



**VIA EMAIL**

June 19, 2017

**Attention:** BC Soccer Membership

**From:** BC Soccer

**Re:** 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Summary

The BC Soccer Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, June 10, 2017. During the AGM amendments were made to BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations, BC Soccer's newly proposed bylaws were presented, fee increases were approved and finance updates regarding GST were provided. Additionally, BC Soccer's Board welcomed three new Directors. A BC Gaming and Societies Act Workshop was featured amongst various member forums held the following day, Sunday, June 11, 2017. The summary below provides a few more details on key updates, rule amendments, and changes BC Soccer would like to highlight:

**Strategic Plan & Year-in-Review**

During the Executive Officers Report, BC Soccer President, Kjeld Brodsgaard, highlighted some of BC Soccer's successes over the past 12-13 months including extending BC Soccer's reach to Haida Gwaii, sanctioning 3 new youth spring leagues, providing 98 of Canada Soccer's 600 players across its national teams, launching the #respectall initiative and having over 55 clubs opt into BC Soccer's Club Charter Program. He further shared that of the 40 objectives in BC Soccer's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan, BC Soccer has delivered 15, is making timely progress on 20 and will begin work on the remaining 5 this year.

Executive Director, Jason Elligott, provided more detail on BC Soccer's operational activities and spoke to achievements across BC's soccer community as he recapped BC Soccer's 2016-2017 Year-in-Review; an electronic version of BC Soccer's 2016-2017 Year-in-Review is [available on BC Soccer's website](#).

**Proposed Bylaws & Rule Amendments**

BC Soccer presented a completely updated version of its Constitution & Bylaws to the membership as means to comply with the new Societies Act, remain compliant with BC Soccer's governing bodies, align governance practices to remove conflict of interest and generally stream-line/clean up the current version. Presented in their entirety as one amendment, the proposed bylaws were not approved by the membership; however, much feedback was provided over the course of the weekend. BC Soccer will be providing a memo describing potential "substantial" changes to the proposed bylaws under separate cover at the request of the members in attendance.

While the majority of rule amendments were housekeeping, those that BC Soccer would like to highlight include the newly amended:

• **RULE 5 – PLAYER REGISTRATION u)**

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 games.*

This means that where ID cards are required, the physical ID card template does not need to be provided directly by BC Soccer (though will still be available); however, a player/team official ID card must include all of the information listed above on it and still must be validated by the Youth District/Adult League Registrar or designate. This reflects current practice.

This updated rule also removes the requirement for player and team official ID cards for those adult players that will not compete to participate in provincial cup. This provides adult leagues more flexibility to use their discretion regarding player and team official ID card requirements and reflects current practice among many associate adult leagues.

• **RULE 17 – REFEREES m)**

m) *For all youth district (including inter district league), adult league and affiliated associations under the sanction or jurisdiction of BC Soccer, the maximum match fee payable to a match official shall be \$100.00 per game. This amount includes any additional expenses, excluding pre-approved travel expenses that may be paid to a referee for travel.*

This rule amendment means that a Youth District/League or Adult League may now pay referees up to \$100 per match; however, this amount is not the requirement.

• **RULE 23 – RULES OF PLAY – YOUTH h)i)**

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

i) *Head Coaches shall comply with this requirement within six (6) months of their Head Coach appointment. CSA foreign equivalency may be applied.*

<b>TEAM AGE GROUP</b>	<b>U6</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U13-U18 Grassroots</b>	<b>U13-U18 High Performance</b>
<b>COACHING COURSES</b>	<b>ACTIVE START</b>	<b>FUNDAMENTALS</b>		<b>LEARN TO TRAIN</b>			<b>SOCCER FOR LIFE (or higher)</b>	<b>B NATIONAL Trained</b>	

This rule amendment now requires Head Coaches of High Performance teams to have achieved a B National Trained coaching standard, where previously the requirement was to have achieved the full B National certification.

[To view the full POST 2017 AGM Bylaw & Rule Amendments Package, please click here.](#)

## **Approved Fee Increase and GST Update**

With a decline in player registration and rise in costs, BC Soccer proposed a fee increase for the first time in 8 years, effective as of April 1, 2018. It was noted that the additional revenue would keep BC Soccer from running a deficit budget and enable BC Soccer to continue delivering the same level of service and programming. The player fees as of April 1, 2018 are:

- U6 – U10: \$21.00 (from \$20.13)
- U11 to Adult (full member): \$34.00 (from \$31.80)
- Associate Adult: \$17.50 (from \$16.94)

Attendees were also informed that BC Soccer recently received new information regarding the requirement to charge GST on specific items. While player registration and affiliation fees will not include a GST fee, a few examples of services that will now include a 5% GST fee are coach certification courses, referee clinic (excluding the Small-Sided Referee Clinic), player transfers and travel applications, etc. Implementation of the GST fee is targeted to begin August 1, 2017. [Updated BC Soccer Program and Fee Schedules can be found here.](#)

## **Board of Director Appointments**

The Annual General Meeting saw the re-appointment of **Aiman El-Ramly** as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and **Rob Brown** as Vice President, Adult, both for two-year terms.

Additionally, BC Soccer welcomed back **Don Moslin** and **Leanna Napolitano** who were re-elected to Director positions along with new board members **John Charlton**, **Ralph Luongo** and **Justus Mirembe**; also for two-year terms. BC Soccer wishes to thank former board members John Reed, Shannon Foster and Ron Brar who opted not to re-run for election this year. These individuals supported the association very well over their terms and BC Soccer thanks them for their individual and collective contributions to BC Soccer and soccer in BC.

## **BC Gaming & Societies Act Workshop**

On the Sunday following the AGM, BC Soccer members and affiliated clubs heard from BC Gaming about available BC Gaming Grants and learned about the application process. In addition, attendees heard from BC Soccer's legal partners, Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP, about changes to the Societies Act, how to transition their organization, and about the BC Soccer Constitution & Bylaws templates available.

For more information on BC Gaming's Community Grants Program, [CLICK HERE](#)  
To access BC Soccer's Constitution & Bylaws templates, [CLICK HERE](#)