

**VIA EMAIL**

May 26, 2020

**Attention:** BC Soccer Members and Affiliated Clubs

**From:** Dan Turvill, Judicial Chair of BC Soccer

**Re:** BC Soccer Judicial Update – Deferring Suspensions

Dear Members and Affiliated Clubs,

As you're aware, in accordance with direction from Canada Soccer, BC Soccer has suspended sanctioned soccer activity regarding concerns over the spread of COVID-19. While soccer activity has been suspended, this means that individuals in certain roles within the soccer community are not able to currently serve their suspensions. Accordingly, as advised by Canada Soccer, some suspensions that are currently being served will be deferred.

As of March 13, 2020, those individuals that are currently serving term suspensions (i.e. a suspension for a specific stated period of time: 2 months, 3 years, etc.) and who are not in an administrative role, will have their suspensions put on hold. The serving of these suspensions may recommence upon the resumption of soccer activity as stipulated by BC Soccer at a future date. For example, if a player on February 1, 2020 received a term suspension of 5 months from all soccer activity, as of March 13, 2020 the player will have served 1.5 months of their suspension. Based on this, the player would still have 3.5 months left to serve, beginning on the day that soccer activity resumes. Individuals with suspensions on hold will be able to participate in sanctioned activity that is currently available (e.g. online training, referee clinics, coaching courses).

The Judicial Chair of BC Soccer will review ongoing term suspensions that have been issued by BC Soccer's Discipline Panel on a case-by-case basis to determine which ones are put on hold based on the above criteria. The length of time remaining to be served by individuals in a non-administrative role will be communicated to each affected party upon the resumption of soccer activity. BC Soccer's member Youth Districts, Adult Leagues, affiliated clubs, and affiliated leagues are recommended to do the same for any ongoing term suspensions they have issued.

In order to provide more clarity, please refer to the examples on the following page.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please contact BC Soccer Judicial via [discipline@bcsoccer.net](mailto:discipline@bcsoccer.net).

Sincerely,

Dan Turvill  
Judicial Chair of BC Soccer

**Suspensions on Hold – Examples:**

<b>Individual's Role</b>	<b>Suspension Length</b>	<b>Is the suspension put on hold?</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Player</b>	6 months	Yes	This is a term suspension for an individual in a non-administrative role.
<b>Player</b>	5 matches	No	This is a match suspension and can only be served once match play resumes. No need to put on hold.
<b>District/League Director</b>	2 months	No	This is an administrative official; this suspension should be served presently.
<b>Team Official</b>	1 year	Yes	This is a term suspension for an individual in a non-administrative role.
<b>Team Official</b>	8 matches	No	This is a match suspension and can only be served once match play resumes. No need to put on hold.
<b>Club Staff</b>	1 month	No	This is an administrative official; this suspension should be served presently.
<b>Match Official</b>	3 months (term suspension was scheduled to end after March 23)	Yes	The individual is required to serve an additional 10 days under suspension.