



VIA EMAIL

September 18th, 2017

Attention: BC Soccer Membership (and affiliated soccer clubs)

From: BC Soccer

Re: Updated BC Soccer Small Sided Game Development Manual

Members and affiliated clubs may have questions as to why the BC Soccer Small Sided Games Development Manual has been updated further as it was last updated in April 2017, therefore please accept this letter as more detailed rationale as to why there has been revisions to the Game Formats and Forming of Teams. Further, BC Soccer understands the revision comes at the start of the Coastal season, however the revisions should not negatively impact on any of the current activity but rather have the opposite effect.

Game Formats

The 'Game formats' section within the BC Soccer Small Sided Game Development Manual was revised to provide more flexibility for grassroots stage 2, 3 and 7 programming and still in alignment with LTPD guidelines. The rationale is to better capture grassroots development programming and to provide further flexibility for game formats at U8 and U9, provide a wider range of game durations and to remove a maximum squad size for further flexibility.

Forming of Teams

The 'forming of teams' section within the BC Soccer Small Sided Game Development Manual was revised to remove the 'required' designation for 2018 and for it to remain 'recommended'. The rationale for this decision is:

- To better support grassroots development programming which is actively working towards the recommended practice of forming teams taking into consideration their logistical and operational realities that may make this challenging to attain by 2018 and not to penalize grassroots development programming.
- To provide more flexibility in the practice of forming teams as currently it is an informal non-documented recommendation from Canada Soccer, not a requirement, nor is it referenced in LTPD at this stage. That said, BC Soccer is aware that Canada Soccer is working on requirements in this area which may be forthcoming over the coming months/years.
- Still provides the District with recommend practice to implement into League structure.

To read the Small Sided Games Development Manual, please find it on BC Soccer's website:
<https://bcsoccer.net/bylaws>

Should you have further questions, please direct them to chiscerroni@bcsoccer.net.

Kind Regards,

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