



BC SOCCER

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Play Down Competitions
Rules and Regulations

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1) Introduction

The Interior Playdown competitions are the regional qualifications for Provincial Championships for the following regions: Thompson Okanagan, Columbia Kootenays, and North BC. The following is a listing of the Youth District Soccer Associations belonging to each region.

Thompson Okanagan

Central Okanagan
North Okanagan
South Okanagan
Kamloops Youth
Shuswap Youth
Barriere
Merritt

Columbia Kootenays

Columbia Valley
Creston
Golden
Kootenay East (Kimberly and Cranbrook)
Kootenay South
Nelson
Revelstoke
Boundary

North BC

South Peace
Nechako Lakes
Prince George
Quesnel
South Cariboo
Williams Lake
100 Mile House
Bulkley Valley
Kitimat
Prince Rupert
Terrace
Chetwynd
Mackenzie

Regional qualifications fall within the jurisdiction of BC Soccer and are delegated to the districts within the region. The districts form a Regional Organizing Committee to oversee the playdowns in their region. The BC Soccer Competition Committee will set the amount of funds available for regional play downs each year.

a. Application

- i. These rules shall apply to all Interior Playdown competitions managed by BC Soccer. Any variances for specific competition shall be as noted in these Rules.

b. Management of Competitions

- i. BC Soccer shall control the operation of these competitions, but may delegate organization of such to a regional organizing body/committee.
- ii. The Regional Organizing Committee may appoint a Coordinator/Statistician to oversee all aspects of the competition.
- iii. BC Soccer Youth Competitions Committee shall have the authority to order any game replayed, or played to a finish.

c. BC Soccer Constitution/Rules and Regulations Precedence

- i. In the event of any discrepancy between this document and the Rules

- and Regulations of BC Soccer, the later shall have precedence.
- ii. All games shall be played under the Interior Youth Provincial Playdown Competition Rules and Regulations of this Association, as adopted by the board each year.

d. BC Soccer Youth Competitions Committee

- i. Within the constraints of 1) c. i., BC Soccer, through its Competition Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for, as are necessary to achieve the objectives of BC Soccer. *Such changes shall be communicated to all Districts prior to the commencement of the competition so altered.*

e. Risk Management

- i. BC Soccer has a formal policy in regards to [Risk](#) Management. Please see the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations. Rule 21 – Risk Management.

f. Harassment

- i. BC Soccer has a formal Harassment Policy which shall apply to all sanctioned Competitions of the Association. A copy of this policy may be found in the BC Soccer [Conduct, Ethics and Discipline Standards and Policy](#) from the BC Soccer website www.bcsoccer.net. Any allegation of harassment shall be referred to a BC Soccer Judicial Chair.

2) Team Eligibility

a. Declarations/Entry Deadlines

- i. The Provincial Premier, A & B Cups shall be open to all youth teams under the jurisdiction of the Association, declared on entry forms provided by BC Soccer and with registration fees submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by the declaration date specified by region below in the current interior playing season, provided the team, or teams, have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues.
 1. Thompson Okanagan Region = May 15, 2018
 2. Columbia Kootenays Region = May 8, 2018
 3. Northern BC Region = May 24, 2018
- ii. Teams must declare, by their declaration date, the following:
 1. Level of competition they are entering (A, B or Premier)
 2. Whether they are withdrawing from participating in the Provincial Cup should they qualify through the interior regional play downs.
- iii. The Interior A Level Championships (leading to the Provincial A Cup) shall be open to all youth teams representing Interior Districts under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer, declared to their district on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by the declaration deadline in the current interior playing season, provided the team, or teams, have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension

- from district or authorized leagues.
- iv. The Interior B Level Championships (leading to the girls Provincial B Cup and boys Les Sinnott Cup) shall be open to any affiliated youth team (As per BC Soccer Rules and Regulations, Rule 24 d) as declared to their district on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by the declaration deadline in the current interior playing season, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues.
 - v. BC Soccer will use the declaration forms supplied by the declaration deadlines (as per 2)a)i) from the Interior districts to establish the declaration of teams entering the Interior playdowns.
 - vi. Once the declaration deadline has past and a team has declared to compete in an out of district, regional qualifying play downs, they are committed to Provincial Cup for that season, except as provided for in Rule 2) a) vii). Teams that withdraw past that point may forfeit their entire performance bond and a hearing may be held to determine their Provincial Cup eligibility for the following season. See Appendix 1 – Schedule of Fines.
 - vii. Teams competing in the regional qualifying play downs (Northern BC, Columbia Kootenays & Thompson Okanagan regions) may declare for the regional qualifying play downs but decline a berth in the Provincial Cup before the declaration deadline.
 - viii. Final rosters will be submitted on the Provincial Championship Roster Form by June 1st. Forms are to be received in the BC Soccer office by the dates established by the Board, or teams will not be eligible for Provincial Championships.

b. Dispensation

- i. Applies to districts whose boundaries are limited by geography, to form selected teams for Provincial A or B Championships only.
- ii. Written requests must be made by October 15th in the case of coastal districts and by May 1st in the case of interior districts.
- iii. Consideration will only be given to properly registered players selected from affiliated teams.
- iv. Applications from districts for dispensation must provide information regarding district registration numbers, number of rep teams to be formed, age groups, gender, league and distance from other clubs and or districts.
- v. A district club applying for dispensation will apply to their District Association. If approved, the district will then forward the application with the association approval to BC Soccer for dispensation on the club's behalf.
- vi. The BC Soccer Board of Directors may grant special permission for a team or teams to participate otherwise upon written request.
- vii. The BC Soccer Youth Competitions Committee may grant extraordinary dispensation requests for situations not covered above if deemed necessary.

c. Performance Bonds

- i. Interior member districts must have a performance bond posted with BC Soccer prior to any of their teams participating in the Interior Playdowns.
- ii. The performance bond for each district shall be \$1000 or \$300 per team declared for Provincial Cup, whichever is less.
- iii. The district posted Bond shall cover all teams the district has entered in cup play.
- iv. In addition to the general bonding requirement as noted above, the BC Soccer Competitions Committee may, for just cause, place any team, team official, or spectator on a specific Performance Bond before entering or during the course of a competition. In this case the Bond shall outline the amount of the Bond, the purpose(s) to be served, the duration of the Bond and the conditions under which either all or a portion of the bonding amount may be forfeited.
- v. In the case of a Bond placed upon a team, team official or spectator, their district may declare that the individual or group post the Bond prior to participation in a competition.
- vi. If the Bond is depleted during the course of cup play, the member district must forthwith replenish the bond.
- vii. Bond funds remaining after completion of all games in which the district has teams entered will only be returned if requested, to the district, team or individual having posted the bond deposit. If not, they will be held over to the next season.
- viii. Interest will not be paid on bond deposits.
- ix. Any team official or spectator refusing to sign an undertaking that makes up the bond, or by failing to post the required bond deposit, shall be immediately suspended from further participation in provincial competitions.
- x. It is the responsibility of all member district associations to ensure that its member teams fulfill their commitments once they have entered either Provincial Championships up to the time a Provincial Champion is declared and the Canadian Club Championship is held.

d. Team Promotion

- i. Teams who place 1st in the Provincial B Championship Finals for 2 consecutive years may be promoted to the Provincial A Championship. The promotion of any team from the B Cup to the A Cup is subject to review by the Youth Competitions Committee.

e. Coaching Qualifications

- i. The head coach of each team must have the "Soccer for Life" CSA/BC Soccer coaching certification.
- ii. Teams may not enter or take part in any Provincial Cup unless the Team Head Coach has completed the "Soccer for Life" coaching course or higher level (A or B License) course.

f. Team Officials Gender

- i. One (1) member of the team officials must be the same gender as the

team. This team official must be present on the bench and in the changing rooms.

3) Player Eligibility

a. Registration

- i. Players must be registered, or reinstated as a youth from senior player, or transferred to a team 7 days prior to taking part in that team’s District qualification or regional play down game.
- ii. Players must have played at least 1 league game before playing in a District qualification or regional play down game. Districts that do not have league play due to geographical limitations may apply to the Youth Competitions Committee for exemption to this rule.
- iii. A player currently under suspension and seeking a transfer is not eligible to play until the suspension has been served.
- iv. A transferred player is not eligible to play for the new team in any Cup Competition in which the player has already competed during the current playing season.

b. Age Eligibility Chart

SEASON (Year in which play ends)	U-18	U-17	U-16	U-15	U-14	U-13
2017	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
2018	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
2019	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006

c. ID Cards

- i. Each team will supply to the referee a set of BC Soccer Photo Identification Cards, for all players and team officials.

4) Team Rules

a. Roster

- i. Teams must consist of a minimum of 11 registered players.
- ii. Complete Official Team Rosters must be submitted to the BC Soccer Office no later than June 1st.
- iii. Youth teams shall not be permitted to register more than the maximum allowed players for their age division at any given time.
 - 1. for U13 - U16 the maximum shall be eighteen (18) players
 - 2. for U17 and U18 the maximum shall be twenty (20) players

b. Team Officials

- i. A maximum of five (5) team officials shall be listed on the team roster, One (1) member of the team officials must be the same gender as the team.
- ii. Only team officials listed on the Official Team Roster are eligible to be

- seated on the team bench in the team technical area during the game.
- iii. All team officials must have a current BC Soccer Photo Identification Card.

c. Player Pick Ups

- i. Player pickups are not permitted for the Interior Playdown Competitions.

d. Uniforms

- i. Teams participating in Interior Playdown competitions are required to have two complete sets of uniforms of different colors for all games to avoid colour conflict. The team listed as the home team will be required to change uniforms in the case of a colour conflict.

5) Game Rules

a. Laws of the Game

- i. All games are to be played in accordance with Federation International de Football (FIFA) Laws of the Game.

b. Substitutions

- i. In all games, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed.
- ii. Substitutions shall be made during a stoppage in the game and with the referee's consent.

c. Duration of Play

- i. All games will be played to regulation time.
- ii. In the case of single game elimination, or wherever else applicable, if teams are still tied at the end of qualification, the teams will play two (2) equal halves of extra time. The following chart details current BC Soccer regulations for the duration of games and extra time periods for Provincial Championship Finals:

Division	Regulation Time	Extra Time
Under-18 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-17 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-16 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-15 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-14 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-13 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes

- iii. In the event that the teams are still tied at the end of extra time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

6) Competition Rules

a. Interior A Cup Qualification

- i. Each region will hold play downs to a winner in each age group.
- ii. All regional winners then play down to determine one Interior qualifier per age group.

- iii. If there is only (1) one team entered in a Provincial age group from all (4) four interior regions, that team will advance to the Provincial A Cup.
- iv. If a region/district is unable to field a team in a given age group the position may be left unfilled and the tournament format is modified appropriately. All efforts will be made to fill any slots in the Provincial A Cup from another region at the discretion of the Youth Competitions Committee
- v. The 4 qualifying teams for the Provincial A Championships from U13-U18 are:
 - 1. Coastal Cup Winner
 - 2. Regular Season League Winner
 - 3. Vancouver Island Champion
 - 4. Interior Champion
- vi. See 5 e) for scheduling and Home/Away details.

b. Interior A Cup Format

- i. All qualifying A teams from the Interior Regions are grouped together by age group and will play down to a single interior representative who qualifies for the Youth Provincial A Cup.
- ii. Interior Regions will decide the play down format they will use. If the districts cannot come to an agreement the competition then reverts to the following predetermined format, approved by the BC Soccer Competition Committee, based on the number of teams in an age group.
 - 1. 2 teams - 2 game playoff.
 - 2. 3, 4 or 5 teams -- Single-game Round Robin.
 - 3. 6 teams - 2 pools of 3, Single Round Robin; 1st v 1st.
 - 4. 7 teams - 1 pool of 3, 1 pool of 4, done by draw, Single Round Robin, 1st v 1st
 - 5. 8 teams - 2 pools of 4, done by draw, Single Round Robin, 1st v 1st.

c. Interior B Cup Qualification

- i. Each region will hold play downs to a winner in each age group. This team is the representative at Provincial B Cup for that region.
- ii. If a region/district is unable to field a team in a given age group, the position may be left unfilled and the tournament format is modified appropriately. All efforts will be made to fill any slots in the Provincial B Cup from another region at the discretion of the Youth Competitions Committee
- iii. The 8 qualifying teams for the Provincial B Championship from U13 through U18 are:
 - 1. First Place Coastal B Cup
 - 2. Second Place Coastal B Cup
 - 3. First Place Vancouver Island/Powell River
 - 4. First Place Thompson Okanagan
 - 5. First Place Columbia Kootenay
 - 6. First & Second Place Northern BC Region

7. Host District Berth

a. Host District Berth to be awarded as follows:

- i. Host district will receive one berth for each age group they host, berths must be declared by the host district to BC Soccer by May 15th
- ii. If the host district team is the regional winner the host berth will go to the second place team in the same region.
- iii. If the host district does not have a team in that age group the berth will go to the second place team in the same region.
- iv. If there is no team in the host age group from within the region, the Competition Committee will award the berth to another region.

d. Interior B Cup Format

- i. Each region will establish a play down format each year to identify a regional representative at the Provincial B Cup in each of the age groups.
 - 1. For 2017, the Columbia Kootenays Region will hold a West playdown, and an East playdown. The winning team(s) from the West in each age category will face the winning team(s) from the East in each age category. The winner of this East versus West match will qualify for Provincials.
 - 2. If the districts cannot come to an agreement, the competition then reverts to the following predetermined format, approved by the BC Soccer Competition Committee, based on the number of teams in an age group:
 - a. 2 teams - 2 game playoff.
 - b. 3, 4 or 5 teams -- Single-game Round Robin.
 - c. 6 teams - 2 pools of 3, Single Round Robin; 1st v 1st.
 - d. 7 teams - 1 pool of 3, 1 pool of 4, done by draw, Single Round Robin, 1st v 1st
 - e. 8 teams - 2 pools of 4, done by draw, Single Round Robin, 1st v 1st.
- ii. In the case of single game elimination; in the event that teams are still tied at the end of regulation time the teams will play two (2) equal halves of extra time. There shall be no break or unlimited substitution at half time of extra time. The following chart details current BC Soccer regulations for the duration of games and extra time periods for all Interior Cup games:

Division	Regulation Time	Extra Time
Under-18 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-17 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-16 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-15 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-14 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes

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In the event that the teams are still tied at the end of extra time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

e. Draw/Schedule

- i. BC Soccer will annually coordinate a regional play downs scheduling meeting in May to determine the Interior Playdowns schedule.
- ii. Play down games between two regions will be held at a mutually agreeable venue to both regions if possible. If there is no mutually agreeable venue available, regions will alternate hosting the play down games. The Thompson Okanagan or Columbia Kootenays will host in odd number years and the Northern BC Regions will host even numbered years.
- iii. The current rotation is:
 - o 2016 – Northern BC
 - o 2017 – Thompson Okanagan/Columbia Kootenays
 - o 2018 – Northern BC
- iv. Districts in each region shall have a representative at the regional Cup Draw meeting.
- v. Teams that are not declared at the time of the Draw meeting will not be allowed entry at a later date unless with written consent of the Youth Competitions Committee.
- vi. Districts not represented at the regional cup draw meeting will forfeit their right to request any changes to the play down schedule once published.

f. Round Robin Tie-Breaking/Round Robin Results Calculations

- 1. 3 points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a tie, and none for a loss.
- 2. At the end of the round robin the teams shall be ranked based on the number of points awarded that round robin. (Highest points being first, lowest being last.)
- 3. If two teams are tied on points ties shall be broken according to subsection 5 below, and in the order specified.
- 4. If more than two teams are tied on points, ties shall be broken according to subsection 5 below in the order specified until one team is no longer tied, at which time, the tie breaking sequence will be applied from the beginning to the remaining tied teams.
- 5. Ties shall be broken in the following sequence:
 - a. Previous Match Results – The winner of the match between the two teams tied on points shall be awarded the higher position. (Not applicable if 3 or more teams are tied.)

- b. Goal Difference – Goal Difference shall be calculated by subtracting the goals conceded from goals scored. A maximum difference of five (5) goals shall be awarded in each game. The total goal difference calculated for all games played in the initial round robin or complete round robin shall be used.
 - c. Goals Against. Total number of goals conceded in the round robin shall be calculated and the team with the lowest number conceded shall be awarded the higher standing.
 - d. Goals for – The total number of goals scored on all opponents during the round robin to a maximum of five (5) goals per games shall be totalled, the team with the higher number shall be awarded the higher standing.
6. In the event a tie cannot be broken using the rules above penalty shots shall be taken as follows:
- a. Two (2) teams tied - As per FIFA Laws of the Game. Each team names its five (5) initial shooters and the team scoring the most goals is declared the winner. If, after the initial five (5) shooters, the teams remain tied, then penalty kicks continue (using different players from an eleven (11) player roster with no player shooting a second time until all eleven players have shot once) until one team has scored one (1) more goal and an equal number of shots have been taken.
 - b. Three (3) teams tied - Each team is designated A, B, or C. Three (3) mini games shall be played (A vs. B, C vs. B, C vs. A) consisting of five (5) penalty kicks from each team. The standings after these three (3) mini games shall be determined by the criteria as follows:
 - i. Most points wins; three (3) points awarded for a win; one (1) point for tie.
 - ii. Previous match results as per 7) c. 5. above but from the mini game just played.
 - iii. Goal difference as calculated from the total mini games involving each team.
 - iv. Repeat mini game process until standings are determined.
 - c. Four (4) teams tied - Each team is designated A, B, C, or D. Six (6) mini games shall be played (A vs. B, C vs. D, A vs. C, B vs. D, A vs. D, and C vs. B) to decide the final standings as in the three (3) teams case above.

g. Scheduling and Rescheduling Requirements

- i. If games are to be played on an artificial field, teams must be notified prior to the scheduled game.
- ii. Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled play down game must give the regional coordinator a minimum 48 hours' notice, in writing, stating the causes for such.
- iii. Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled play down game without just cause shall forfeit the game to its opponents.

- iv. Failure to fulfill a commitment (scheduled game) in this competition can result in disciplinary action being taken by the Provincial Board.
- v. Regional play down games will have priority over all other competitions and tournaments.
- vi. In the event of inclement weather, the home district scheduler is responsible for informing participating teams whether any field is playable or not. If inclement weather should necessitate grounds and/or playing date changes, it is the prerogative of the home scheduler, to schedule such changes.
- vii. Rescheduling: In the event of a successful protest, or due to inclement weather, the home district scheduler may need to schedule games during a recognized holiday period. While every effort will be made to avoid the need to schedule games during this time, this may be necessary to meet scheduling deadlines. Failure on the part of any team to meet a scheduled regional play down game commitment can result in forfeiture of the game.

h. Official Match Report

- i. Each team shall be required to bring two copies of their signed BC Soccer Provincial Cup Roster Forms and submit the forms to the referee before the start of each game.
- ii. The Provincial Cup Roster Form is part of the official record of each play down game along with the Match Report, and each team shall be entitled to receive a copy of the completed forms when it has been duly signed by the referee.
- iii. Match Report forms will be supplied to district schedulers prior to the start of Interior play downs, or can be downloaded from the BC Soccer website.
- iv. It will be the scheduler's duty to ensure the teams within their district receive the blank form to take to each home game.
- v. It is the home team's responsibility to ensure the form is available at each game, and to ensure it has been given to the referee before half-time.
- vi. It is the head referee's responsibility to forward a copy of the form to the home team's district scheduler and to the BC Soccer office within 24 hours of each game.
- vii. It is the head referee's responsibility to submit a game report, including all discipline, to the BC Soccer online reporting system.

i. Match Officials

- i. The home team's district scheduler is responsible for assigning the referees for all play down games.
- ii. No person shall officiate as a referee in any competition under the sanction or jurisdiction of the Association who is not on the official list of the Association, but if for unforeseen circumstances a referee on the official list is unable to act, the teams affected shall agree on some other person in the emergency as per BC Soccer Rules & Regulations Rule 17 c.
- iii. Use of unregistered referees will result in the district not being

reimbursed for these fees by BC Soccer and could preclude this district from hosting Interior playdown games in the future.

- iv. If a referee fails to attend the game, it must be rescheduled, unless both coaches agree to a replacement referee and indicated such agreement by signing the game sheet prior to the commencement of the game. Such signatures will avoid any protest resulting from this section.
- v. In the case of registered referee assistants not available, each side will appoint a person to run the line. Acceptance of non-registered officials must be noted on the game report and initialed by both coaches. This signature represents the agreement of all parties to these persons and will avoid any protest based on this section.
- vi. The Referee Scheduler will request region approved referees and assistants for inter-district games.
- vii. Referees must be a minimum of 2 years older than the players and must have at least 2 years' experience with a Youth or District classification or higher.
- viii. Referee assistants must be the same age or older than the players and hold a Youth or District classification or higher.
- ix. No referee or assistant may officiate a game in which an immediate relative is participating. If a referee has been assigned to a game with a relative playing he/she should refuse to do the game.
- x. If the referee is not able to finish officiating a game, the first assistant referee will take over. The first assistant must be the same age or older than the players.
- xi. The referee shall explain to both teams any extraordinary play off rules prior to the game, so that there is no question as to the duration of the game, the size of the ball to be used, substitution rules, overtime regulations, and what happens in the event penalty-kicks will be used to decide the winner.

j. Results

- i. The Host district is responsible for reporting the final score and submitting the completed match reports to BC Soccer within 48 hours of the completion of the match.
- ii. The head referee is responsible for submitting any discipline to the online reporting system and submit the Official Match Report to the Regional Coordinator and to BC Soccer's competitions coordinator (danturvill@bcsoccer.net) within 24 hours of the finish of each game.

7) Discipline

- a. All misconduct (Red/Yellow Cards and Ejections) and/or rule infractions will be dealt with by the BC Soccer Discipline Committee.
- b. While a Complaint/Misconduct Report is usually registered by a Game Official, a complaint may also originate from a member of the BC Soccer committee managing the event. A written summary of the incident shall be completed and kept on file along with other documents relating to the infraction.
- c. As time is of the essence in adjudicating these matters, BC Soccer shall dictate

appropriate sanctions based on the Discipline Policy and procedures Regulations of the Association. If the accused requests a hearing, or if BC Soccer deems it necessary a Disciplinary Hearing will be conducted as soon as possible at an appropriate location at, or near the competition venue. Appropriate records should be maintained as to the names of the members constituting the committee and persons attending the hearing.

- d. While the Chair of the Discipline Committee will render a verbal decision, the decision shall be put in writing with copies being distributed to the parties concerned.
- e. Qualification games protests can be subject to appeal.
- f. Appeals of a decision can be directed to the BC Soccer Appeals Committee. Please visit <http://www.bcsoccer.net/protests-appeals> for information regarding appeals.
- g. Red Cards
 - i. Red cards will carry over to Provincial Championships with a player having to adhere to the game suspensions levied by the Discipline Committee.
- h. Cautions
 - i. Accumulated yellow cards will NOT be carried over to Provincial Championship games. However, any suspension assessed and still to be served for yellow card accumulation must be served in the next interior play down or Provincial Cup game, whichever comes first.
 - ii. A player who accumulates two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during Interior play downs cup play, shall automatically be suspended without hearing and without appeal from the player's next interior play down or Provincial Cup game, whichever comes first.

8) Administration of the Competition

a. Travel Assistance

- i. No travel assistance is provided for the Interior Playdown Competitions.

b. Medals

- i. BC Soccer will supply regional medals, to be presented at the final regional playdown game in both the A and B Regional finals. It is each region's responsibility to advise BC Soccer of the age groups and number of gold and silver medals they will require.
- ii. Medals will be presented as follows:
 - 1. If only one team has entered from a region no medal will be given out.
 - 2. If two teams are playing off, BC Soccer will supply a 1st place medal only
 - 3. If three or more teams are playing off, BC Soccer will supply 1st and 2nd place medals only

c. Protests

- i. The protest fee for any game is \$250.00. Protests must be filed in accordance with the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations - Rule 11 (Protests). In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest

- is denied, the fee will be forfeited.
- ii. The grounds upon which the protest is based must be included in a written submission, which must be forwarded to the BC Soccer Competitions Committee Representative assigned to the event within one (1) hour of the completion of the match being protested. The fee must accompany the protest. Exceptions may be made due to extraordinary circumstances.
 - iii. A list of Competitions Committee representatives will be made available to all districts once the play down schedules are finalized. If none are available, or cannot be reached, please contact BC Soccer Manager of Competitions (danturvill@bcsoccer.net – 604-317-9496).
 - iv. The protest must contain the details of the protest, including the rule that was allegedly breached, and the evidence to support that claim. Protests can only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of FIFA Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of the Competition Rules and Regulations. (Rule 11.a.)

d. BC Soccer Code of Conduct

- i. All participants at BC Soccer Provincial Championships are expected to:
 - 1. Act as ambassadors for their local clubs, districts and leagues.
 - 2. Participate in the Provincial Championships in the spirit of fair play, co-operation and respect for others at all times.
 - 3. Comply with rulings by officials, coaches, managers, or any other person in a position of authority or responsibility.
 - 4. Respect the rules of the sport, the British Columbia Soccer Association Competitions Rules and Regulations.
 - 5. Perform to their best ability in every competition and accept with pride the result their effort brings.
 - 6. Respect the rights of the residents of the Host Association and members from other clubs, districts, and leagues.
 - 7. Regard participation in the Provincial Championships as a privilege.
 - 8. Respect the Clean Air policy and ban on smoking at Championship venues and facilities.
 - 9. Obey all federal laws, provincial laws and municipal by-laws, on alcohol consumption and illegal substance (drug) and tobacco use.
 - 10. Respect the Zero Tolerance of alcohol (acquiring, possession of purchasing or consuming) at Provincial Youth Championships.
 - 11. Not abuse, damage or destroy facilities or equipment.
 - 12. Not breach the requirements of the British Columbia Soccer Association Harassment Policy.
- ii. All team officials competing in Interior Play Down matches will be required to sign the official BC Soccer Code of Conduct form on behalf of themselves and their team before their first play down game begins.

Appendix: Schedule of Fines

This section provides an outline of some general infractions that may be dealt with by the BC Soccer Youth Competitions Committee, made up of no less than 3 persons or an adjudicating body appointed by the committee. This section does not cover all instances in which a fine may be assessed or a bond imposed upon a player, team, team official or spectator for a violation of the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations. Fines will be deducted from the Performance Bond posted by each team's district. If the amount of the fine is greater than the existing Performance Bond, the district will be invoiced for the remainder.

- 1) *Once a team commits to competing in an out of district competition (declaration deadline), they are committed to Provincial Cup for that season.***
Penalty: Teams that withdraw past this point may forfeit their entire performance bond and a hearing will be held to determine their cup eligibility for the following season.
- 2) *Team fails to appear for a scheduled game without just cause***
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$1000.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition in that season and future years.
- 3) *Failure to return a trophy by the deadline***
Penalty: \$100.00
- 4) *Failure to return a trophy***
Penalty: \$500.00 + replacement cost of the trophy
- 5) *Team or teams held to be at fault for abandonment of a game***
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$1000.00 fine plus field and game official costs
- 6) *If requested by referee – lack of spectator control by team official(s) including failure to address the referee, harassment of referee, persistent criticism of the referee or disputing calls of the referee by team officials, players or spectators.***
Penalty: \$1000.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the

competition.

- 7) If requested by referee – failure to identify spectator(s) responsible for misconduct towards a referee or linesperson.**
Penalty: \$1000.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition.
- 8) Player/team official, while under suspension and attending a game as a spectator, behaves in a manner that brings the game into disrepute.**
Penalty: \$1000.00 fine and suspended from attendance at the game sites.
- 9) Team fails to send a representative to pre-competition meeting (if necessary)**
Penalty: \$300.00 fine
- 10) Team fails to attend opening ceremony (if necessary)**
Penalty \$300.00 fine and team may be excluded from attending further competitions
- 11) Team fails to attend a required closing ceremony (if necessary)**
Penalty: \$500.00 fine and team may be excluded from attending further competitions
- 12) Team fails to fulfill Provincial and/or Club National commitment**
Penalty: \$1000.00, plus the Canadian Soccer Association fines that are assessed to BC Soccer.
- 13) Extremely bad behavior by a team, player, team official, or spectator**
Penalty: Up to \$1000.00, and/or risk of immediate expulsion from the competition and a review of that team's eligibility to compete in future years.