



VIA EMAIL

September 28, 2020

Attention: BC Soccer Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs

From: Jason Elligott, Executive Director, BC Soccer

Re: Judicial Activity Independency & Judicial and Appeals Chair update

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Clubs,

As a reminder, in December 2018, BC Soccer as a member association of Canada Soccer was required to ensure all judicial/disciplinary activity be independent of BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff. The association was compliant with this directive from Canada Soccer with the Board's appointment of Dan Turvill as the Judicial Chair and Gord Rogers as the Appeals Chair. Over the last two years, both Dan and Gord have supported BC Soccer in these very challenging roles.

In August 2020, with the intent to be open and transparent, BC Soccer posted a call for expressions of interest for both the Judicial Chair and Appeals Chair roles. The call generated multiple applications from some very qualified and capable individuals.

At the September 12, 2020 BC Soccer Board Meeting, the Board of Directors accepted the interview panels recommendation and as of October 1, 2020, appointed Dave Jones as the new Judicial Chair and Sean Donlan as the new Appeals Chair on 3-year and 2-year terms respectively. Both individuals meet the independence requirement for the roles and have extensive policing and/or legal education, knowledge, and experience. While Dave Jones has previously had more of a closer connection to soccer in BC, Sean Donlan brings a different perspective having organized soccer in under-privileged, international communities. Atop their substantial resumes, BC Soccer feels that both Dave and Sean bring fresh perspectives, new ideas, and an advanced knowledge base that provides BC Soccer with increased opportunities to review its judicial policies and procedures from a more knowledgeable frame of reference, further educate/empower members and potentially approach discipline in alternative ways.

BC Soccer's Board of Directors and staff express sincere thanks to both Dan Turvill and Gord Rogers for their commitment and service to BC Soccer over the last two years filling these very challenging roles.

For more information on the Judicial Code and Policies of BC Soccer and the complaints process, please see review here - https://bcsoccer.net/files/AboutUs/BylawsRulesRegsPolicies/judicial_code_and_policies_of_bc_soccer_20200202.pdf



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Safe Sport - Position Statement

BC Soccer believes that everyone involved in soccer has the right to participate in safe and inclusive environments free of abuse, harassment, discrimination, and to enjoy the sport at whatever level or capacity they participate in.

The welfare of everyone involved in soccer is the foremost consideration and in particular, the protection of children in the sport is the responsibility of everyone involved.

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CC: Earl Cochrane, Canada Soccer
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BC Soccer Board of Directors and Staff
Dave Jones, newly appointed BC Soccer Judicial Chair
Sean Donlan, newly appointed BC Soccer Appeals Chair
Dan Turvill, exiting BC Soccer Judicial Chair
Gord Rogers, exiting BC Soccer Appeals Chair