Soccer also welcomes back: **Chris Appleby**, VP of Finance; **Rob Lennox**, VP of Youth; **Carlos Grosso**, Director; **Chuck Bennet**, Director; **Ed Kennedy**, Director and **Don Dancey**, Director who were all re-elected by the membership to the BC Soccer board on two year terms. BC Soccer is very pleased to have these great volunteers remain with the association to be able to carry on to drive the association forward. Also joining BC Soccer's board, as a Director, is **Leanna Napolitano** from Cliff Avenue FC from within the Burnaby District Youth Soccer Association. BC Soccer and the wider membership congratulates and welcomes Leanna to the board for her 1 year term.

## **Year in Review**

After another successful year of soccer in British Columbia, BC Soccer is pleased to release their [2015-2016 Year in Review](#). The creation of the [BC Soccer Club Charter Program](#), delivery of a FIFA Live Your Goals Festival, along with the numerous Grassroots Festivals across the province and [Coach Education](#) highlight some of the major successes this past year.

BC Soccer had some incredible accomplishments both on and off the field in 2015-2016 including the creation of the which will be the driving force for BC Soccer for the next three (four fiscal) years and an increase in overall registration. Below are a few more highlighted successes which were accomplished in the 2015-2016 year:

- [80% of the 2012-2015 outlined goals and objectives](#)
- [Introducing 2016-2019 Strategic Plan](#)
- [135 Coaching Courses Delivered to over 2,650 coaches](#)
- [75 new Coaching Learning Facilitators \(Courses Instructors\) trained](#)
- [40 U8 – U12 Grassroots Festivals delivered](#)
- [175 Referee Certification Clinics delivered](#)
- [129 Grassroots Referee Education Session delivered to more than 1935 participants](#)
- [66 Club Charter Presentations delivered to affiliated soccer club boards](#)
- [30 clubs submitted their letter of intent to take part in the Club Charter Program \(as of June 2016\)](#)
- [Realigned BC Soccer's High Performance Program](#) (changing from a team based program to an individual player development identification based program)
- [Implemented governance and structural changes to the BC Soccer Premier League](#)
- [Increase player representation on Canada Soccer Youth teams](#)
- Delivery of very successful Youth / Adult Provincial Championships in conjunction with Coastal FC, Penticton, Nelson, 100 Mile house and the Fraser Valley Soccer League.
- Delivery of the U16 National Club Championship in conjunction with Coastal FC



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- Introduction of pathway images across [Player Development](#), [Coaching Development](#), [Referee Development](#) and all Playing Environments
- [Enhancement to BC Soccer CRM, member support system](#)
- No fee increase for BC Soccer members for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row!

For more details on the 2015/16 year, please see BC Soccer's Year In Review document [HERE](#).