

VIA EMAIL

May 12, 2020

Attention: BC Soccer Full/associate Members, BCSPL and Affiliated Soccer Clubs

From: BC Soccer's Board of Directors

Re: 2020 Provincial Championships

Dear Members, Affiliated Clubs and the BCSPL,

We continue to wish you all well during these uncertain times.

In follow up to the information shared with the members and affiliated clubs on April 6, 2020 regarding Provincial Championships, BC Soccer's Board of Directors met on May 9, 2020 and part of the discussion included our Provincial Competitions.

Youth Provincial Championships

With the ongoing uncertainty, the current health authority limitations on mass gatherings, individual distancing requirements and guidance on non-essential travel, along with the ongoing Canada Soccer suspension of soccer activity, BC Soccer's Board of Directors, with the safety of all involved considered, made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Youth A and B Provincial Championships.

The decision was not taken lightly and was done in consultation with the Youth District Members.

The Board of Directors also discussed the 2020 Youth Provincial Premier Cup and agreed to cancel this competition as well. However, it was agreed that if we are able to get back to regular soccer and Canada Soccer decides to operate a 2020 National Championship competition, BC Soccer will discuss with the BCSPL clubs to determine any interest at the U15 and U17 age categories in participating in playdowns leading to Nationals, noting that no team will be penalized for non-participation.

Youth Regional Championships

The Coastal Cup Committee canceled the 2020 Coastal Cup on April 1, 2020 - <http://www.bccoastalsoccerleague.ca/doclib/Coastal%20Cup%20-%20MEMO%20April%201%202020.docx.pdf>.

Aligned with this decision, BC Soccer would also like to advise that the previously communicated Interior Regional Cups scheduled for June are canceled.

Adult Provincial Championships

At the same May 9, 2020 BC Soccer Board of Directors meeting, there was also considerable discussion on the 2020 Adult Provincial Championships. The discussion included confirmation that the Full Member Adult League members and members of the Adult Competitions Committee very much want to offer some form of Provincial Cup in 2020 if we can do so. Of course, there was concerns over consistency

between youth and adult provincial championships, the current distancing measures of 6 feet between people from separate households, mass gathering restrictions, and how these restrictions currently prohibit the association from offering a competition. In light of the above, it was determined that the BC Health Authority restrictions (and any potential softening of them) would determine if any form of Adult Provincial Cup competition could take place in 2020, and the board would revisit this at a later date when more information is known.

Similar to the comments above regarding youth and Nationals, it was agreed that if we are able to get back to regular soccer and Canada Soccer decides to operate a 2020 National Championship competition, BC Soccer will discuss with the Adult Members to determine any interest at the appropriate levels/categories in participating in playdowns leading to Nationals, noting that no team will be penalized for non-participation.

Return to Play Plan for Soccer – Phase 1

We would also like to take this opportunity to briefly update everyone regarding return to play planning.

Our [April 30, 2020 memo](#) to the members and affiliated clubs is still the most up to date information. We are hoping to receive more information from the health authorities care of the Sport branch/Via Sport in the coming days/weeks, however, we still have not received any indication on when activity may return. We continue to develop a Return to Play Phase 1 Plan for soccer that (we feel) falls within the health authorities' requirements and once we have more information on this, we will provide it to our members and affiliated clubs.

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