



VIA EMAIL

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

From: Alfonso Munoz, Member Services & Club Licensing Officer, BC Soccer

Re:

1. BC Soccer Charter Designation Transition to Canada Soccer Quality for Soccer Designation update and
2. **Club Call to Action** to register for and attend a BC Soccer Zoom Meeting with Quality Sport Hub's Matt Young where he will present Canada Soccer newly Licensed Quality Soccer Operating System designed to help clubs create stronger and more transparent and accountable processes around quality soccer. See page 3 for meeting details and to RSVP!

Dear Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs,

As you may be aware, Canada Soccer over the last couple years, introduced its Club Licensing Program which initially complemented BC Soccer's Charter Program. The highest level of Canada Soccer's program is the National Youth Club License, and those organizations that achieve this have the potential to participate in the BC Soccer Premier League (with BC Soccer Board approval). The first level within Canada Soccer's Program is the *Quality Soccer Provider* designation.

Importantly, within the last six-month, Canada Soccer added to their Rules and Regulations the following requirement:

"Clubs that participate in an amateur youth league must hold, as a minimum, the Canada Soccer Quality Soccer Club Licence at the commencement of season 2022" (12.3.c. on page 20).

Therefore, BC Soccer is working to create the best environment to support all clubs and organizations at the local levels to achieve the designation to ensure BC Soccer and soccer in BC continues to be in good standing with Canada Soccer.

Along these lines, this memo is to update all Members and Affiliated clubs regarding the planned integration of BC Soccer's Charter Program as we transition it to the Canada Soccer *Quality Soccer Provider* designation.

Currently, the *Quality Soccer Provider* criteria are in full alignment with the current BC Soccer Charter Program requirements and BC Soccer Rules and Regulations, with a few added criteria that have been introduced by Canada Soccer.

To achieve the transition, **BC Soccer has determined that all clubs/organizations that met or renewed the Charter Program designation for 2019-20 will receive the same designation for 2020-2021.** Thus, there is no renewal requirements (or new applications being received) for 2020-21.

Over the next 6-8 months BC Soccer will be updating the online portal, developing and documenting further resources and more importantly preparing to assist clubs/organizations in their efforts to achieve Canada Soccer's *Quality Soccer Provider* designation.

Prior to the start of the 2021-2022 coastal and interior seasons, BC Soccer will communicate to the clubs/organizations the application process for the Canada Soccer *Quality for Soccer Provider* designation, at which point BC Soccer will connect with each organizations' Club Licensing Lead to determine the appropriate next steps specific to each club/organization.

What this means for your organization:

1. *Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs/Organization who have achieved Canada Soccer National Youth License or Canada Soccer Quality Soccer Provider recognition*
 - a. Your organization will maintain its Charter Status for the 2020-2021 season, and it is required to continue to meet the standards set out for either recognition.
 - b. During the 2021-2022 season your organization will have access to an online portal which will allow you to submit criteria in line with renewal and maintenance of the designation.

2. *Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs/Organization who have achieved Charter Status*
 - a. Your organization will maintain its Charter Status for the 2020-2021 season.
 - b. During the 2021-2022 season your organization will have access to an online portal which will allow you to submit criteria in line with renewal and maintenance of its designation, any newly introduced criteria will be requested at this time.

3. *Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs/Organization who have Opted-In to the Charter Program*
 - a. Your organization's application process will be put on hold for the 2020-2021 season and no contributions or progress will be reviewed.
 - b. During the 2021-2022 season your organization will have access to an online portal which will allow you to submit criteria in line with the requirements of the designation.

4. *Full/Associate Members and Affiliated Soccer Clubs/Organization who have not Opted-In to the Charter Program*
 - a. Your organization is encouraged to Opt-In to the Charter Program, no contributions or progress will be reviewed during the 2020-2021 season, opting-in will allow us to create your portal for you to access in due time. <https://clubcharter.bcsoccer.net/getinvolved>
 - b. During the 2021-2022 season your organization will have access to an online portal which will allow you to submit criteria in line with the requirements of the designation.



Zoom Meeting – Club Call to Action

We are pleased to welcome Matt Young from Quality Sport Hub to present to all clubs Canada Soccer's newly licensed Operating System designed to support Canada Soccer's Club Licensing Program. This system helps clubs create stronger and more transparent and accountable processes around quality soccer and we want all those clubs that want to improve what they do to attend.

The details of the meeting are below, and we ask that you RSVP by the date indicated.

Meeting date: Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

Location (Zoom link): <https://zoom.us/j/93910057507> - Meeting ID: 939 1005 7507

RSVP date: End of day Friday, February 19th, 2021

Please RSVP by emailing Alfonso Munoz at alfonsomunoz@bcsoccer.net

In summary this transition further aligns and supports Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program. It allows BC Soccer to use its experience and established application process to adapt and transition swiftly, while further focusing on supporting members/clubs/organizations to obtain the *Quality for Soccer Provider* designation. This will ensure BC Soccer and soccer in BC meets the obligation of membership per Canada Soccer's Rule and Regulations.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the above noted meeting to discuss how we can collectively improve soccer in our province and support the participants in the best way possible.

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