



ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY GROUP REPORT

BACKGROUND

At the 2018 BC Soccer Annual General Meeting, BC Soccer’s Board of Director’s proposed to “move Rule 22a.i.a, a.i.b, a.i.c and Rule 22.b to Rule 5 – Player Registration (renumbering as required); remove the remainder Rule 22 – Youth Zoning; and remove Rule 26.h and k.i.”

A motion to accept the amendments presented (i.e. Rule Amendment #6) was made. After Discussion there was a motion to Refer the Motion to accept the amendments to a BC Soccer Sub-Committee. This motion passed.

In Summer of 2018, BC Soccer’s Board of Directors approved the creation of the Associate Membership Advisory Group, a sub-committee of BC Soccer’s Membership Committee. One of the deliverables of the Associate Membership Advisory Group was to review and report on the amendments “Referred to Committee” at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY GROUP COMPOSITION

Name	Organization
Garry Sangha (Chair)	BC Soccer
Justus Mirembe (Vice Chair)	BC Soccer
Chuck Bennett	Nelson Soccer Association
Kevin Cowie	Upper Island Soccer Association
Harj Dhaliwal	South Fraser District Association
Candace Dodson-Willis	Kamloops Youth Soccer Association
Dave Monk	Richmond Soccer Association
Frank Rennick	North Okanagan Youth Soccer Association
Mario Santos	Alouette District Youth Soccer Association
Tim Satterford	Lower Island Soccer Association
Jason Elligott (Staff Member)	BC Soccer
Lori D’Andrea (Staff Liaison)	BC Soccer

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT

In their discussion of Rule Amendment #6, the Associate Membership Advisory Group determined that the core of Rule Amendment #6 was the removal of youth zoning rules. The Group:

- Acknowledged the statistics regarding the number of Out-of-District Players by Youth District, previously shared with the membership which summarized that based on 2017-2018 Primary Season data (received by BC Soccer office as of January 4, 2018), 97.2% of players participate in soccer within their District.
- Were informed that annually BC Soccer staff receive requests for dispensation to Youth Zoning rules

- Acknowledged that some Youth Districts have club boundaries and discussed what potential impact the removal of BC Soccer’s youth zoning rule may have
- Agreed that players (and their families) should have the right to decide where they participate in soccer

RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Membership Advisory Group recommends that youth zoning rules be removed from BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations; further, that a rule be inserted that does not allow Youth Districts to have club boundaries.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION

The Associate Membership Advisory Group propose to amend the original motion of “Motion to Approve Rule Amendment #6 as presented (at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM)” to “Motion to Approve Rule Amendment #6 as presented (at the 2018 BC Soccer AGM) and insert Rule 5.v: Youth Districts shall not have the option to establish zoning within its district.”

TIMELINE

The target to propose the amendments is BC Soccer’s 2019 Annual General Meeting (November).