



**VIA EMAIL**

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

**From:** BC Soccer

**Re: Evaluation and Selection Process Recommendation and Guidance**

Dear Members and Affiliated Clubs,

As we all know, the last 12 months have been anything but normal, both for life and soccer. Our Interior members did not have a Spring 2020 season and the Coastal members have experienced a limited season with cohorts, and distance training, etc. We all would like to be in a better place for soccer, however, we also need to ensure sanctioned soccer activity is complying to whatever the current BC health authority orders are. We hope they loosen soon, but we have no indication on when and if they will.

Nevertheless, as members plan for hopefully a more normal Interior season and the Coastal members commence evaluations, selection and team formation for the spring and next Coastal season, we provide the following three guiding recommendations to clubs for player evaluations and selection process as well as the formation of teams. Importantly, the following has been developed with a player first approach as the main priority while also taking into consideration the impacts of the last 12 months and players not being able to participate in soccer like they normally would do.

**Recommendation 1: Keep Teams Together**

As best as possible, keep current team rosters as consistent to last year as possible, with the intent to limit the unnecessary movement (releasing or signing) of players at this time.

**Recommendation 2: Limit Evaluations**

Work to avoid evaluations as best as possible, especially if BC Health Authority restrictions require soccer activity to be distance training. It is very difficult to properly evaluate players when distancing measures are required to be in place.

If there is a need to move players from their current team environment, it is strongly recommended the clubs use the information they have available to make the most appropriate decision for that player. If the Technical Director/Lead has limited information on the player, ensure open discussion is occurring with the Team Coach, along with previous player evaluations to support the decision-making process.

If in doubt, see recommendation number 1: keep teams together.



**Recommendation 3: Use BC Soccer Recommended Player Evaluation Process (if restrictions allow)**

Once restrictions are lifted, follow the BC Soccer Recommended Player Evaluation Process, provided on page 7 of the “Small Sided Games Manual” linked below.

<https://bcsoccer.net/files/AboutUs/BylawsRulesRegsPolicies/BC%20Soccer%20-%20Small%20Sided%20Games%20Manual%20-%20Approved%201692017.pdf>

Whatever clubs do, please ensure the health and safety of the players (social, emotional, and physical) is the top priority in all decision-making. Everyone is experiencing challenging times right now and we need to ensure we are supporting the players (and families) as best as we possibly can. Evaluations and team selection can be stressful times for players in the best of times, so we need to be mindful of the current realities everyone is facing.

We hope this provides some guidance on the player evaluation and selection process and again, we appreciate that these are challenging times. From all of us at BC Soccer, we look forward with optimism to when we can all return to full contact and game play.

Kind regards,

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