



BC SOCCER

**Amendments for
Consideration at the
2015 Annual General Meeting**

May 14, 2015

Foreword

Dear BC Soccer Member,

As we work toward completing BC Soccer's strategic plan objective of reviewing and updating the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, building from last year, over the last 6 to 8 months we have been reviewing the BC Soccer rules and regulations along with the bylaws from the perspective of putting forward appropriate amendments to clean-up items to reflect current practice, remove duplication (housekeeping) and assist with improving understanding. Based on this work, this year's proposed amendments are being presented in the same manner as last year.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This document outlines the Proposed Bylaw Amendments, Rule Changes Requiring Ratification, and proposed Rule Amendments for consideration at the 2015 Annual General Meeting which is to be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2015**.

Please note as part of the clean-up mentioned previously we have categorized a number of amendments as "housekeeping" which we are pleased to provide for your consideration in appendix A and C in a tracked changes format. Housekeeping amendments are being presented in a grouped single motion for acceptance. We are also pleased to provide for your consideration a Definitions list, to be added to the BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations, in Appendix B.

In addition to these, we also have the following proposals for amendments to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations for consideration at the 2015 Annual General Meeting which is to be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2015**.

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I am looking forward to presenting the amendments for your consideration at the AGM.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in soccer,

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

BYLAW AMENDMENT #1

HOUSKEEPING AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors moves to amend housekeeping items as outlined in Appendix A:

Housekeeping amendments as presented in the Constitution and Bylaws tracked changed with comments document.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to bring current BC Soccer's Bylaws more in line with Canada Soccer, best practices, the Society Act and to be concurrent with legal recommendation.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #2

ARTICLE 2 - INTERPRETATION

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 2 to **add/insert to become xiii) and renumber the remainder:**

Proposed

xiii) "Residency" for the purposes of a BC Soccer board of director shall mean a person who lives in the province of British Columbia for a minimum of six (6) months plus one (1) day (183 days minimum).

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to provide a definition for the residency of a board member.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #3

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 3.1 to **add/insert** the following to become e):

Proposed

e) An organization wishing to become an Active Member, must present a membership application form to BC Soccer. The application shall be reviewed by BC Soccer's Membership Committee for completeness. Applications that pass the Membership Committees scrutiny shall be sent to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then present the application to the membership for approval at BC Soccer's next General Meeting.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to properly document the intent of the proposed amendment from the 2014 AGM.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #4

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 3.2 to **add/insert** e) as follows:

Proposed

- e) The Associate Membership Adult League category is designed for adult leagues that;
- i) play full 11-aside outdoor soccer during the Spring and Summer, or
 - ii) play indoor, small sided outdoor and /or FUTSAL soccer

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to increase clarity and define Associate Member Adult League.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #5

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Article 3.4 as follows:

Existing

4) The membership committee of the Association shall be responsible for receiving, approving and processing applications for membership where such application is made for the purposes of an applicant becoming an active member or an associate member. The membership committee shall review any such application to ensure that the applicant qualifies for the specific membership that is the subject of the application, and in addition the membership committee may refuse any application on the grounds that it is not in the best interest of the Association to have the applicant as an active member or associate member of the Association, as the case may be. Any rejection of an application by the membership committee may be appealed by the applicant to the directors, whose decision as to such application shall be final.

Proposed

To delete in its entirety.

Rationale

This is captured in Article 3.1.e. for Active Members and Article 3.2.a. for Associate Members.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #6

ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 4.1.a and 4.1.b as follows:

Existing

a) The business of the British Columbia Soccer Association shall be conducted by a Board consisting of fourteen (14) members who are currently residents of the Province of British Columbia and have been residents of British Columbia for a minimum of six months preceding the election shall be elected for a term of two years, as follows:

- i) In even calendar years, the President, Vice President Finance, Vice President Youth, and four directors shall be elected;
- ii) In odd calendar years, the First Vice President, the Vice President Adult, and five (5) directors shall be elected;

Election into office as a director of the Association under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of the Association each year.

b) The term of office for a director of the Association shall commence immediately after the Annual General Meeting and shall continue for a period of two year.

Proposed

a) The business of the British Columbia Soccer Association (BC Soccer) shall be conducted by a Board consisting of fourteen (14) members who are currently residents of the Province of British Columbia and have been residents of British Columbia for a minimum of six months preceding the election shall be elected for - terms, as follows:

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2015

- i) In even calendar years, the President, Vice President Finance, Vice President Youth, and four directors shall be elected;
- ii) In odd calendar years, the First Vice President, the Vice President Adult, and five (5) directors shall be elected;

Election into office as a director of BC Soccer under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of BC Soccer each year.

2016

- i) The President, Vice President Youth and three directors shall be elected for three year terms;
- ii) The Vice President Finance and one director shall be elected for two year terms;

Election into office as a director of BC Soccer under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of BC Soccer.

2017

- i) The First Vice President, Vice President Adult and three directors shall be elected for three year terms;
- ii) Two director shall be elected for one year terms;

Election into office as a director of BC Soccer under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of BC Soccer.

2018 onwards

- i) At each Annual General Meeting, the Voting Members shall elect directors to any director positions where the term is complete and positions that were vacated before the completion of the term of office.

- b) The term of office for a director of the Association shall commence immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed because the Board of Directors' should focus on strategic longer-term planning to improve soccer in BC in addition to the annual operations. However, currently, a two-year term is half-over by the time a new director has completed a full year on the board. The transition to 3-year terms better aligns BC with Canada Soccer, which has three and four year terms for directors for similar reasons.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #7

ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 4.1 to add/insert the following to become c) and renumber the remainder as follows:

Proposed

- c) Nominations for directors elected by the Voting Members
 - i) Nominations for director may be forwarded by any individual, organization, or Member. There may be multiple candidates. All such nominations shall require a proposer and a seconder, and must be accompanied by a written confirmation by the candidate expressing a willingness to stand for office.
 - ii) Such nominations must be submitted in writing to the Chair of the BC Soccer Nominations Committee, together with supporting documents requested by the Committee, forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
 - iii) Nominees that comply with Article 4.c.ii. and declare for a specific position who are unsuccessful, remain eligible to declare for other vacant director positions at the same Annual General Meeting.
 - iv) Nominations from the floor at the Annual General Meeting for any elected position shall not be permitted.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to ensure membership have appropriate information and time to consider and make informed decisions about all director candidates' experience and priorities, and aligns BC with Canada Soccer and FIFA, which have similar provisions.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #8

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.3 as follows:

Existing

- 3) A quorum at any general meeting shall be 50% +1 accredited delegates of active members in good standing, **present in person or by proxy**. Associate members and life members may be present at any general meeting, but shall not be counted in the quorum.

Proposed

- 3) A quorum at any general meeting shall be 50% +1 accredited delegates of active members in good standing, **present in person**. Associate members and life members may be present at any general meeting, but shall not be counted in the quorum.

Rationale

This amendment removes proxies from the quorum calculation, as Article 6.4.b.4 forbids proxy voting.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #9

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.4.b.i as follows:

Existing

b)

- i) Each affiliated Adult League having fewer than ten (10) teams shall be eligible to cast at least one vote at the Annual General Meeting. A Adult League shall be permitted an additional vote for each additional ten (10) teams or part thereof. The total number of votes allocated each Adult League will be determined by the formula as set forth in Bylaw 4 b) iii) and subject to the provisions of Bylaw 4 b) v).

Proposed

b)

- i) Each affiliated Adult League having fewer than ten (10) teams shall be eligible to cast at least one vote at the Annual General Meeting. An Adult League shall be permitted an additional vote for each additional ten (10) teams (consisting of players who have been registered including submission of active full member adult league player fees to BC Soccer) or part thereof. The total number of votes allocated each Adult League will be determined by the formula as set forth in Bylaw 4 b) iii) and subject to the provisions of Bylaw 4 b) v).

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to further define and clarify how votes for the adult league members are determined.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #10

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.4.b.ii as follows:

Existing

- ii) Each affiliated Youth District having fewer than 400 registered players shall be eligible to cast one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Districts with more than 400 registered players shall be permitted one vote for the first 400 registered players and one vote for each additional 400 registered players registered by December 31st of the current coastal season and by June 1st of the current interior season.

Proposed

- ii) Each affiliated Youth District having fewer than 400 registered players, including players assigned to the Youth District by BC Soccer, shall be eligible to cast one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Districts with more than 400 registered players shall be permitted one vote for the first 400 registered players and one vote for each additional 400 registered players registered by December 31st of the current coastal season and by June 1st of the current interior season.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to provide clarity for players that are registered to a Youth District via BC Soccer and for BC Soccer to be able to include those players towards the vote calculation for each Youth District.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #11

ARTICLE 6 – GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 6.4.b.iii to **add/insert** the following to become 6.4.b.iii. 1):

Proposed

iii.

- (1) To determine the number of teams for a Full Member Adult League whose season is defined as “summer”, divide the total number of players who are registered to that league who were not registered during the immediate past “winter” playing season by 20.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to remedy the current “double-dipping” situation in which an adult player who registers and pays BCSA registration fees to a winter season full member league - and later registers for a summer primary season full member, without paying fees - counts a second time in that summer league’s voting entitlement.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #12

ARTICLE 12 – YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 12.2 to **add/insert** the following to become k) and renumber the remainder:

Proposed

- k) Each Youth District Association shall submit a copy of its financial statements for the current fiscal period to BC Soccer within 30 days of its Annual General Meeting.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed following advice from BC Soccer’s legal advisers as to an appropriate safeguard for members to help reduce risk of financial misappropriation.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #13

ARTICLE 12 – YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 12 2.k. (prior to renumbering per Bylaw Amendment #12) as follows:

Existing

k) Each District Association must have their financial statements reviewed at a minimum every two years by an independent review committee consisting of not less than 3 persons. All reviewed financial statements must be submitted to BC Soccer within 50 days after the Youth District fiscal year end. Failure to submit bi-annual reviewed financial statements may result in that Youth District becoming a member not in good standing with BC Soccer.

Proposed

k) Each District Association must have their financial statements reviewed at a minimum every two years by an independent review committee consisting of not less than 3 persons, one of whom must be a Chartered Professional Accountant. All reviewed financial statements must be submitted to BC Soccer within 30 days after the Youth District's Annual General Meeting. Failure to submit bi-annual reviewed financial statements may result in that Youth District becoming a member not in good standing with BC Soccer.

Rationale

At the recommendation of BC Soccer's legal counsel and financial consultant, this amendment is proposed to bring in line with current good practice and consistency with 12.2.j.

NOTE: This amendment refers to Youth District Associations.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #14

ARTICLE 12 – YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 12.3.j. to add/insert the following to become 12.3.j. i):

Proposed

i) Each league must have their financial statements reviewed at a minimum every two years by an independent review committee consisting of not less than 3 persons, one of whom must be a Chartered professional Accountant. All reviewed financial statements must be submitted to BC Soccer within 30 days after the Adult League's Annual General Meeting. Failure to submit bi-annual reviewed financial statements may result in that Adult League becoming a member not in good standing with BC Soccer.

Rationale

At the recommendation of BC Soccer's legal counsel and financial consultant, this amendment is proposed following advice from BC Soccer's legal advisers as to an appropriate safeguard for members to help reduce risk of financial misappropriation.

NOTE: This amendment refers to Adult Leagues.

BYLAW AMENDMENT #15

ARTICLE 15 – ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors moves to amend Article 15 to **add/insert** the following to become 1) and renumber the remainder:

Proposed

1) BC Soccer, its Members, Leagues and Clubs, players, officials and volunteers will not take disputes to ordinary courts of law, without first exhausting all available remedies as provided for by independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunals recognized under the rules of the Association, Canada Soccer, CONCACAF, or FIFA .

Rationale

This amendment, using this exact wording in the Bylaws, recently became a mandatory obligation of membership in CSA (and FIFA); therefore BC Soccer is required to adopt it as written. It requires all within BC Soccer to use the protest and appeals mechanisms available to resolve disputes before moving to legal action. This amendment strengthens and better defines the current BCSA rule prohibiting those within BC Soccer taking Court action without Board permission.

RULE CHANGES REQUIRING RATIFICATION

RULE RATIFICATION #1

RULE 4 – TEAM AFFILIATION

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 4 to **add/insert** the following to become g) and renumber the remainder:

Proposed

g) For the purposes of registration on gender-based amateur teams, a player may register with the gender team with which the player identifies, and confirmation sufficient for guaranteeing access shall be satisfied by documentation or evidence that shows the stated gender is sincerely held, and part of a person's core identity. Documentation satisfying the herein stated standard includes, but is not limited to, government-issued documentation or documentation prepared by a health care provider, counsellor, or other qualified professional not related to the player.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to add the appropriate wording to the BC Soccer Rules & Regulations to reflect the wording of Canada Soccer's updated Rules & Regulations in this area.

RULE RATIFICATION #2

RULE 7 – TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 7.b.v. as follows:

Existing

v) Players are not permitted to transfer to or from a BCHPL or equivalent team after **December 1st** of the current Coastal/Winter playing season or after August 15th of the current Interior playing season unless their currently registered team has completed its playing obligations for that season.

Proposed

v) Players are not permitted to transfer to or from a BCHPL or equivalent team after **December 15th** of the current Coastal/Winter playing season or after August 15th of the current Interior playing season unless their currently registered team has completed its playing obligations for that season.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed as requested by attendees at the November Youth Forum/District Chair's meeting.

RULE RATIFICATION #3

RULE 3 – PLAYING SEASON

This Rule Ratification will be done in conjunction with Rule Amendment #16

RULE RATIFICATION #4

RULE 11 – PROTESTS

The Governance Committee moves to amend Rule 11.o. as follows:

Existing

o) A decision on a discipline and / or protest from any provincial cup competition game played under the jurisdiction of this Association shall be **final and binding**.

Proposed

o) A decision on a discipline and / or protest from any provincial cup competition game played under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer shall be **subject to BC Soccer Rule 12**.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to ensure compliance with BC Soccer Rule 12 – Appeals.

PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENTS

RULE AMENDMENT #1

DEFINITIONS

The Board of Directors moves to amend BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations to include Definitions as outlined in Appendix B to be inserted after the Table of Contents:

Definitions as presented in Appendix B.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to provide consistency and clarity for BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations, BC Soccer's Discipline Sanctioning Policy, Canada Soccer, and FIFA.

RULE AMENDMENT #2

HOUSKEEPING AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors moves to amend housekeeping items as outlined in Appendix C:

Housekeeping amendments as presented in the Rules and Regulations tracked changes document.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to remove duplication within different rules and policies, remove expired items, bring in line with current practice, consolidate for easier understanding and ensure consistence with Canada Soccer Rules & Regulations.

RULE AMENDMENT #3

RULE 7 – TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 7.u:

Existing

u) Any registered youth player wishing to transfer services to an Adult team during the current playing season must do so on forms supplied by the Association.

Proposed

Delete in its entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed as it is duplication and existing transfer rules already apply to both youth and adult regardless of where they are transferring to/from.

RULE AMENDMENT #4

RULE 10 - DISCIPLINE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 10 to **add/insert** the following to become l):

Proposed

l) BC Soccer and member organizations may publically post discipline decisions and sanctions imposed on organizations and adult Registrants or other adults under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to advise that discipline / sanction may be published.

RULE AMENDMENT #5

RULE 10 - DISCIPLINE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 10 to **add/insert** the following to become m):

Proposed

- m) Associations, Leagues, teams and player may not be represented by a lawyer at a discipline hearing unless:
- i) the lawyer is an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the time the matter under review took place and the lawyer's status as an Executive Officer has been previously published by the Association, League or team; or
 - ii) the Association, League, team or player has requested and received written permission from BC Soccer to be represented by a lawyer in the discipline hearing.

Rationale

The current Discipline Policy do not allow for legal representatives to act on behalf of a respondent unless they are a bona fide Executive Officer of the Association, League or team. This amendment is proposed to provide the Discipline Committee the discretion to allow for this.

RULE AMENDMENT #6

RULE 12 - APPEALS

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 12 item h) as follows:

Existing

h) No barrister or solicitor shall represent any such Association, League, team or player at the hearing of any appeal unless he/she be an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the lodgement of the appeal and his/her name appears on the printed list of such Association, League or team as an Executive Officer.

Proposed

- h) Associations, Leagues, teams and player may not be represented by a lawyer in an appeal unless:
- i) the lawyer is an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the time the matter under appeal took place and the lawyer's status as an Executive Officer has been previously published by the Association, League or team; or
 - ii) the Association, League, team or player has requested and received written permission from BC Soccer to be represented by a lawyer in the appeal. No barrister or solicitor shall represent any such Association, League, team or player at the hearing of any appeal unless he/she be an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the lodgement of the appeal and his/her name appears on the printed list of such Association, League or team as an Executive Officer.

Rationale

The current rules do not allow for legal representatives to act on behalf of a respondent unless they are a bona fide Executive Officer of the Association, League or team. This amendment is proposed to provide the Appeals Committee the discretion to allow for this.

RULE AMENDMENT #7

RULE 19 – GENERAL MANAGEMENT RULES

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 19 to **add/insert** the following to become i) as follows:

Proposed

- i) All affiliated teams must comply with BC Soccer travel requirements when participating in soccer activity outside of British Columbia.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to comply with Canada Soccer Rules & Regulations and reflect current BC Soccer requirement and practice.

RULE AMENDMENT #8

RULE 23 – RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 23 d), e), f), g) and h) as follows:

Existing

- d) The venue of all league matches shall be determined by the league or district having control of the league schedule.
- e) In all instances, the team declared "home" team should be responsible for marking the field and supplying the game ball.
- f) In the event that the uniform colours of both teams are similar, the "home" team must change to uniform colours distinct from its opponents. The referee has the authority to determine if team colours are similar.
- g) Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled game must give the secretary or scheduler of the district or league forty-eight (48) hours notice in writing stating the causes for it. Such causes are to be satisfactory to the league or district.
- h) Any team failing to fulfill a scheduled league game without just cause shall forfeit the game to its scheduled opponents.

Proposed

Delete in their entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to simplify rules as these are detailed and more appropriate to be in the respective / appropriate league / competition rules.

RULE AMENDMENT #9

RULE 23 – RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

The Board of Directors move to **delete** Rule 23 k) and l) as follows:

Existing

- k) The allowable number of substitutions shall be at the discretion of the scheduling body and approved by the Association.
- l) The scheduling body shall have the authority to order any game replayed, or played to a finish.

Proposed

Delete in their entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to simplify rules as these are detailed and more appropriate to be in the respective / appropriate league / competition rules.

RULE AMENDMENT #10

RULE 23 – RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 23. item n.i. as follows:

Existing

- i) Head Coaches shall comply with this requirement within six (6) months of their Head Coach appointment.

TEAM AGE GROUP	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13-U18
COACHING COURSES	ACTIVE START	FUNDAMENTALS		LEARN TO TRAIN			SOCCER FOR LIFE	

Proposed

- i) Head Coaches shall comply with this requirement within six (6) months of their Head Coach appointment. CSA foreign equivalency may be applied.

TEAM AGE GROUP	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13-U18 Grassroots	U13-U18 High Performance
COACHING COURSES	ACTIVE START	FUNDAMENTALS		LEARN TO TRAIN			SOCCER FOR LIFE (or higher)		B National

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to include current coaching requirements for High Performance coaches into the Rules as per the recommendation of BC Soccer High Performance Soccer Development Committee.

RULE AMENDMENT #11

RULE 25 – ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 25 n), o), and p) as follows:

Existing

- n) Where games are played on open parks, the first named (i.e., home) team shall be responsible for marking out the grounds.
- o) In all games prior to the semi-finals, the first named (i.e., home) team shall supply the ball for the game, additionally; each team must have an extra ball on hand for use in case of an emergency.
- p) Where the uniform colours of competing teams are similar, the first named (i.e., home) team must change. Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and the officials.

Proposed

Delete in their entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to simplify rules as these are detailed and more appropriate to be in the respective / appropriate league / competition rules.

RULE AMENDMENT #12

RULE 25 – ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 25 r), s) and t) as follows:

Existing

- r) When official referee assistants are not appointed, team linesmen may be used.
- s) Team lists shall be provided to the referee prior to the scheduled kick-off and shall be signed by a team official.
- t) Each team shall be allowed to make a maximum of five (5) substitutions at any time during the game including overtime when played. Unlimited substitutions may also be made at halftime or fulltime before any overtime. The exception shall be for the Masters and Classics cup competitions in which teams shall be allowed to make unlimited substitutions. No substitution shall be allowed for a player sent off from the field of play by the referee as a result of FIFA Law 12.

Proposed

Delete in their entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to simplify rules as these are detailed and more appropriate to be in the respective / appropriate league / competition rules.

RULE AMENDMENT #13

RULE 26 – RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BCSA HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 26.e as follows:

Existing

- e) Youth Players will register **directly** with the Youth District where they reside.

Proposed

- e) Youth Players will **register with** the Youth District where they reside **via BC Soccer**

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to amend the BCHPL registration process and to remove the administrative burden from the Youth District of residence.

RULE AMENDMENT #14

RULE 26 – RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BCSA HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 26.f as follows:

Existing

- f) The **Youth District** shall pay Association fee's on the player's behalf for those who register with them and play in the BCHPL as specified in the Associations fee schedule as modified from time to time.

Proposed

- f) The **BCHPL** shall pay Association fee's on the player's behalf for those who register with them and play in the BCHPL as specified in the Associations fee schedule as modified from time to time.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to provide clarity on the organization required to submit player fees for the BCHPL.

RULE AMENDMENT #15

RULE 26 – RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BCSA HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUE

The Board of Directors moves to amend Rule 26.h.ii as follows:

Existing

ii) The **playing season** and registration period for the BCHPL shall be from January to December of each year regardless of Coastal or Interior residency.

Proposed

ii) The registration period for the BCHPL **will follow the Coastal Player Registration period as defined in the BC Soccer Player Registration Policy Manual** regardless of Coastal or Interior residency.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to amend the BCHPL registration timings to mirror the Coastal timings as discussed at the November 2014 and March 2015 Youth Forum/District Chair's meetings.

COMMENT FROM THE BOARD: The Board suggests the amendment be deferred for one year in light of the recent discussions among the BCHPL, Metro Select League and Youth Districts.

NOTE: If Rule Amendment #15 (above) is WITHDRAWN or DEFEATED then Rule Amendment #16 (below) is withdrawn and Rule Ratification #3 (below) remains.

If Rule Amendment # 15 (above) is CARRIED, then Rule Amendment #16 (below) remains.

RULE AMENDMENT #16

RULE 3 – PLAYING SEASON

The Board of Directors moves to **delete** Rule 3.c. as follows:

Existing

c) For youth players, the "calendar"-playing playing season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of December of the same year.

i) For youth players registered at the U18 age level, the "calendar" season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of July of the same year.

Proposed

Delete in its entirety.

Rationale

This amendment is proposed to align with the historical seasons of play.

NOTE: If the Rule Amendment #3 is CARRIED, then Rule Ratification #3 below is withdrawn.

If Rule Amendment #3 DEFEATED, then the below Rule Change Requiring Ratification remains.

*****RULE RATIFICATION #3**

RULE 3 – PLAYING SEASON

The Board of Directors move to amend Rule 3.c to **add/insert** the following to become c.i):

Proposed

- i) For youth players registered at the U18 age level, the “calendar” season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of July of the same year.

Rationale

Eliminates ‘double registration’ of U18 players who complete U18 BCSPL in July and then register for and Adult League in September (Calendar season registration goes until the end of December)

For U18BCSPL teams who qualified for Nationals, it allows players to move on to Adult League teams or register with another BCSPL team for the second half of the Calendar season whilst keeping all of the players and the team eligible to for the National competition (in October)



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for consideration at the 2015 Annual General Meeting

May 14, 2015

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS



BC SOCCER

GLOBAL GAME. **UNIVERSAL PASSION.**

Our Mission:
Developing the game by inspiring British Columbians to
lifelong active, inclusive and team play

The Constitution and Bylaws contained herein are of the BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION
and the BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION SOCIETY. SOCIETY #540361

REGISTERED IN THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
AUGUST 18, 1999

BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Revised June 14, 2014

BC SOCCER CONSTITUTION

NAME

- 1) The name of the Society is the **BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION (BC Soccer)**.

PURPOSE

- 2) To foster, develop and promote the game of soccer, in all its branches, in the Province of British Columbia.

To govern the rules of play of the game of soccer in the Province of British Columbia.

To generally provide whatsoever other assistance is available to support and encourage the game of soccer in the Province of British Columbia.

The operations of the Society are to be carried on within the territorial limits of the Province of British Columbia. THIS PROVISION IS ALTERABLE.

DISSOLUTION

- 3) Upon dissolution of **the Association**, the assets which remain after payment of all charges and expenses which are properly incurred in winding up, shall be assigned and distributed to such organizations as may be involved in the game of soccer, or to such charitable organization or organizations as may be determined by the members of **the Association** at the time of dissolution. THIS PROVISION IS UNALTERABLE.
 - a) Upon dissolution of **the Association**, any assets that are a result of Gaming within the Province of British Columbia shall be returned to the Minister of Finance of the Province of British Columbia.

HEAD OFFICE

- 4) The Head office of **the Association** shall be located in the Greater Vancouver area, British Columbia. THIS PROVISION IS ALTERABLE.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 5) **The Association** may, from time to time, frame temporary rules or regulations covering specific cases not contained herein, but which may be necessary for the carrying out of the objectives of **the Association**. THIS PROVISION IS ALTERABLE.

PURPOSE OF GAIN

- 6) **The Association** shall be operated without purpose of pecuniary gain to any of its members and any surplus of **the Association** shall be used solely for the purposes of **the Association** and the promotion of its objectives. THIS PROVISION IS UNALTERABLE.

Comment [WU1]:

NOTE: Items highlighted in yellow are within the proposed Definitions

NOTE: Items highlighted in green replace "BCSA" or "the Association" with BC Soccer as appropriate

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**BC SOCCER
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE 1 – AFFILIATION

The Association shall be affiliated with the Canadian Soccer Association and subject to the Bylaws Rules and Regulations of that body.

ARTICLE 2 - INTERPRETATION

1)

a) In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

i) "Active Member" shall mean a **full member** organization (**Youth District Associations and/or Adult League**), which becomes and remains an Active member in accordance with the Bylaws. An Active ~~member~~ shall have the right to vote as set out in the Bylaws;

ii) "Associate Member" shall mean an organization, which becomes and remains an Associate member in accordance with the Bylaws. An Associate member shall have a voice but no vote at General Meetings of **the Association**;

iii) The word "~~Association~~**BC Soccer**" shall mean the BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION;

iv) "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of **the Association**;

v) "Books and Records" shall mean the Listing of officers, the Rules and Regulations, the Constitution and Bylaws, the Board Meeting Minutes, the General Meeting Minutes and Financial statements (current and previous).

vi) Club shall mean:

(1) - "youth club" shall mean an organization operating a minimum of four affiliated youth soccer teams having not less than 44 players and, under the jurisdiction of a **youth** district association;

~~(1)~~(2) "adult club" shall mean an organization operating one or more teams under a common executive.

~~vii)~~vii) "Delegate Member" shall mean a person who is the authorized voting delegate representing an Active Member at General Meetings of **the Association**;

~~viii)~~viii) "Directors" shall mean the directors of the British Columbia Soccer Association (**BC Soccer**);

~~ix)~~ix) "Life Member" shall mean a person who becomes and remains a Life member in accordance with the Bylaws. A Life member shall have a voice but no vote at General meetings of **the Association**;

Comment [JE2]: Housekeeping: Replace "BCSA" and/or "the Association" with "BC Soccer" for consistency and clearer understand. All references are highlighted in green.

Comment [JE3]: Housekeeping: to help better define what an Active Member is.

Comment [JE4]: Housekeeping: to bring in line with comment #1 and bring to the topic to by item 1 and reorder.

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- ~~ix)~~x) "Ordinary Resolution" shall mean a resolution passed in a general meeting or Annual General Meeting by a simple majority of the votes *cast* by those delegates present.
- ~~x)~~xi) "Registered Address" of a member shall mean the address as recorded in the register of members;
- ~~xi)~~xii) "Registered Player" shall mean a person whose application for registration with **the Association** has been validated by ~~the Provincial Registrar~~ **BC Soccer** or its designate for the current playing season;
- ~~xii)~~xiii) "Society Act" shall mean the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
- ~~xiii)~~xiv) "Special Resolution" shall mean a resolution passed in a general meeting or Annual General Meeting by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes *cast* by those delegates present and entitled to do so;
- ~~xiv)~~xv) "Team" shall mean a soccer team with not less than eleven registered players, (except for small sided teams that may not have less than 3 ~~(players)~~ plus team officials, whose application for affiliation has been validated by ~~the Provincial Registrar~~ **BC Soccer** or its designate for the current playing season.

b) The definitions in the Society Act on the date these bylaws become effective apply to these bylaws, save and except for the definition of "member" which shall be as herein before set out.

2) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa, and words importing a male person include a female person, a corporation, and any other organization or association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, as the context may require.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

- 1) The **Active Members** of **The Association** are those organizations and their appointed accredited voting delegates that have the following membership criteria:
- a) Are those Adult Leagues primarily established for the purpose of organizing and operating open age soccer as defined by **the Association** in these Bylaws;
- Or
- Are those Youth District Associations primarily established for the purposes of organizing and administrating youth age soccer in one of the Districts as defined by **the Association** in these Bylaws;
- b) Have a recognizable membership and a bona fide operation according to the requirements of **the Association** in accordance with Article 12 (Youth District / Adult League Boards and District Associations) of these Bylaws;

Comment [JE5]: Housekeeping: Suggest amendment and addition as it reflects current practice.

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- c) Have been approved for active membership by the membership committee of **the Association** or by the Board of Directors upon an appeal, and have paid any active membership fees that might be assessable from time to time, all in accordance with these Bylaws;
 - d) The appointed voting delegates representing Adult Leagues and/or the Youth District Associations shall individually apply for delegate membership on behalf of the Adult League and/or Youth District Associations.
- 2) **Associate Members** shall have a voice but no vote at General Meetings of **the Association** and shall be organizations, whether incorporated or not, which have similar objectives to **the Association**. Associate Members may only receive services of **the Association** if approved by the Board. Organizations may include but are not limited to affiliated Adult Leagues (indoor and outdoor), school, college and university leagues, and referees', coaches' and trainers' associations.
- a) An organization wishing to become an ~~Active or~~ Associate Member, must present a membership application form to **the Association** signed by signing officers of 3 existing Active Members of **the Association** who are operating within the geographic area of the applicant. The application shall be reviewed by **the Association's** Membership Committee for completeness and applicants alignment with the objectives of **the association**. Applications that pass the Membership Committees scrutiny shall be sent to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may then grant conditional approval of an Associate Members application subject to final approval by the membership at the Association's next General Meeting.
 - b) Associate Members shall make application for membership renewal with **the Association** annually on or before March 30 of the current year on a form to be provided by **the Association**.
 - c) The Board of Directors may admit an organization as an Associate Member for a short term of 30 days where that admission is of benefit to the members of **the Association** and that short term admission supports the objectives of **the Association**.
 - i) Limited Associate Membership may be granted subject to Article 3(2) b) and 3(2) c) to For Profit Soccer Academies and Schools for the sole purpose of granting permission to attend individual events sanctioned by recognized governing bodies if requested and subject to all rules and regulations of **the Association**.
- 3) The **Life Members** are persons who have rendered valuable service to **the Association** and are elected Life Members of **the Association** by the Board of Directors subject to review of the Membership at a General Meeting.
- a) A life member shall have a voice but no vote at General Meetings of **the Association**.
 - b) A life member shall be entitled to receive all information as is received by any other member of **the Association**.
- 4) The membership committee of the Association shall be responsible for receiving, approving and processing applications for membership where such application is made for the purposes of an

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applicant becoming an active member or an associate member. The membership committee shall review any such application to ensure that the applicant qualifies for the specific membership that is the subject of the application, and in addition the membership committee may refuse any application on the grounds that it is not in the best interest of the Association to have the applicant as an active member or associate member of **the Association**, as the case may be. Any rejection of an application by the membership committee may be appealed by the applicant to the directors, whose decision as to such application shall be final.

- 5) Every active member, associate member, and Life Member shall uphold the constitution and comply with these Bylaws.
- 6) The amount of annual membership fees for the following fiscal year shall be determined by the directors and shall be presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting of **the Association**. The members may determine a different membership fee structure for active members and associate members of **the Association**.
- 7) An active ~~members~~ or an associate member shall cease to be a member of **the Association**:
 - a) By delivering the intent to resign in writing to the Executive Director of **the Association** or by mailing or delivering such intent to the address of **the Association**;
 - b) Or in the case of a corporation, or other organization or association, its dissolution or cessation of operations;
 - c) Or on being expelled;
 - d) On having been declared a member not in good standing;
 - e) Or as otherwise set out in these Bylaws or in any schedule hereto.
- 8) An Active member or an Associate member may be expelled by a special resolution of the members passed at a general meeting.
 - a) The notice of special resolution for expulsion shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion;
 - b) The active member or associate member who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the general meeting ~~before at which~~ the special resolution is put to a vote.
- 9) All Active members and Associate members are in good standing except:
 - a) A member may be declared by the Board of Directors to be not in good standing due to non-payment of any annual membership fee and/or any outstanding debts to **the Association** 30 days prior to the ensuing general meeting
Or
 - b) In any case, the member shall be advised in writing of the declaration of not in good standing by the Board of Directors. Members are not in good standing until the Board of Directors accepts that the debt is cleared or a financial arrangement for repayment of said debt has been entered into with **the Association**; or until the Board of Directors is satisfied of the member's compliance with the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of **the Association**.

Comment [JE7]: Housekeeping: typo

Comment [JE8]: Housekeeping: amendment to provide clarity.

ARTICLE 4 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1)
- a) The business of the British Columbia Soccer Association shall be conducted by a Board consisting of fourteen (14) members who are currently residents of the Province of British Columbia and have been residents of British Columbia for a minimum of six months preceding the election shall be elected for a term, of two years, as follows:
 - i) In even calendar years, the President, Vice President Finance, Vice President Youth, and four directors shall be elected;
 - ii) In odd calendar years, the First Vice President, the Vice President Adult, and five (5) directors shall be elected;
- Election into office as a director of the Association under these terms shall be held at the Annual General meeting of the Association each year.
- b) The term of office for a director of the Association shall commence immediately after the Annual General Meeting and shall continue for a period of two year.
 - c) The Board shall meet whenever the President deems it necessary, or if instructed to do so by a majority of the Board, but in any case shall meet at least six (6) times a year.
 - i) Board members shall be given a minimum of 14 days notice of such meetings
 - ii) In emergency circumstances this notice period may be reduced to 1 day, however, in such circumstance decisions taken at that meeting must be ratified at the next board meeting.
 - d) At all meetings of the Board, a majority of elected members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - e) Any member of the Board absenting himself, without cause, from three (3) successive meetings of the Board of Directors, or wilfully neglecting his duties to the Board, shall be deemed to have forfeited his position. Such determination shall be made by a majority vote of the Board.
 - f)
 - i) If the office of a Director shall become vacant for any reason, with more than ninety (90) days remaining during his term of office, the Board may either;
 - (a) Call for nominations and hold an election with a mail in ballot to fill the remaining portion of the vacated term;
 - Or
 - (b) Appoint a new Director to serve in his stead until the next ensuing Annual General Meeting.
 - ii) If the office of a Director shall become vacant for any reason, with less than ninety (90) days remaining during his term of office, the Board may either;
 - (a) Appoint a new Director to serve in his stead until the next ensuing Annual General

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Meeting;

Or

(b) Leave the position vacant until the next ensuing Annual General Meeting.

iii) If the office of the President shall become vacant for any reason during his term of office, the First Vice President shall succeed him as President and the Board of Directors shall appoint a new First Vice President from within the Board.

g) No member of the Board of Directors shall hold an office or be an employee of a member under the jurisdiction of **the Association**. A newly elected Director must relinquish all positions with a member association within a period of sixty (60) days.

i) With the approval of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the Board shall cause **the Association** to indemnify a Director, officer, former Director or former officer of **the Association** or of a corporation of which **the Association** is or was a shareholder, and his or her heirs and personal representatives, against all costs, charges and expenses including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, in a civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which he or she is made a party by reason of being or having been a Director or officer of **the Association** or a Director or officer of such corporation, including any action brought by **the Association**/League or any such corporation, if:

a) he or she acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of **the Association** or such corporation of which he or she is or was a Director; and

b) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding, he or she had reasonable grounds for believing his or her conduct was lawful.

h) A Director or person holding an Executive position with **this Association**, who is desirous of accepting nomination to a different office with this Association, shall first resign from his/her current position.

i) No member of the Board of Directors shall hold an office or be an employee of a governing body of **the Association**. A Director must relinquish all positions with **the Association** within a period of sixty (60) days.

2)

a) The Board may engage paid employees as it shall deem necessary. Such persons shall have such authority and responsibility, as the Board shall determine.

b) The remuneration of any agent or employee of **the Association** shall be fixed by the Board. In addition to remuneration of any agent or employee, the Board may authorize the provision of such other benefits as pension, life insurance, sickness and accident insurance.

c) The Board shall assess the need for and fix the bond requirements of its officers, agents, or employees who have control of the funds of **the Association**.

d) The title and responsibilities of its employees shall be determined by the Board and defined in **the Association** Employee Policy Guide.

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- 3) No Director shall be remunerated for being or acting as a Director but a Director shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred while engaged in the affairs of **the Association**.
- 4) **British Columbia Soccer Association** representatives to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) shall be the ~~First Vice President~~ and no more than five (5) delegates.
- 5) A paid employee of **the Association** shall be permitted to attend meetings of the Board, as appropriate (at the discretion of the Board), and shall have a voice but no vote at such meetings.

Comment [JE9]: Housekeeping: to reflect current practice with the change to the make-up of Canada Soccer's board of directors..

ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- 1) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of **the Association** and shall supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties. He/she shall preside at all meetings of **the Association** and of the Board of Directors. In the event of a tie vote, he/she shall have a casting vote only. He/she shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.
- 2) The First Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President during his/her absence. He/she shall oversee the professional component of soccer in the province. If the President is unable to act as President for any reason whatsoever, the First Vice President shall be appointed by the President or by the Board of Directors to assume the full responsibilities of the office of the President.
- 3) The Vice President Finance shall be responsible for the supervision of the accounts and records of **the Association** and shall oversee the keeping of such financial records, including books of accounts, as are necessary to comply with the Societies Act.
 - a) The VP Finance shall present an annual budget that is designed to avoid incurring a deficit as prepared by the finance committee, for presentation to the membership at the Annual General Meeting
 - b) The budget for the following fiscal year presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting shall be subsequently reviewed by the VP Finance and where possible, without affecting the member programs and or the efficiency of the organization shall be amended in an effort to recover the cash decrease as reflected in the audited financial statements of the previous year.
 - c) The Vice President Finance shall establish a committee that shall include no less than two (2) Board members and a senior staff member to carry out the financial affairs of **the Association**.
- 4) The Vice President Adult shall be responsible for the supervision of all Adult programs.
- 5) The Vice President Youth shall be responsible for the supervision of all Youth programs.
- 6) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Board of Directors to:
 - a) Review the annual budget, as prepared by the finance committee, for presentation to the membership at the Annual General Meeting;

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- b) Ensure the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting proceedings are properly recorded and filed in a special minute book set aside for that purpose;
- c) Organize an annual general meeting or any other general meetings as called for by the members;
- d) Solicit funds at such time and in such manner as it may be deemed advisable;
- e) Generally ensure the day to day affairs of **the Association** are properly managed, and perform such other duties, responsibilities and obligations as may be required by law;
- f) Maintain all Rules and Regulations, which govern the game of soccer amongst the Active members and Associate members of **the Association**.
 - i) Proposed amendments or additions to the Rules and Regulations will only be considered if submitted, in writing, to **the Association** by an affiliated Adult League/Youth District, or by the Board of Directors of **the Association**. Notice of motion of the proposed changes or amendments must be received by **the Association** at least forty-five (45) days prior to any general meeting. Adult Leagues/Youth Districts in membership shall be circulated with copies of all proposed amendments or changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Meeting except as noted in this section. No motion may be placed on the floor that obviates, or intends to obviate the intention of this section.
 - ii) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Rules and Regulations may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any properly constituted meeting of the Board and come into effect as determined by the Board. All amendments shall be ratified by a simple majority of votes *cast* by the Membership present at the next General or Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
 - iii) A copy of every change or alteration in the Rules and Regulations shall be forwarded to each Adult League/Youth District in membership within fifteen (15) days.
 - iv) All changes to the Rules and Regulations will be received by the membership by August 1st of any year or held in abeyance until the following year.
 - v) From time to time, Rules and Regulations may be enacted which apply only to Youth or to Adult Players.
- g) The books and records of **the Association** shall be available upon written request from an active member of **the Association**.

ARTICLE 6 - GENERAL MEETINGS

- 1) The Annual General Meeting of **the Association** shall be held on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of June in each year, at a place, date and hour to be determined by the Board of Directors. Thirty (30) days written notice of such meeting shall be given to the members.

A copy of the financial statement, together with a copy of the auditor's annual report, shall be

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forwarded to each member, district and league and to members of the Board of Directors of the Association at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

- 2) General Meetings of the Association shall be held at such times and place, which the directors may decide.
 - a) Notice of general meetings shall specify the place, date and hour of the meeting, and be given in writing to each member. Thirty (30) days written notice of such meeting shall be given to the members.
 - b) The post-marked or email date of written notice shall be the official date of notice for the meeting. The non-receipt of such notice does not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.
- 3) A quorum at any general meeting shall be 50% +1 accredited delegates of active members in good standing, present in person or by proxy. Associate members and life members may be present at any general meeting, but shall not be counted in the quorum.
- 4)
 - a) The accredited voting delegates to the General Meeting of the Association shall be the authorized delegate members of each Adult League or Youth District in active membership in good standing. The names of accredited delegates and alternates must be filed with the association not later than seven (7) days prior to any General Meeting of the association unless approved by a majority of the accredited members at the same General Meeting.
 - b)
 - i) Each affiliated Adult League having fewer than ten (10) teams shall be eligible to cast at least one vote at the Annual General Meeting. An Adult League shall be permitted an additional vote for each additional ten (10) teams or part thereof. The total number of votes allocated each Adult League will be determined by the formula as set forth in Bylaw 4 b) iii) and subject to the provisions of Bylaw 4 b) v).
 - ii) Each affiliated Youth District having fewer than 400 registered players shall be eligible to cast one vote at the Annual General Meeting. Districts with more than 400 registered players shall be permitted one vote for the first 400 registered players and one vote for each additional 400 registered players registered by December 31st of the current coastal season and by June 1st of the current interior season.
 - (1) To determine the Adult League votes, divide the total number of youth votes, as determined in Article 6 paragraph 4 b) ii) by the total number of Adult teams in each league. The resulting figure is then multiplied by the number of teams per league. Fractional calculations are rounded up at 50% or more, and down at 49% or less.
 - iii) The total number of votes allocated to the Adult Leagues will equal the total number of votes allocated to the Youth Districts.
 - iv) No active member, youth or Adult, shall be permitted to assign its voting privileges to another active member.
 - v) No one Adult member can carry more than twenty five percent (25%) of the total number of eligible Adult votes. No Youth member can carry more than twenty five percent (25%)

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of the total number of eligible youth votes.

- vi) Any member not represented at a general meeting, without cause, and at successive general meetings, without cause, may be subject to a fine, as determined by the membership.
- c) Accredited Delegate Members to the Annual General meeting shall furnish the Association with their credentials prior to the start of the meeting. Those credentials shall comprise written authorization of the Adult League/Youth District to attend as an accredited Delegate member of that League/District.
- d) An Adult League/Youth District in arrears with its annual fees or indebted to the Association in any way shall not be eligible to vote or participate in the business of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Unless financial agreement for settlement of such indebtedness has been entered into with the Association
- e) A Adult League/Youth District who is under suspension from the Association will not be eligible to vote or participate in the business of the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
- f) The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
 - i) Presentation of credentials
 - ii) Roll Call
 - iii) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
 - iv) Business arising
 - v) Officers' reports
 - vi) Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws
 - vii) Amendments to the Rules and Regulations
 - viii) Elections
 - ix) New business
 - x) Adjournment
- 5) Every general meeting other than the Annual is a Special General Meeting.
- 6)
 - a) The President shall have the authority to call a Special General Meeting at any time, upon written request of a majority of the Board, or upon a written request signed by ten (10%) percent of the membership.
 - b) Any such request shall specify the purposes of such a meeting and each member of the Board and each affiliated Adult League/Youth District in membership shall receive thirty (30) days written notice thereof.
 - c) Only the business set out in the requisition calling for a Special General Meeting shall be dealt with at that meeting.
- 7)
 - a) The President, or in his absence, the First Vice President, or in the absence of both, one of the other Directors present shall preside as chairperson of a meeting of the Association.

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- b) If at a meeting there is no President, First Vice President or other Director present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or if the President, First Vice President and all other Directors present are unwilling to act as chairperson, the members present shall choose one of their numbers to be chairperson of the meeting.
- 8) The Board of Directors shall have a voice but no vote at any general meeting of **the Association**. The chairperson shall have a casting vote only in the event of a vote which is tied.
- 9) Roberts Rules of Order shall govern proceedings at all general meetings of **the Association**.
- 10) Each individual nominated for a position on the Board of Directors may appoint a single scrutineer to oversee the election process
- 11) General Meeting Election Voting System for Directors
 - a) **the Association** shall use the runoff election plurality voting system for election of President, 1st Vice President, Vice President Finance, Vice President Adult, and Vice President Youth. If no candidate has at least 50% +1 of the votes cast, the candidate with the least number of votes shall be eliminated from further consideration and another round of voting conducted. This process shall continue until one candidate has at least 50% +1 of the votes cast.
 - b) **the Association** shall use the Plurality Voting System for election of the Directors-at-Large. The ballot will provide one line for each 2 year position to be filled. Voters shall write in one candidate on each blank line of the ballot. Any ballot that contains the same candidate twice shall be declared spoiled and will not be counted. The candidates with the most votes shall be declared winners. In the event that two or more candidates are tied for the last position, a second round of voting shall be conducted. Those candidates with fewer votes than those tied will be eliminated from further consideration. The 2nd ballot shall then be conducted. Additional rounds of voting shall take place until the final position is filled.
 - c) The voting process for all 1 year Directors at Large position shall be conducted the same manner as 11 b)

ARTICLE 7 - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- 1)
 - a) No change or amendment shall be made in any part of the Bylaws except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of **the Association**.
 - b) Proposed amendments or additions to the Constitution and Bylaws will only be considered if submitted, in writing, to **the Association** by an affiliated Adult League/Youth District, or by the Board of Directors of **the Association**. Notice of motion of the proposed changes or amendments must be received by **the Association** at least forty-five (45) days prior to any general meeting. Adult League/Youth Districts in membership shall be circulated with copies of all proposed amendments or changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the General Meeting.
 - c) Adoption of any proposed amendment to the Constitution or Bylaws shall require a 75% majority of the votes *cast* by the members present and entitled to do so.

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ARTICLE 8 - COMMITTEES

- 1) The following Standing Committees are constituted to be advisory to the Board of Directors. The terms of reference, shall be kept up to date and published on **the Association's** web site for public access.
 - a) Finance and Audit
 - b) Nominations
 - c) Governance
 - d) Risk Management
 - e) Membership
- 2) The following Operational Committee's are constituted to be accountable to the board and the membership. The terms of reference shall be kept up to date and published on the Association's web site for public access.
 - a) Youth Competitions
 - b) Adult Competitions
 - c) Soccer Development (Grassroots and High Performance)
 - d) *Referees*
- 3) A Judicial Committee shall be constituted and chaired by a member of the board of Directors who shall oversee the following committees:
 - a) Appeals
 - b) Protests
 - c) Discipline
- 4) No member of the Board of Directors or staff member may sit on the Appeals Committee.

ARTICLE 9 - BORROWING / FINANCIAL POWERS

- 1) Subject to the British Columbia Society Act, the Board of Directors, in conducting the business of **the Association**, may borrow up to \$100,000 upon the credit of **the Association** without seeking the prior approval of the membership, of which \$50,000 may only be short term debt to be paid with 60 days of incurring the debt. Any further amounts must be approved at a General Meeting of the membership.
- 2) The Board of Directors is also authorized to enter into multi-year capital leases in conducting the business of **the Association**, to a maximum amount not exceeding \$100,000.
- 3) No encumbrances shall be placed upon the real estate of **the Association**. Real estate owned by **the Association** may not be sold without approval of the majority of the membership at a general meeting.

ARTICLE 10 - SEAL AND AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES

- 1) The corporate Seal of **the Association** and the Symbol shall be in such forms as shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors of **the Association**, provided that the seal shall bear the words, British Columbia Soccer Association.
- 2) The corporate seal shall be affixed only when authorized by a resolution of the Board and then only by person(s) prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- 3) The signing officers of the Association shall be the Vice President Finance, other director(s), the Executive Director and up to one (1) other employee as appointed by the Board of Directors. Two signing officers, only one of whom shall be an employee, shall sign all Association cheques.

ARTICLE 11 - DISTRICTS

- 1) Youth District boundaries are defined by the Board in consultation with the Youth Districts **Associations**, in the following manner:

Comment [JE11]: Housekeeping: suggest amendment to provide clarity.

Youth Districts Registering Boys

- a) Delta: Consists of the Municipality of Delta, that area of Surrey bounded by 40th Avenue on the north, 196th Street on the east, the 49th parallel to the south and the Pacific Ocean on the west. Also the part of Surrey bounded by 96th Avenue on the south, 120th Street on the east and River Road on the north and west.
- b) Surrey Metro Soccer: Shall be bounded by the Delta District boundaries on the west and on the south and the Fraser River to the north and 196th Street on the east.

Youth Districts Registering Girls

- c) South District Girls: Consists of the area west of 196th Street and bounded by the 49th parallel on the south and the Fraser River to the north, and including the Cities of Surrey, Delta, and White Rock.

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- d) 100 Mile House: Consists of the City of 100 Mile House and adjoining areas.
- e) Alouette: Bounded by the Pitt River on the west, Fraser River on the south and east to North Deroche Road.
- f) Barriere: Consists of the District of Barriere and adjoining areas.
- g) Boundary: Consists of the City of Grand Forks and adjoining areas.
- h) Bulkley Valley: Consists of the Municipalities of Houston, Hazelton, Telkwa, Smithers and adjoining areas.

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- i) Burnaby: Consists of the City of Burnaby and New Westminster.
- j) Central Okanagan: Consists of the City of Kelowna, the Municipality of Peachland, Westbank and the Lake Country and adjoining areas.
- k) Chetwynd: Consists of the City of Chetwynd, and that area West of East Pine River
- l) Columbia Valley: That area from Spillimacheen to Canal Flats and adjoining areas.
- m) Creston: Consists of the City of Creston and adjoining areas.
- n) Fort Nelson: Consists of City of Fort Nelson and adjoining area.
- o) Fraser Valley: Shall be bounded by 196th Street on the west, the 49th parallel on the south, Fraser River to the north and up to and including the City of Hope and on the North side of the Fraser River from North Deroche Road and east to the City of Hope
- p) Golden: Consists of Golden and adjoining areas
- q) Haida Gwaii: Consists of the entire area of the Haida Gwaii
- r) Kamloops: Consists of the City of Kamloops and adjoining areas.
- s) Kitimat: Consists of the District of Kitimat and adjoining areas.
- t) Kootenay East: Consists of the Cities of Cranbrook, Kimberley and the adjoining areas
- u) Kootenay South: Consists of the Municipalities of Fruitvale, Trail, Rossland, Castlegar, Montrose, Salmo and adjoining areas.
- v) Lower Island: Consists of that part of Vancouver Island south of the Chemainus River, including the Saanich Peninsula, Salt Spring Island, Outer Gulf Islands and Thetis Island.
- w) MacKenzie: Consists of City of McKenzie and adjoining area.
- x) Merritt: Consists of the City of Merritt and adjoining areas.
- y) Nechako Lakes: Consists of Fort St. James, Vanderhoof, Fraser Lake and Burns Lake and adjoining areas
- z) Nelson consists of the City of Nelson, Balfour, Slocan Valley (highway 6 & 3a Junction - Crescent Valley to New Denver), New Denver and adjoining areas.
- aa) North Island: Consists of the area north of the Upper Island boundary including the Municipality of Port Hardy; the Township of Port McNeill, and the Villages of Port Alice, Alert Bay including the adjoining areas
- bb) North Okanagan: Consists of the City of Vernon, the District of Coldstream, the City of Armstrong, the City of Enderby and adjoining areas

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- cc) North Shore: Consists of the City and District of North Vancouver, the Municipality of West Vancouver, extending north to include the Municipality of Squamish, the Sechelt Peninsula, Whistler and Pemberton.
 - dd) Prince George: Consists of the City of Prince George and adjoining areas.
 - ee) Prince Rupert: Consists of the City of Prince Rupert and adjoining areas.
 - ff) Quesnel: Consists of the City of Quesnel and adjoining areas.
 - gg) Revelstoke: Consists of City of Revelstoke and adjoining area.
 - hh) Richmond: Consists of the City of Richmond
 - ii) Shuswap: Consists of the Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Shuswap, Chase, Squilax, Tappen, Sorrento and North to Seymour Arms and Adams Lake.
 - jj) South Okanagan-Similkameen: Consists of the City of Penticton, The Districts of Summerland and Naramata, the villages of Oliver and Osoyoos, and adjoining areas
 - kk) South Peace: Consists of the City of Dawson Creek and that area East of East Pine River.
 - ll) Terrace: Consists of the District of Terrace and adjoining areas.
 - mm) Tri Cities: Consists of the Cities of Port Moody, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam up to the Pitt River on the east and the Villages of Anmore and Belcarra
 - nn) Upper Island: Consists of that area of Vancouver Island north of the Chemainus River and north to Sayward, and Kelsey Bay; and the City of Powell River and surrounding area.
 - oo) Vancouver: Consists of the City of Vancouver and the University Endowment Lands
 - pp) Williams Lake: Consists of the City of Williams Lake and adjoining areas.
- 2) The term "Coastal Districts" shall include the following Youth Districts:
- a) Alouette
 - b) Burnaby
 - c) Delta
 - d) Fraser Valley
 - e) Lower Island
 - f) North Shore
 - g) Richmond
 - h) South District Girls
 - i) Surrey Metro
 - j) Tri Cities
 - k) Upper Island
 - l) Vancouver
- 3) The term "Interior Districts" shall include the following Youth Districts:

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- a) Barriere
- b) Boundary
- c) Bulkley Valley
- d) Central Okanagan
- e) Chetwynd
- f) Columbia Valley
- g) Creston Valley
- h) Golden
- i) Haida Gwaii
- j) Kamloops
- k) Kitimat
- l) Kootenay East
- m) Kootenay South
- n) MacKenzie
- o) Merritt
- p) Nechako
- q) Nelson
- r) North Island
- s) North Okanagan
- t) One Hundred Mile
- u) Prince George
- v) Prince Rupert
- w) Quesnel
- x) Revelstoke
- y) Shuswap
- z) South Okanagan-Similkameen
- aa) South Peace
- bb) Terrace
- cc) Williams Lake

- 4) Adult Leagues are defined by the Board of Directors of this Association, and subject to Rule 143, Sanction and Control of Leagues of **The Association's** Rules and Regulations.
- 5) The Board shall have the authority to set boundaries for any new District except where such boundaries overlap the boundaries of an existing District.
- 6) Any proposed changes to existing District Boundaries shall be submitted to the membership for approval at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7) The Board shall report all District Boundary changes to the Provincial Sport Branch as required.
- 8) Where a roadway is used to define a District Boundary the centre of the roadway shall be the boundary.
- 9) The area of a district may include adjoining areas that have a common boundary with the District and are not adjoining or defined by another District.

Comment [JE12]: Housekeeping: to reference correct rule number.

ARTICLE 12 - YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

1) Youth District Boards

- a) The business of youth District Associations shall be conducted by a District Board consisting of no less than five (5) members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the District Association each year.
- b) District Associations may draw up guidelines to determine the eligibility of candidates for election to District office, and may determine the manner of election and the length of term of each vacant position on the District Board. However, any person elected to office on a District Board shall serve a minimum of one year, unless he is elected to a vacancy at a meeting other than the Annual General Meeting.
- c) District Associations may only affiliate not for profit registered society clubs.
 - i) Not for profit affiliate clubs shall provide to their District Association within the previous 12 months and annually proof of filing of the affiliated club's Society Annual Report (form 11).
- d) The books and records of all soccer clubs and teams shall be open to inspection by their District Association on demand.
- e) The term of office for a director of a District Association shall commence within thirty (30) days after the date of the District Annual General Meeting.
- f) The District Board shall notify its members of any vacancy that may occur on the Board and such vacancy may be filled at the earliest opportunity determined by the District Board, but within a period of sixty (60) days.
- g) The District Board shall meet whenever the chairman deems it necessary, or is instructed to do so by a majority of the District Board, but in any case shall meet at least once every two months.
- h) At all meetings of the District Board, a majority of elected District Board Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- i) Any member of the District Board absenting himself without cause from three consecutive meetings of the District Board, or wilfully neglecting his duties to the District Association, may be determined to have forfeited his position on the District Board. Such determination shall be made by a majority vote of the District Board.
- j) No member of the District Board shall vote on any matter directly affecting him/herself or any team and/or club in which he is holding office.
- k) The books and records of all District Associations and their affiliated clubs and teams shall be open to inspection by the Provincial Board on demand.

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- l) Seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of a District Association, a financial statement for the current fiscal period, shall be issued to members of the District Board and prescribed voting delegates to the Annual General Meeting.
- m) The Provincial Board has the authority to approve or amend the status of each District Board.
- n) The District Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and shall handle all correspondence. The District Secretary shall give notice of all meetings and prepare all annual reports.
- o) The District Treasurer shall be responsible for a complete yearly record of all financial transactions of the District Association and shall produce, when deemed necessary by the District Association or Provincial Board, a properly balanced accounting of the District Association's receipts and expenditures, according to the bank book or current bank statement. All accounts shall be paid by cheque and be signed by two of three signing officers authorized by the District Board.

2) Youth District Associations

- a) Each Youth District Association shall be a Registered Society by December 31, 2015.
- b) Each District Association may determine the voting delegates to its Annual General Meeting.
- c) The delegates, as defined in District Bylaws, shall meet annually on or before the first (1st) day of June in Coastal Districts; on or before the first (1st) day of December in Interior Districts.
- d) The delegates, as defined in District Bylaws, shall receive no less than fourteen (14) days notice of the date, time and venue of the District Association Annual General Meeting.
- e) No member who is in arrears with its fees, or is indebted to the District in any way shall be eligible to vote or participate in the business of the District Association Annual General Meeting, unless financial agreement for settlement of such indebtedness has been entered into with the District Association.
- f) No member who is under suspension from **the Association** will be eligible to vote or participate in the business of **the Association** at the Annual General Meeting.
- g) The order of business at the District Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
 - i) Roll Call
 - ii) Credentials
 - iii) Minutes
 - iv) Business Arising
 - v) Officers' Reports
 - vi) Constitutional Amendments
 - vii) Rules and Regulations Amendments
 - viii) Election of Officers
 - ix) New Business
 - x) Adjournment
- h) Proxies: Districts may choose to preclude proxies or may allow them with the following restrictions: At a District Meeting a member may not carry more than three (3) proxies or a

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number greater than 30% of the total vote for whom the member is a legal representative, whichever number is the least. Bona fide proxy credentials have to be presented in writing, stating the meeting for which the proxy is given and from the member who is giving his proxy.

- i) Each Youth District Association shall submit a copy of their Constitution Bylaws, Rules and Regulations annually, duly amended, to **this Association** for approval.
- j) Each Youth District Association shall submit the result of the election of officers, and list of current directors to **the Association** within 30 days of the election.
- k) Each District Association must have their financial statements reviewed at a minimum every two years by an independent review committee consisting of not less than 3 persons. All reviewed financial statements must be submitted to BC Soccer within 50 days after the Youth District fiscal year end. Failure to submit bi-annual reviewed financial statements may result in that Youth District becoming a member not in good standing with BC Soccer.
- l) Each Youth District Association or Inter-District League shall submit a Discipline report on an annual basis to the Judicial Committee of **the Association** in a form acceptable to **the Association**.

3) Adult League Boards

- a) Each Full Member/Active Adult League shall be a Registered Society by December 31, 2015.
- b) The business of a League shall be conducted by a board of not less than three (3) members, one of whom shall be the Chair and one of whom shall act as Secretary, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the League on or before the first of May in each year.
- c) Each League shall furnish **this Association** with a list showing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of its elected members prior to the commencement of the playing season in each and every year.
- d) Leagues shall submit **within 30 days of that association's Annual General Meeting** a copy of their constitution and bylaws annually, duly amended, to **this Association** for approval.
- e) Leagues shall have the power to deal with violations of the Laws of the Game, the Rules and Regulations of **this Association**, or misconduct by any of their clubs, players, officials or members.
- f) No league shall have the power to insert in its constitution that teams must play in any given competition.
- g) All teams within the jurisdiction of a League must be members of that League and must be affiliated with **this Association** before being accepted by that League.
- h) Should there be any difference of opinion among the Leagues having the right of sanction and jurisdiction of teams, any one of such Leagues may appeal to **this Association**.
- i) Leagues sanctioning teams and competitions shall observe the Rules and Regulations of this Association and the Canadian Soccer Association.

Comment [JE13]: Housekeeping: suggest amendment to provide timing requirement.

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- i) Each League shall submit a copy of its financial statements for the current fiscal period to the Association within 30 days of its Annual General Meeting.
- j) Seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of a League, a financial statement for the current fiscal period, shall be issued to members of the League Board and voting members attending the annual general meeting.
- k) The books and records of all Adult Leagues and Adult teams shall be open to inspection by the Provincial Board on demand.
- l) Each Adult League shall submit a Discipline report on an annual basis to the Judicial Committee of the Association in a form acceptable to the Association.
- m) No member of the League Boards shall vote on any matter directly affecting him/herself or any team and/or club in which he/she is holding office.

ARTICLE 13 - FINANCIAL REPORTING, AUDITING AND BUDGETING

- 1) The reporting year shall be from April 1 to March 31 each year;
- 2) Accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by a licensed Public Chartered Professional Accountant;
- 3) Auditors shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting;
- 4) A budget for the following fiscal year shall be prepared by the Finance Committee and distributed to each Member of the of the Association at least 21 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting, at which time it will be presented for approval;
- 5) The Budget shall include all proposed fees.

Comment [JE14]: Housekeeping: consistent wording.

ARTICLE 14 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 1) Directors and Officers of the Association must not only be free of conflict of interest but must also appear not to be in a conflict of interest;
- 2) On election to the position of a Director of the Association the newly elected Director shall immediately disclose, in writing, any personal, professional or business activity that may be construed as a potential Conflict of Interest and periodically thereafter update such disclosure;
- 3) A Director of the Association shall not permit his/her own interest to conflict in any way with his/her fiduciary responsibilities to the Association;
- 4) A Director of the Association shall not benefit directly or indirectly from any transaction with the Association, unless it is to clear advantage of the Association as determined by the Board of the Association;

Comment [JE15]: Housekeeping: typo

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- 5) A Director of **the Association** shall declare a conflict of interest and abstain from discussion or voting on any matter relating specifically to his/her involvement with another soccer organization, private business interest or outside not-for-profit or charitable organization;
- 6) A Director of **the Association** shall not receive compensation for his/her services, except for compensation for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties on behalf of **the Association**;
- 7) Any deviation or perceived deviation from the Conflict of Interest Article shall be acted on only if reported, in writing, by the complainant to the Board of **the Association**;
- 8) Any Director who, by personal or business conduct, violates any part of Article 14 may be suspended from the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the entire Board of **the Association** concerned after an investigation has been made at which [time] the Director concerned has been given a proper hearing with full opportunity to explain his/her action. When such a hearing is being initiated, notice of such hearing shall be given to all concerned, in writing, not less than 10 working days before such hearing. Such suspension will remain in effect until ratified by the membership of **the Association** at its next General Meeting.

ARTICLE 15 - ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 1) **BCSA** supports the principles of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and is committed to the techniques of mediation and arbitration as effective ways to resolve disputes and to avoid the uncertainty and cost associated.



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for consideration at the 2015 Annual General Meeting

May 14, 2015

DEFINITIONS

In these Rules & Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) "Adult" shall mean an individual who has reached the age of 18 years;
 - i. "Adult Player" shall mean a player who is registered with an adult team;
 - ii. "Adult Team" shall mean a team that is affiliated with BC Soccer outside the youth age categories;
- b) "Amateur soccer" shall mean all non-professional soccer related activities governed by BC Soccer within the province of British Columbia;
 - i. "Amateur player" shall mean any person other than a professional player;
- c) "Association Football" shall mean the game controlled by FIFA and organized in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.;
- d) "Association Official" shall mean any person appointed, volunteering for or employed by an organization participating in sanctioned soccer in BC, such as a club, district or league and that person may be, but not limited to, a director, committee member, administrator, team official, employee or volunteer;
- e) The word "BC Soccer" shall mean the British Columbia Soccer Association;
- f) "BC Soccer Registered Referee" or "Referee" shall mean a person registered as qualified under these regulations who may be engaged as a Game Official;
- g) "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of BC Soccer;
- h) "Bona fide" shall mean authentic and true, presented in good faith without deception or fraud;
- i) "Books and Records" shall mean the Listing of officers, the Rules and Regulations, the Constitution and Bylaws, the Board Meeting Minutes, the General Meeting Minutes and Financial statements (current and previous);
- j) "Canada Soccer" shall mean the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA);
- k) Club - "youth club" shall mean an organization operating a minimum of four affiliated youth soccer teams having not less than 44 players and, under the jurisdiction of a Youth District Association; "adult club" shall mean an organization operating one or more teams under a common executive;
- l) "CONCACAF" shall mean The Confederation of North, Central American, and Caribbean Association Football; "Confederation" means a group of Associations recognized by FIFA and belonging to the same continent (or similar geographic area);
- m) "Designate" shall mean a person or organization appointed to carry out a specific action;
- n) "Director" shall mean a member for the Board of Directors of BC Soccer; "Directors" shall mean

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all members of the Board of Directors of BC Soccer;

- o) "Examine" shall mean to supervise written and oral examination of Referees and Trainee Referee candidates to the requirements and standards determined by Canada Soccer from time to time;
- p) "Exhibition game" shall mean a game played which does not count in league standings or in cup competition;
- q) "Fee Schedule" shall refer to the current BC Soccer Programs/Service Fee Schedule;
- r) "FIFA" shall mean International Federation of Association Football/Fédération Internationale de Football Association;
- s) "Fines" shall mean a non-refundable monetary amount assessed for breach of the rules and regulations by BC Soccer or in accordance with district or league policy, however, shall not be levied against any youth age player;
- t) "Game Official" shall mean a Referee, Assistant Referee or 4th Official or a Club/Team Linesperson accepted by the teams;
- u) "Games / matches" shall mean matches played within the framework of organised soccer;
- v) "Individual / Person" shall mean anybody, registered or otherwise, who participates in sanctioned soccer in any capacity such as being a player, team official, game official, association official or spectator;
- w) "Inter-district" shall refer to soccer activity that takes place across two or more Youth District Associations;
- x) "International Transfer Certificate" shall mean approval of a player registered at one national association to be registered at a new national association;
- y) "Inter-provincial" shall refer to soccer activity that takes place across two or more CSA member provincial or territorial associations;
- z) "Laws of the Game" shall mean the codified rules that help define soccer. They are the only rules of soccer subscribed to by the sport's governing body FIFA;
- aa) "League" shall mean Leagues- in-Membership, primarily established for the purpose of organizing and operating open age soccer as defined by BC Soccer or a sanctioned league operating under rules and regulations approved by BC Soccer;
 - i. "In-District League" shall mean a league comprising of only one Youth District Association;
 - ii. "Inter-District League" shall mean two or more Youth District Associations operating a league under rules and regulations approved by BC Soccer;
- bb) "Official" shall mean all Club, District or League (elected, appointed or paid) Directors, Officers, committee members, coaches, referees and attendants as well as other people responsible for technical, medical and administrative matters at BC Soccer, and association, or affiliate;

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- cc) "Playing down" shall be defined by BC Soccer's current Playing Down Policy;
- dd) "Playing up" shall be defined by BC Soccer's current Playing Up Policy;
- ee) "Professional soccer" shall be defined per Canada Soccer's constitution;
 - i. "Professional player" shall mean a person who receives or has received payment for playing or who signs a professional registration form of the Canada Soccer;
- ff) "Registered Address" of a member shall mean the address as recorded in the register of members;
- gg) "Registered Player " and/or "player" shall mean a person whose application for registration with BC Soccer has been validated by BC Soccer or designate for the current playing season;
- hh) "Rules & Regulations" shall mean those rules and regulations that are set from time to time by BC Soccer or a member organization that govern the rules of play for sanctioned soccer;
- ii) "Soccer related activity" shall mean activities that include administering, coaching, managing, playing or officiating in any sanctioned activity that falls under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer or as determined by BC Soccer;
- jj) "Society Act" shall mean the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments to it;
- kk) "Team" shall mean a soccer team with not less than eleven registered players, (except for small sided teams that may not have less than 3 (players) plus team officials, whose application for affiliation has been validated by the BC Soccer or designate for the current playing season;
- ll) "Team Official" shall mean the coach, assistant coach, manager or other person registered with BC Soccer who oversees the operation of an affiliated team;
- mm) "Transfer" shall mean a player who transfers his/her registration from one team to another team;
- nn) "Unsporting" shall mean not adhering to the standards of moral, ethical or good sporting behaviours expected of persons involved in the game; not acting for the good of the game;
- oo) "Youth" shall mean an individual who has not reached the age of 18 years;
 - i. "Youth Player" shall mean a player registered with a youth team;
 - ii. "Youth Team" shall mean a team that is affiliated with BC Soccer within the youth age categories;
- pp) "Youth District Association" shall mean an association primarily established for the purpose of organizing and administrating youth age soccer in a defined area as per the current constitution.



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Comment [WU1]:

NOTE: Items highlighted in yellow are within the proposed Definitions

NOTE: Items highlighted in green replace "BCSA" or "the Association" with BC Soccer as appropriate

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RULE 1 - REGULATIONS REGARDING VARIATIONS OF THE GAME OF SOCCER

General

- a) **The Association** may enact rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the Canadian Soccer Association, for the sanction and control of districts, leagues, teams and players playing in variations of **association football** indoors or outdoors.
- b) A copy of every proposed and/or approved change to the Rules and Regulations shall be forwarded by the Executive Director **(or designate)** of **the Association** to the membership within fifteen (15) days after receipt and/or approval. These decisions must be submitted for ratification by the membership at the next General Meeting.

Comment [JE2]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect current practice.

RULE 2 - PLAYER AGE LIMITS

- a) A player's age category is determined by the age a player attains on or after the first day of January (January 1) of the current calendar year.
- b) The current calendar year is the year in which play ends.
- c) With the permission of **the Association**, District Associations/Leagues may extend the rules and number of players for small sided soccer to higher age divisions.

Youth

- d) A **youth team** is one that is affiliated with **the Association** within the youth age categories defined herein. A **youth player** shall refer to a player registered with a youth team. Youth age categories ~~(divisions)~~ shall comprise players who have not attained their:

18th Birthday	U-18 Division
17th Birthday	U-17 Division
16th Birthday	U-16 Division
15th Birthday	U-15 Division
14th Birthday	U-14 Division
13th Birthday	U-13 Division

before the first day of January (January 1) of the current calendar year.

- e) Under – 12, -11, -10, -9, -8, -7 and under – 6 age groups are considered "Small Sided" ~~divisions categories. Small Sided age categories shall comprise players who have not attained their. These shall be comprised of players who have not attained their:~~

12th Birthday	Under – 12 Division
11th Birthday	Under – 11 Division
10th Birthday	Under – 10 Division
9th Birthday	Under – 9 Division
8th Birthday	Under – 8 Division
7th Birthday	Under – 7 Division
6th Birthday	Under – 6 Division

before the first day of January (January 1) of the current calendar year.

Comment [JE3]: Housekeeping: move the first two sentence of this to the newly created definitions section as these are the definitions for a "youth player" and a "youth team".

Comment [JE4]: Housekeeping: remove all references to divisions as this rule is defining player age limits.

Comment [JE5]: Housekeeping: remove all references to divisions as this rule is defining player age limits

- f) Youth players are ineligible to play in an age ~~division category~~ for which they attain the limiting age before the first day of January (January 1) of the current calendar year, unless permission is granted as defined in the 2014 BC Soccer Playing Down Policy.

Comment [JE6]: Housekeeping: amend for clarity and consistent wording.

AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART

Using January 1 Cut-Off Date

Born in or after the current calendar year (Current calendar year is the year in which play ends)

SEASON (Year in which play ends)	U-18	U-17	U-16	U-15	U-14	U-13	U-12	U-11	U-10	U-9	U-8	U-7	U-6
2013	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
2014	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
2015	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
2016	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
2017	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
2018	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
2019	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2020	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
2021	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2022	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016

EXAMPLE: A player born in 2000 would be in the U18 age category for the season ending in the year 2017

Adult

- g) An **Adult team** is one that is affiliated with **the Association** outside the youth age categories defined in paragraph "e)" of rule 2 Player Age Limits. An Adult player shall refer to a player registered with an Adult team.
- h) **Men's MASTERS** age categories shall comprise of affiliated teams whose players have attained **(at a minimum)** their thirty fifth (35) birthday prior to January 1st of the current calendar year.
- i) A women's CLASSIC age category shall comprise of affiliated teams whose players have attained their thirtieth (30) birthday prior to January 1st of the current calendar year. For Coastal BC the current calendar year is the year in which play ends.

Comment [JE7]: Housekeeping: move this to the newly created definitions section as this are the definitions for a "adult player" and a "adult team".

Comment [JE8]: Housekeeping: amended to ensure correct reference.

Comment [JE9]: Housekeeping: amendment to allow for current practice of more categories of soccer within the Masters category. Example: Over 40s, etc.

RULE 3 - PLAYING SEASON

General

Youth

- a) For youth players, the "coastal" playing season shall commence on the 1st day of August and terminate on the 31st day of July in the following year.

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- b) For youth players, the "interior"-playing playing season shall commence on the 1st day of April and terminate on the 31st day of March in the following year.
- c) For youth players, the "calendar"-playing playing season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of December of the same year.
- i) For youth players registered at the U18 age level, the "calendar" season shall commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of July of the same year.

Adult

- d) For **Adult players**, the "winter" playing season shall commence on the 1st day of September and terminate on the 31st day of March in the following year.
- e) For Adult players, the "summer" playing season shall commence on the 1st day of April and terminate on the 31st day of August in the same year.

RULE 4 - TEAM AFFILIATION

General

- a) **The Association** or any affiliate shall have the power to prohibit the teams and players under its jurisdiction from playing with or against any team which is not a member of the Canadian Soccer Association or an affiliated association.
- b) Only properly affiliated teams shall be eligible to participate in competitions under the jurisdiction of **the Association**.
- c) Teams shall be allowed to retain ~~their~~ **the players registered to it** until their respective league and/or cup competition commitments have been fulfilled, and the defined playing season is completed, subject to rule 7.
- d) Teams may not register new players for league and/or cup competitions after the expiry date of the playing season for which league and/or cup play is still in progress.
- e) Females are permitted to compete for a place on and play on otherwise all male teams. In order to maintain and encourage girls/women's soccer program, **the Association** shall be permitted, at the Board's discretion, to deny permission for males to play on otherwise all-female teams. Where a male player is registered with a team, the team for the purposes of competition shall be considered a male team unless given special designation by **the Association**.
- f) In instances where males and females play on the same team, all players shall be granted all the rights and privileges afforded by the Constitution and Bylaws of **the Association**.
- g) For the purposes of registration on gender-based amateur teams, a player may register with the gender team with which the player identifies, and confirmation sufficient for guaranteeing access shall be satisfied by documentation or evidence that shows the stated gender is sincerely held, and part of a person's core identity. Documentation satisfying the herein stated standard includes, but is not limited to, government-issued documentation or documentation

Comment [JE10]: Housekeeping: amendment to provide increase clarity.

Comment [JE11]: Housekeeping: amendment to provide increase clarity.

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prepared by a health care provider, counsellor, or other qualified professional not related to the player.

- h) No team shall be permitted to register more players at any given time than either defined or approved by **the Association**. Any team having registered the maximum number of players and desiring to register an additional player, or players, must first release such of its players so that the team's roster does not exceed the maximum allowable number of registered players.
- i) All teams must be affiliated in the format authorized by **the Association**.
- j) Affiliation fees are non-refundable.
- k) A "team", U-13 through Adult, shall be recognized when a minimum of eleven (11) players unless the team is an approved small sided team as specified in Rule 2 e are registered with the Association's Registrar or designate under one team name.
- l) Adult Leagues and Youth districts are required to complete and submit to **the Association** all registration data and full registration fees as provided in the Registration Policy Manual of the Association.

Comment [JE12]: Housekeeping: delete as this is duplication with definition of teams in BC Soccer bylaws.

Also, this definition will be added to the newly created definitions section.

Youth

- l) Youth teams aged Under 13 to Under 16 shall not be permitted to register more than eighteen (18) players. **BCSA** Board may grant seasonal dispensation to Rural or Remote Districts for players/teams within the Rural or Remote District.
- m) Youth teams aged Under 17 and Under 18 shall not be permitted to register more than twenty (20) players. **BCSA** Board may grant seasonal dispensation to Rural or Remote Districts for players/teams within the Rural or Remote District.
- n) A "small sided-team" shall be recognized when a minimum of the number of players specified in the table below (U6-U12, or as approved under Rule 2 e) are registered with **the Association** Registrar or **Designate** under one team name.

U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10	U-11	U-12
3	4	4	7	7	8	8

Adult

- o) Adult league teams shall be permitted to register the number of players as defined by league rules approved by **the Association**.

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

General

- a) No player registered with **the Association** shall be entitled during the valid period of such registration to compete in any competition for any club outside Canada without first obtaining permission from **the Association**. Any violation of the Rule will immediately cancel

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the registration and render the player ineligible to compete again in Canada during the current playing season.

- b) An amateur player:
- i) Shall not receive any remuneration or consideration directly or indirectly from playing soccer except as provided in these rules;
 - ii) May, if injured while playing soccer, with the consent of the association having jurisdiction is entitled to receive payment for medical bills or proceeds of any benefit match, subscription or collection;
 - iii) May receive necessary hotel and travelling expenses and may, in special cases, receive expenses for equipment, physical preparation and insurance against accidents during play and while travelling;
 - iv) Shall give a receipt in writing for any moneys received and shall produce a copy of the receipt whenever required to do so by the association having jurisdiction;
 - v) May be required, by the association having jurisdiction, to prove that any remuneration paid to the player is fair and proper remuneration for employment in any other capacity with the team for which the player is registered.
- c) An amateur player shall lose amateur status whenever:
- i) The player receives remuneration, payment or consideration not authorized by these rules;
 - ii) The player is registered as a professional.
- d) An amateur player is permitted to register with a professional team as an amateur, but such player shall also have registered with the Provincial Association.
- e) **The Association** shall be the final authority in determining when a player is properly registered with **the Association**.
- f) Any player or official not registered with **the Association** shall be determined to be ineligible to participate in league and cup competition under the jurisdiction of **the Association** and ~~no longer not~~ eligible for any benefit from membership in **the Association**. For the purposes of this section registration shall cease at the end of the playing season as specified in Rule 3.
- g) Failure to register all players, ~~including Small Sided aged players,~~ by any district, league or affiliated association shall result in a directive from the Board leading to the expulsion and/or suspension of that district, league or affiliated association from **the Association**. Such suspension or expulsion shall not commence for 10 working days from the date that the directive is delivered in writing to the district, league or affiliated association and shall remain in effect until the matter has been rectified to the satisfaction of the Board.
- h) No player shall be permitted to register for more than one team at any one time, or play in more than one provincial, district or **inter-district** cup competition under the jurisdiction of **this Association** without first receiving written permit from **the Association**. (Exceptions are

Comment [JE13]: Housekeeping: amendment to provide increase clarity.

Comment [JE14]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

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~~Provincial All-star BC Soccer player programming~~ and school teams, as well as Associate member ~~Member Adult League teams with the consent of the Associate member league.~~ School is defined as those schools affiliated with the B.C. Schools Sports Federation and post-secondary institutions as recognized by **the Association**).

Comment [JE15]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect current activity.

Comment [JE16]: Housekeeping: amendment to provide increase clarity and reflect current practice.

- i) A player is bound to the team for which the player is signed, unless transferred or released as provided for in these rules, until the end of the team's current playing season.
- j) Subject to competition rules, a player whose team has completed its playing season, and who wishes to play for the same team or a different team in another league or competition, must be registered again as per the Registration Policy Manual.
- i) Youth players may register for a different team for a secondary season in the current registration season after April 1 (Coastal Season) and August 1 (Interior season) provided they fulfill their obligations to their current team. Cup tied rules apply.
- k) A team representing the Province of British Columbia in a Canadian Soccer Association National Cup Competition, shall retain, for the purpose of that competition only, those players registered with the team on the day when the team wins the right to represent the Province of British Columbia.
- l) In all cases where a player has last been registered outside the Province of British Columbia, documentary evidence must be produced that the player has been cleared by his previous association and must state whether this prior registration was as an amateur or professional, before the player shall be allowed to register in the Province of British Columbia.
- m) Registration is good only for the current season.
- n) ~~Where a person other than the Association is authorized to receive any registrations or transfers,~~ the date such registrations or transfers are submitted or mailed (the post-mark will be the accepted date of mailing) to the authorized person shall be recognized as the date covering such registrations ~~or transfers~~. In such cases, the District or League shall forward the registrations ~~or transfers~~ to **the Association** in accordance with the time limits as set.
- o) Proof of registration rests with team officials and proof of age, where required, rests with the player.
- p) All players must be registered seven (7) days before taking part in any cup competition.
- q) All players must be registered one (1) day prior to taking part in any league match.
- r) Players who wish to register with **the Association** must do so in the format approved by **the Association**.
- s) All persons desiring to become team officials on any team are required to register with **the Association** and comply with Rule 21.
- ~~s) All individuals residing in the Province of British Columbia shall be eligible for registration as a player in BC Soccer. The Board may grant special permission to non-residents upon written request.~~

Comment [JE17]: Housekeeping: removing the transfer reference as this is a registration rule and not a transfer rule.

Comment [JE18]: Housekeeping: amendment to ensure compliance with Risk Management and CRC requirements.

Youth

- t) ~~All youth residing in the Province of British Columbia shall be eligible for registration as a youth player in the Association. The Board may grant special permission to non residents upon written request.~~
- u) A youth age player shall be recognized as a registered player of **the Association** once **the Association's Registrar** or designate validates the youth's application for membership, providing the applicant has met all eligibility requirements.
- v) The youth age player shall be required when first applying for membership as a registered player, to provide proof of age, such as a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, citizenship papers, passport or other evidence acceptable to **the Association**. Documented proof of age may also be necessary from time to time. Affidavits may only be considered with multiple pieces of corroborating documentation acceptable to **the Association**.
- w) ~~A registered youth player may register for an Adult team between the date of completion of the youth team's league and cup commitments and the end of the playing season, as outlined in paragraphs "a & b", Rule 3 -Playing Season, upon written consent of the Association.~~
- x) All players and team officials in the U13 to U18 Divisions, and team officials from U6 to U12 shall be issued with a current BC Soccer photo (within 24 months) identification card once they have been registered with **the Association's** Registrar or designate. A grace period shall be allowed until midnight October 1 of the coastal playing season and midnight June 1 of the interior-playing season. Team officials are required to present photo identification cards of the players and team official to the referee prior to any league or cup games.
- y) ~~Youth age players, to be considered eligible for youth district cup, inter- district cup or provincial cup play, must have played at least one league game in a properly constituted youth league.~~

Comment [JE19]: Housekeeping: amendment to remove the item from the youth only section of Rule 5 and into the general section; and amend the wording to apply to both youth and adult individuals.

Comment [JE20]: Housekeeping: delete in its entirety as this is duplication with Rule5.j.

Comment [JE21]: Housekeeping: move this to Rule 24 as this is a completion specific rule.

Adult

Active Full Members

- z) ~~All Adult amateur players participating in leagues affiliated with the Association must register in such a manner as the Association rules prescribe.~~
- aa) ~~Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues may obtain the Adult Player Registration Form from **the Association** for distribution to registering players or collect the required information via an alternative format. Registrations shall be completely filled in and submitted to the League Registrar who will in turn record each registration and return the various portions of the form and/or electronic confirmation to the players and submit the registration data to **the Association** as per the Registration Policy Manual. The cost of the registration is determined and circulated by **the Association** to the membership prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season. Payment for all registration is due as per the Registration Policy Manual and current fee schedule.~~
- i) ~~Active (Full Member) Adult Leagues with open age divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championships which lead to the national championships must register all open~~

Comment [JE22]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE23]: Housekeeping: Delete as this is duplication with Rule 5.r.

Comment [JE24]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE25]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

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age players with **the Association** in the category known as Form "A".

- ii) **Active (Full Member) Adult** Leagues with open age divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championship that does not lead to the national championships must register all open age players with **the Association** in the category known as Form "B".
- iii) **Active (Full Member) Adult** Leagues with Graduate divisions, players Under the Age of 21, wishing to participate in the provincial championship that does not lead to the national championships must register all players in a Graduate division with **the Association** in the category known as Form "B under 21".
- iv) **Active (Full Member) Adult** Leagues with Masters and Classics Divisions wishing to participate in the provincial championships which lead to the Western Canadian championships must register all players in Masters and/or Classics Divisions with **the Association** in the category known as Form "M".
- v) **Active (Full Member) Adult** Leagues with Over 40 Divisions must register all players with **the Association** in the category known as Form "O".
- vi) **Active (Full Member) Adult** Leagues with divisions that operate in Secondary Season must register all players with **the Association** in the category known as Form "SEC".

Comment [JE26]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE27]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE28]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE29]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE30]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Associate Members

Comment [JE31]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

bb) Adult teams forming a league may apply to register under the category of Associate Member. This category shall not be provided with, and shall not be allowed to participate in any provincial or national competitions. Applications to **the Association** under this category must be made seasonally and registration under this category shall not be granted to applicants qualifying under Categories "A", "B", "M" "O" or "SEC" of Adult registrations. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended for unique circumstances such as short-term community leagues, developmental leagues and geographically isolated leagues.

- i) Upon submission to **the Association** for ~~registration-membership~~ under the Associate category, the application must include a copy of the league operating rules and regulations, a financial report, identification of league officers and a tentative league schedule.
- ii) **Associate Member Adult** Leagues in this category may obtain the Adult Player Registration Form from **the Association** for distribution to registering players or collect the required information via an alternative format. Registrations shall be completely filled in and submitted to the League Registrar who will in turn record each registration and return the various portions of the form and/or electronic confirmation to the players and submit the registration data to **the Association** as per the Registration Policy Manual. The cost of the registration is determined and circulated by **the Association** to the membership prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season. Appropriate payment for all registration is due as per the Registration Policy Manual and current **fee schedule**.

iii) **Associate Member Adult Leagues must register all players with **the Association** in the category known as Form "C"**.

Comment [JE32]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect current practice.

- cc) All players and team officials shall be issued with a photo identification card once they have registered with **the Association's Registrar** or Designate. A grace period should be allowed until October 1st of the Coastal Playing Season and June 1st of the Interior Playing Season.
- dd) Single Adult amateur teams wishing to play in an international amateur league may apply to register under the category of Associate Member. This category shall not be provided with, and shall not be allowed to participate in any provincial or national competitions. Applications to **the Association** under this category must be made seasonally and registration under this category shall not be granted to applicants qualifying under Categories "A", "B", "M", "O" or "SEC" of Adult registrations. Eligibility for registration under this Associate category is at the discretion of the Board and is intended for unique circumstances such as developmental leagues and geographically isolated leagues.

RULE 6 - POACHING

Any team **and/or club**, which, through its responsible officers or representatives, attempts to induce a registered player of a team under the jurisdiction of **the Association** to leave the team before the completion of the team's league, cup or provincial cup commitments, shall be deemed to have committed an offence. If the alleged offence involves two teams that are members of the same Youth District or Adult League the matter shall be addressed by that Youth District or Adult League. If the alleged offence involves two teams that are members of separate Youth Districts or Adult Leagues, the matter shall be addressed by **the Association's** Judicial Committee.

Comment [JE33]: Housekeeping: amendment to expand to include clubs.

RULE 7 - TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

General

- a) A player is entitled by these rules, to a **transfer** provided the player has complied with all provincial, district or league rules and regulations and is not indebted to the current team, district or league.
- b) A player is entitled to a transfer as hereinafter provided, by January 15th of the current year for the coastal/winter-playing season, except as provided below, and by June 30th of the current year for the interior/summer-playing season, except as provided below. A player shall not be allowed to transfer during the team's playing season without the consent of the team for which the player is registered. A player currently under suspension and seeking a transfer is not eligible to play until the suspension has been served.
 - i) Once a team plays its first league game in the current playing season any player movement thereafter would be subject to the transfer regulation.
 - ii) Transfer fees do not apply to transfers received by **the Association** prior to the registration submission deadline.
 - iii) Players registered on teams in the Under 10 and younger age groups may transfer at any time during their playing season.

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- iv) Players are not permitted to transfer to or from a MSL or equivalent team after December 31st of the current Coastal/Winter playing season unless their currently registered team has completed its playing obligations for that season.
- v) Players are not permitted to transfer to or from a BCHPL or equivalent team after December 15th of the current Coastal/Winter playing season or after August 15th of the current Interior playing season unless their currently registered team has completed its playing obligations for that season.
- vi) However, notwithstanding the above, player transfers may occur between BCHPL teams only between January 1 and May 31.
- c) A player who has been registered with **the Association** by a team for the current playing season shall not be allowed to transfer to any other team unless first having given the team seven (7) days notice by **BC Soccer** transfer form, of intention to transfer. A **responsible officer/team and/or club official** of the team must respond to the application to transfer within seven (7) days of receipt of such notice. Such permission, when received by **the Association's Registrar** or Designate, shall entitle the player to be transferred to any other affiliated team as provided by these rules.
- d) A player being refused a transfer by the player's team **and/or club** shall be allowed to apply, without fee, to **the Association** for review. If the releasing team official refuses to sign the application form without just cause, **the Association** shall have the authority to approve an application to transfer without the releasing team official's signature, subject to paragraph "a", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.
- e) A player shall be entitled to the benefits of the Transfer **Law Rule** as follows:
 - i) Within the jurisdiction of **the Association**, only two (2) transfers shall be permitted during the current playing season; but a player once transferred cannot be transferred back to the original team until a period of thirty (30) days has elapsed.
 - ii) One **inter-provincial** transfer, except that, a player having been transferred and finding it necessary to return to the original registration jurisdiction, shall be allowed to return to the team from which the player was last transferred.
- f) Every authorized youth player transfer application form and payment shall be sent immediately to **the Association**. All authorized adult player transfers shall be submitted with appropriate payment to **the Association** within 7 days of the transfer deadline.
- g) Players moving from one province to another (inter-provincial transfer) must receive written clearance from the Provincial Association with which he/she was last registered. A player moving from one Country to another (international transfer) must receive an **International Transfer Clearance (ITC)** from the Country with which he/she was last registered.
- h) **Applications for transfer from one district or league to another will be subject to the zoning regulations of the district or league to which the player is being transferred, if zoning regulations apply.**
- i) **When a team, with the written consent of the district or league having jurisdiction, has ceased to operate, or has been declared defunct, then the players registered on this team shall be**

Comment [JE34]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE35]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity and reflect current practice.

Comment [JE36]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE37]: Housekeeping: amendment to for consistent wording and correct reference.

Comment [JE38]: Housekeeping: delete in its entirety as this is duplication with Rule 7.p.

Comment [JE39]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

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entitled to transfer without fee to any other team, upon making application to **the Association**. Having satisfied itself of the bona fide of the application, **the Association** shall have the power to transfer the player to a team producing the player's signed application. **The Association** may, at its discretion, transfer a player of a team that has been declared defunct after the transfer deadline.

- j) Any player registered with a team, which has declared the player surplus to the team's requirements may be granted a release from that team by filing a completed transfer **or player release** form with the Association. ~~This~~ transfer **submission** shall be subject to the transfer deadline as specified in paragraph "b", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.
- k) All transfers (excluding full member internal transfers) shall be subject to a transfer fee, to be determined and circulated by the Board, prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season, due and payable to **the Association**, before the transfer can be completed.
- l) Transfer fees are non-refundable.
- m) Players must be transferred seven (7) days before taking part in any cup competition. This rule shall not apply to league games. A player, after being transferred, may compete in league games as provided by the rules of such leagues. All player transfers for league games must be made at least one (1) day prior to the game-taking place. The grace period commences from the date the completed application and fee is filed with **the Association**. The transfer application shall be authorized by **the Association** prior to the player taking part in any competition with the new team.
- n) A player transferred to a youth team must play at least one league game before playing in Provincial Cup competition for the team to which he has been transferred unless under exceptional circumstances the **BC Soccer Youth Competitions Committee** may grant an exception to this requirement.
- o) A transferred player shall be not eligible to play for the new team in any cup competition in which the player has already competed during the current playing season.

Comment [JE40]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity and reflects current practice.

Comment [JE41]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE42]: Housekeeping: move in its entirety to the youth section of Rule 7 as this is purely related to youth player movement.

Youth

- p) Youth player transfers are subject to Rule 22 - Youth Players, Zoning.
- q) District approval is required for all transfers.
- r) At the discretion of **the Association**, and only in special circumstances, i.e., the case of a player having moved residence from one district to another, a youth player transfer may be permitted after the transfer deadline(s) specified in paragraph "b", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.
- s) The transfer of youth players to one team in the U-13 or older age groups during any one season shall be limited to three, except in the case of:
 - i) teams given special dispensation by **the Association** for the purposes of Provincial Cup competition (see paragraph "b", Rule 24 - Rules for Provincial Cup Play), or

Comment [JE43]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect correct reference.

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- ii) **the Association** approves the exception resulting from a defunct team pursuant to rule 7i, or
- iii) **Premier League BC Soccer High Performance League (BCHPL), as refined in Rule 26,** team may be permitted to transfer an unlimited number of players to/from other teams. Such transfers shall not count toward any team's limit of three transfers in a season. All transfers must adhere to all requirements of Rule 22 Youth Player-Zoning where applicable. Regardless of the forgoing, no player shall be permitted to play for more than one team in any Provincial Cup.
- iv) Teams who transfer players to **Premier League BCHPL** teams are entitled to an equivalent number of player transfers who shall not count towards the limit of three (3) transfers in one season. All transfers must adhere to all requirements of Rule 22 Youth Player-Zoning where applicable. Regardless of the forgoing, no player shall be permitted to play for more than one team in any Provincial Cup.
- t) Youth age players, to be considered eligible for youth district ~~cup or~~ **inter-district cup, regional cup or provincial cup** must have played at least one league game in a properly constituted youth league for the team to which he/she was transferred unless under exceptional circumstances the responsible cup committee may grant an exception to this requirement.
- u) Any registered youth player wishing to transfer services to an Adult team during the current playing season must do so on forms supplied by **the Association**.

Comment [JE44]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity and consistent wording when referencing the BC Soccer High Performance League.

Comment [JE45]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity and consistent wording when referencing the BC Soccer High Performance League.

Comment [JE46]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

RULE 8 - REINSTATEMENTS

- a) Any registered Adult player of youth age wishing to be reinstated to youth status must apply to the Association to be reinstated on forms supplied by **the Association**.
- b) **The Association** shall have the authority to approve or deny a player's application for reinstatement.
- c) Reinstatement of youth aged registered Adult players to youth status may be granted by **the Association** subject to Rule 7 Transfer of Players.
- d) A player may only be reinstated to youth status once per every 12 months.
- e) The reinstatement fee, per application, shall be determined and circulated by **the Association** prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season.
- f) Reinstatement fees are non-refundable.
- g) A youth-aged player who has been registered as "Adult amateur" shall be ineligible to play in any youth ~~club~~ competitions unless said player has upon request, been reinstated to youth status by **the Association**, subject to rule 7 ~~a~~.

Comment [JE47]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

RULE 9 - PERMITS (YOUTH TO ADULT)

Comment [JE48]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

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- a) ~~The Association shall grant a registered youth player permission to play up any number of times with an Adult team in any one season providing the player has the consent of the affiliated youth team and the approval of the Adult league or designate.~~ BC Soccer shall grant a registered youth player permission to play up any number of times with an Adult team in any one season providing the player has the consent of the affiliated youth team and the approval of the Youth District and the Adult League or designate and the Adult League has received the completed Permit and Parental Liability Form prior to the game. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A copy of the authorized permit must be presented with the team list at game.
- b) A permit shall allow a registered youth player to play for an Adult team in a league or Adult cup game without affecting the player's youth registration status.
- c) Any player wishing to play on a permit with an Adult team must apply for permission to do so by completing a permit form supplied by the Association.
- d) The Association shall have the authority to approve or deny any permit application.
- ~~e) Permit applications must be authorized by the youth team and approved by the Youth District & Adult League prior to the game for which the permit is to be issued. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. A copy of the authorized permit must be presented with the team list at game.~~
- ~~f) A permit is valid only for the day and game stated on the permit application form.~~
- ~~g) Any disciplinary action applied while playing in a game under permit shall apply to all future games of the team for which the player is registered, and shall be subject to:~~
- i) Disciplinary decisions shall be the responsibility of the discipline committee for the association or league governing the competition where the permitted player was charged with an offence.
 - ii) Said discipline committee shall forward a copy of the discipline ruling to the district association where the player is registered and to the team official of the team to which the player is registered.

Comment [JE49]: Housekeeping: combine Rule 9.a. and current Rule 9.e. as there is duplication. Also provides amendment wording to reference parent liability form to ensure leagues are covered from a liability perspective.

Comment [JE50]: Housekeeping: delete in its entirety as BC Soccer doesn't need to approve individual permits.

Comment [JE51]: Housekeeping: combine Rule 9.a. and current Rule 9.e. as there is duplication. Also provides amendment wording to reference parent liability form to ensure leagues are covered from a liability perspective.

RULE 10 - DISCIPLINE

- a) The Board shall have the power to inquire into the conduct of any person or organization that relates in any way to soccer activities sanctioned by the Association in the member's capacity as a player, team official, game official, team, Club, District or League, and may take disciplinary action where it is determined that a person or organization has:
- i) Violated F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game and/or F.I.F.A. Canadian Soccer Association and / or the Association BC Soccer's game rules statutes, laws, bylaws, rules/regulations and/or policies;
 - ii) Violated rules established from time to time by the Association governing the conduct of members on and off the field;
 - iii) Behaved in a manner considered by the Board to be unbecoming of a member registered with the Association;

Comment [JE52]: Housekeeping: suggested by BC Soccer legal for increase clarity.

Comment [JE53]: Housekeeping: amendment to comply with CSA and reflect current practice.

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- iv) Behaved in a manner considered by the Board not to be in the best interest of the game of soccer or **the Association**;
 - v) Bet on any soccer match;
 - vi) Attempted to offer, either directly or indirectly; any consideration whatsoever to another team, player or players of any other team, with a view to influence the result of the match;
 - vii) Accepted consideration pursuant to clause vi);
 - viii) Committed any act or made any statement either verbally or in writing, or been responsible for conduct, continuing misconduct or any other matter which, in the opinion of **the Association**, is considered to be ~~ungentlemanly, unsporting, insulting or improper~~ behaviour or likely to bring the game into disrepute.
- b) Where the Board has made a determination pursuant to paragraph “a” above, the Board with respect to the member, shall do one or more of the following:
- i) Reprimand the person or organization;
 - ii) Suspend the person or organization from the privilege of playing, coaching, managing, officiating and at their discretion may include acting as an officer of a member group in **the Association** for one or more league or provincial cup games;
 - iii) Suspend the person or organization from the privilege of playing, coaching, managing, officiating and at their discretion may include acting as an officer of a member group in **the Association** for one or more playing seasons;
 - iv) Suspend the person or organization from the privilege of playing, coaching managing, officiating and acting as an officer of a member group in **the Association** for an indefinite period;
 - v) Expel the person or organization from **the Association**;
 - vi) In the case of an adult player, team official, team, Club, District or League, impose a fine and/or bond.
 - vii) In the case of a spectator who is associated with the team, and who is reported for misconduct and is proved at a discipline hearing to have committed said misconduct, the club or league may be subject to a levy of a performance bond to guarantee good behaviour.
- c) The Board shall have the power to impose an interim suspension with respect to a member pending a final determination pursuant to paragraph “b” Rule 10-Discipline.
- d) In addition to its powers under paragraphs “b” and “c”; Rule 10-Discipline; the Board may make any other disciplinary decisions that it considers just.

Comment [JE54]: Housekeeping: amendment to be gender neutral.

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- e) No player or member of any such team, game official, District, League or affiliated association so removed or suspended shall be eligible for membership in any other team, District, League or association affiliated with **the Association** without special permission of the Board.
- f) **The Association** may delegate and authorize officers of **the Association** to perform the functions and exercise the disciplinary powers vested in the Board and **the Association** under Rule 10-Discipline.
- g) **In case of disputes between players, teams, Districts, Leagues, or affiliated associations, legal proceedings shall be taken only as a last resort, and then only with the consent of the Board.**
- h) Every team, club, district league or affiliated association is responsible to **the Association** for the actions of its players, officials and spectators.
- i) All Discipline administered by BC Soccer, a club, district, league or association in membership shall be performed under the Discipline Policy and Procedures Regulations as produced and published by the BC Soccer Judicial Committee, and approved by the Board of Directors of **the Association**.
- j) All changes to this document shall be forwarded by the Executive Director **or designate** to the Membership within 15 days of receiving Board approval.

The Discipline Policy and Procedures Regulations shall be subject to review by the Membership at any general meeting of **the Association**.

Comment [JE55]: Housekeeping: delete in its entirety ONLY if amendment to bylaw 15 passes.

Comment [JE56]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect current practice.

RULE 11 - PROTESTS

- a) A protest will only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of Competition Rules & Regulations.
- b) Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances shall not be entertained by the association having jurisdiction, unless notice of particulars has been given to the referee before the commencement of the match. The referee shall require the responsible teams to remove the cause of the objection, if this is possible, without delaying the commencement of the match. When an objection has been lodged with the referee, a protest must be made in writing to the district, league or **Provincial association** and no objection or protest can be withdrawn except by leave of the association having jurisdiction at a regular meeting.
- c) No protest will be considered if, in the opinion of the referee, the objection lodged did not seriously affect the outcome of the game. This clause pertains only to paragraph "b", Rule 11 - Protests.
- d) In dealing with any protest, the association having jurisdiction may take into consideration the possession by the protesting team of any prior knowledge, which, if properly used, might have obviated the protest.
- e) Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the game to its opponents, provided the protest is upheld.

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- f) An affiliated team may lodge a protest with a district, league or inter-district league arising out of any league or district cup game scheduled by a district, league or inter-district league. Such protest must be in writing, stating the grounds upon which the protest is lodged.
- g) An affiliated team may be entitled to lodge a protest with **the Association**, arising out of any provincial cup competition, as defined in Rule 24 -Rules for Provincial Cup Play - Youth & Rule 25 - Adult Cup Competition Rules. Such protest must be in writing, stating the grounds upon which the protest is lodged.
- h) A protest of any league, district or provincial cup game must be submitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of the match to which it relates. The protesting team official shall be responsible for proof of meeting this time line.
- i) A copy of the protest shall be forwarded by the association having jurisdiction to the opposing team within two (2) working days after the receipt of the protest. Upon receipt of the protest the opposing team shall have a maximum of 48 hours to supply a response to the committee, failing which the committee may render its decision based solely on the information provided by the protesting team.
- j) The protest shall be signed by the team coach or manager.
- k) The protest fee must accompany the protest when filed with the association having jurisdiction.
- l) The fee (payable to the association having jurisdiction) shall be determined and circulated by the Association
- m) In the event that a protest is upheld by the association having jurisdiction, the protest fee shall be refunded. In the event that the protest is denied, the protest fee shall be retained.
- n) A Protest Committee is required to provide to all parties affected by a decision, a written ruling which shall include the rationale for the decision and the associations appeal procedures, within five (5) working days of notification of the opposing team.
- o) A decision on a discipline and / or protest from any provincial cup competition game played under the jurisdiction of **this Association** shall be subject to BC Soccer Rule 12.

RULE 12 - APPEALS

- a)
 - i) Appeals from the decision of a League under the jurisdiction of a District shall be made to such District.
 - ii) Appeals from the decision of a League where no District exists, or where a League is directly under the jurisdiction of the **BCSA**, shall be made to the **BCSA**.
 - iii) Appeals from the decision of a District shall be made to the **BCSA**.
 - iv) Appeals from the decision of an inter-district League shall be made to **BCSA**
- b)

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- i) Any party may, with leave of the BCSA Appeals Committee, appeal the decision of a District Association or League in Membership or BCSA Committee (except a decision of the BCSA Discipline Committee) made against that party, provided that the said appeal involves only an interpretation of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of the BCSA or the District Association or League in Membership.
 - ii) In all other cases the decision of the District Association or League in Membership shall be final and binding, except when that decision was made, in the first instance, by the Board of Directors or Executive of the District Association or League in Membership.
 - iii) Any party may, with leave of the Canadian Soccer Association's Appeals Committee, appeal a decision of the BCSA Discipline Committee, provided that the said appeal involves only an interpretation of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of this Association.
- c) The applicant for "leave to appeal" shall:
- i) Make written application to the BCSA Executive Director within ten (10) working days after issuance of the District's, League's or Committee's decision, setting out:
 - a) The decision sought to be appealed;
 - b) A concise statement of the facts; and
 - c) A concise submission stating the By-Law, Rule or Regulation that has been contravened and setting out clearly in what respect the decision is alleged to be wrong.
 - ii)
 - a) Forward the said written application signed by the affiliated team coach, manager, or official; registered player or registered game official (referee, assistant referee)
 - b) Forward with the written application and the appropriate fee. The Board of Directors of the Association shall set the appeal fee annually. The Appeal Committee may deduct an administration fee from all applications for "leave to appeal" as determined by the committee
 - c) The Executive Director or designate shall forward a copy of the written application for "leave to appeal", to the District Association or League in Membership or BCSA Committee within ten (10) working days of receipt of the application, and that District/League/Committee shall within seven (7) working days after receipt thereof, file all documents used in the rendering of the District's/League's/Committee's decision to the BCSA Executive Director.
 - d) If leave to appeal is granted, the Appeals Committee shall notify the appellant, the respondent, District Association, or League in Membership.
 - e) If "leave to appeal" is not granted the Appeal Committee shall notify the appellant, District Association or League in Membership giving reasons for their decision and returning the appeal fee minus any administration fee determined by the committee.

Comment [JE57]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect current practice and provide clarity to appeal body.

Comment [JE58]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect current practice.

Comment [JE59]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect current practice.

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- f) The application for leave to appeal and the appeal may be abandoned with leave of the BCSA's Appeals Committee and on such terms and conditions, as it may deem proper.
- g) The BCSA Appeals Committee shall cause written notification of its decision to the appellant; the District Association/League in Membership; and all relevant parties, not later than *fifteen (15)* working days after receiving all paperwork required by the BCSA Appeals Committee pertaining to the appeal.
 - h) No barrister or solicitor shall represent any such Association, League, team or player at the hearing of any appeal unless he/she be an Executive Officer of the Association, League or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the lodgement of the appeal and his/her name appears on the printed list of such Association, League or team as an Executive Officer.
- i) Pending the hearing of the appeal, the original decision under appeal shall not be suspended unless the BCSA Appeal Committee so orders.
- j) If the submitted evidence is felt by the BCSA Appeal Committee to be insufficient to the rendering of a disposition, then a hearing of the matter shall be ordered and said Committee shall determine, if any, by whom the expenses of an appeal shall be borne.
- k) The Committee may reaffirm, revoke or amend a decision against which an appeal has been lodged. It shall not be bound by the petition of the parties concerned. A decision may be amended to the disadvantage of the party lodging the appeal.
- l) A member of the Appeal Committee may not sit on the Committee if the case being dealt with concerns themselves or players, clubs, officials or any other members of any associations or leagues to which they belong.
- m) In dealing with any appeal, the BCSA Appeal Committee may take into consideration the possession by the appeal party of any knowledge, which if properly used, might have obviated the appeal.
- n) Appeals from a decision of the BCSA Appeals Committee only in respect to interpretations of the By-laws and/or Rule & Regulations of the Association (BCSA) may be made to the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA). The Board of Directors of the CSA will decide in what manner and by whom, such appeal shall be heard. Pending the hearing of the appeal, the original decision under appeal shall not be suspended unless the CSA so orders. Appeals, under this rule, must be lodged in writing with the Secretary of the Canadian Soccer Association within ten (10) working days after the BCSA decision is released and must be accompanied by a fee as determined by the CSA Board of Directors in the form of a certified cheque or money order. Appeals shall not be withdrawn except by the consent of the CSA Board of Directors and said Board shall determine by whom the expenses of an appeal shall be borne.
- o) Decisions of the BCSA Appeals Committee arising from interpretations of the Bylaws or Rules & Regulations of a Youth District Association, Adult League in membership, or Youth Inter-District League shall be final and binding.

Comment [JE60]: Housekeeping: delete in its entirety as its duplication with Rule 12.n.

RULE 13 - SANCTION AND CONTROL OF LEAGUES

- a) An Adult league shall make application for sanction to **the Association**. The league, once sanctioned, shall be under the jurisdiction of **the Association**. A league must be composed of a minimum of four (4) teams.
- b) Matches shall not be played until the league constitution, league rules and regulations and league member teams are approved by **the Association**, Adult League or Youth District having jurisdiction.
- c) A league is not entitled to alter its constitution or rules and regulations without the consent of the Association and/or Youth District(s) having jurisdiction.
- d) Leagues shall pay match fees as are approved of by the Association, Adult League and/or Youth District having jurisdiction, to referees and assistant referees officiating in their matches. Officials shall neither ask for nor receive a larger fee than that fixed.

Youth

- e) Youth Districts forming an inter-district youth league shall make application annually for sanction to **the Association** 45 days before commencement of the season. The inter-district league shall be under the jurisdiction of the districts in whose areas they will operate. An inter-district youth league must be comprised of a minimum of four (4) teams.

Comment [JE61]: Housekeeping: delete as each item within Rule 13 specifies if Youth, Adult or both.

Adult

- f) A league or competition for Adult Category "A" amateur players shall allow to participate, only players who are registered as Adult Category "A" amateur players and registered youth players in accordance with the provision of Rule 9 - Permits.
- g) A league or competition for Adult Category "B" amateur players shall allow to participate; only players who are registered as Adult "Category "B" amateur players and registered youth players in accordance with the provision of Rule 9 – Permits.

Comment [JE62]: Housekeeping: delete as each item within Rule 13 specifies if Youth, Adult or both.

RULE 14 - CHARITY COMPETITIONS

- a) In charity competitions not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross receipts of each match shall go to charity. If the receipts are not sufficient to cover ground expenses of the match, the percentage shall not be taken. Ground expenses shall not include any expenses of the competing teams.
- b) A salary or honorarium shall not be paid **to** an official of a charity competition.
- c) Every charity competition shall, not later than thirty (30) days after close of the competition, forward a final financial statement for that competition to **the Association**.

Comment [JE63]: Housekeeping: amendment as the statement is not complete.

RULE 15 - MATCHES WITH TEAMS OF A FOREIGN ASSOCIATION

There must be strict adherence to the Federation International de Football Association (F.I.F.A.) regulation that each national association is the supreme ruling body governing soccer in its country, and consequently the only body empowered to deal with matters concerning soccer in the

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international field; therefore, associations, leagues or clubs under the jurisdiction of the Association wishing to play associations, leagues or clubs of a foreign national association are not permitted to enter into negotiations with any association, league, club or representative thereof, under the jurisdiction of a foreign association with a view to arranging a match, without the prior permission of the Canadian Soccer Association. Application for permission, as hereinbefore mentioned, must be made to the Secretary of the Canadian Soccer Association in accordance with the rule and regulations of that body, with a copy of such applications filed with the Association. Sanction will not be given to any game organized or sponsored by individuals where it appears that the game is being undertaken for the personal gain of an individual.

RULE 16 - PROFESSIONAL SOCCER

- a) Professional soccer, as provided for by the Canadian Soccer Association Constitution, is sanctioned and approved by the Association, and professional clubs in affiliation with the Association shall observe the rules and regulations of the Association and the Canadian Soccer Association.
- b) Reinstatement of Professionals to Amateur Status:
 - i) Any player registered as a professional with the Canadian Soccer Association, wishing to be reinstated by the Canadian Soccer Association as an amateur, shall make application for such reinstatement to the Association on a form to be supplied by the Canadian Soccer Association. A fee as determined by the Canadian Soccer Association must accompany all applications for reinstatement.
 - ii) A professional player requesting reinstatement as an amateur shall be granted a permit to play as an amateur by the Association pending reinstatement by the Canadian Soccer Association. The player shall have been released by the professional club with which the player was last signed and must provide documentary proof of such release to accompany the application for reinstatement.
 - iii) A professional player requesting reinstatement as an amateur shall not be eligible to play as an amateur until a period of 31 days has elapsed from the date of that player's last game as a professional player. Per CSA regulations.
 - iv) If the application for reinstatement as an amateur is approved by the Association, the Association shall forward the application to the Secretary of the Canadian Soccer Association with a recommendation to grant reinstatement.
- c) Trial Games and Permits - Professional Players
 - i) The Association will provide the permit form for the trial period. The permit shall be valid for a period of forty-five (45) days from valid date of issue.
 - ii) The professional team shall remit a cheque for a transfer fee (team fee plus Association fee) to be determined and circulated prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season, along with the trial permit, following the signing of the permit by the amateur team. The Association's Registrar shall forward the team transfer fee to the amateur team involved.

Youth

- iii) A registered youth player shall be allowed to play a six (6) game trial period with a professional team without affecting his amateur status or his youth status.

Adult

- iv) A registered Adult amateur player registered with an Adult amateur team shall be allowed to play three trial games (league games only) with a professional team providing a permit to play for a professional team has been duly completed.
- d) Challenge Trophy Playoffs - Professional Players
 - i) An amateur team which has reached the provincial finals of the Canadian Challenge Trophy Competition shall retain the rights to the services of an Adult player who has been claimed by a professional team through the three games' trial permit providing such team has reached such finals prior to or during the period of the thirty (30) days trial.
 - ii) The amateur team shall retain priority rights to the services of a player who is playing under permit without the necessity of a transfer.

RULE 17 - REFEREES

- a) All referees classified as "Provincial", "Regional", "District", "Youth" or "Small Sided" Referees shall be under the control and jurisdiction of **the Association**.
- b) All ~~candidates for individuals wishing to become a BC Soccer registered~~ referee shall be examined as to their suitability for duty by **the Association's** Referees' Committee. Such examinations may include oral, written and field test.
- c) 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.
- d) Referees, officiating in non-affiliated leagues, cup competitions or tournaments, without permission from **the Association**, may be removed from the Registered Referee list of **the Association**.
- e) District, league and affiliated associations under the sanction or jurisdiction of **the Association** may appoint referees to their own matches, provided the appointments are made from the official list ~~of the BC Soccer registered referees~~.
- f) Registration on **the Association's** official list of referees does not guarantee game appointments from districts, leagues or affiliated associations.
- g) Complaints by or against referees shall be made in writing to **the Association**.
- h) **The Association** has the power to remove from its official list of referees, or require being re-examined, any referee when deemed advisable.

Comment [JE64]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE65]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

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- i) A registered player who is also on the official list of referees shall not officiate in any league or competition in which the player's team is entered.
- j) The referee shall have the power to decide the fitness of the grounds in all matches and the decision shall be final.
- k) Referees, within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of a provincial cup match in which they officiate, shall forward a written report with the result of the game, any discipline misconduct and the team lists to the Association.
- l) Unless otherwise specified in competition rules, Referees, within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of a match in which they officiate, shall on a form provided for this purpose, forward to the Association/League or disciplinary committee of the association having jurisdiction as the case may be, the name of any individual charged with misconduct. Referees who officiate in a provincial cup match shall forward all misconduct reports immediately to the Association. Any referee not conforming with this rule is liable to suspension.
- m) For all youth district (including inter district league), adult league and affiliated associations under the sanction or jurisdiction of the Association, the maximum match fee payable to a match official shall be \$80.00 per game. This amount includes any additional expenses, excluding pre-approved travel expenses that may be paid to a referee for travel.
 - i) Youth District (including inter district league), Adult League and affiliated associations shall provide to their membership and BC Soccer notice, at a minimum of 60 days' prior to the first match of their upcoming playing season, their match fees for that season.

Comment [JE66]: Housekeeping: to provide additional clarity to the require of the referee for Provincial Cup matches.

Comment [JE67]: Housekeeping: amendment to increase clarity.

Comment [JE68]: Housekeeping: to refer to appropriate competition rules.

RULE 18 - TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a) For the purposes of this section, a tournament shall be defined as a Competitive Event spanning a time line of no more than 10 calendar days. The competitions committee will have final authority to determine the status of any event.
- b) Teams, clubs, Youth Districts, Adult Leagues and associations affiliated with the Association desiring to host a tournament shall then submit a tournament application form provided by the Association, requesting permission to stage the tournament and containing necessary tournament information. Tournament applications shall be approved prior to the announcement of the tournament and shall be signed by the district, league or affiliated association having jurisdiction. A copy of the approved tournament application shall then be sent to the applicant, the responsible Youth District, Adult League or the affiliated association.
- c) Entry into an approved tournament(s) shall be limited to teams, which are properly affiliated with this Association and/or other Provincial/State Associations. Teams participating from outside the jurisdiction of the Association must first receive the written approval from the Provincial or State Association of which they are affiliated. Only properly registered players, in good standing shall be permitted to participate in the tournament.
- d) Teams participating in an approved tournament, wishing to use the services of a player registered with another team, shall first obtain written permission from the team & Youth District and/or Adult League with which the player is registered

Comment [JE69]: Housekeeping: amendment to include Adult Leagues.

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- e) Only those referees on the Registered Referees list with **the Association** shall be appointed to officiate.
- f) Hosting teams, clubs, districts or leagues shall be responsible for deciding disciplinary matters arising from the tournament. Discipline procedures shall be in accordance with the directives of **the Association**. All incidents of referee assault shall be reported, in writing, to **the Association**.
- g) **The Association** shall not be responsible for any financial losses incurred by hosting team, club, district, league or affiliated association by a tournament participant.
- h) At the request of **BCSA** hosting teams, clubs, districts, leagues or affiliated associations shall prepare for submission to **the Association**, a report on the tournament, including discipline, within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the tournament. Upon request, the event organizers shall provide a tournament financial statement to **the Association**.

RULE 19 - GENERAL MANAGEMENT RULES

- a) ~~Each Member affiliated with the Association may be requested to present to the Board, a properly audited financial statement and complete report of its operating status within one month after the date of the Annual General meeting of the member.~~
- b) The competitions of **the Association** take precedence over all other competitions except games under the direct control of the Canadian Soccer Association.
- c) No team, club, district, league or affiliated association shall make a grant or honorarium to any amateur player without first obtaining the sanction of **the Association**.
- d) ~~Prior to the commencement of each season or immediately following the Annual General Meeting of each Youth District, Adult League or affiliated association shall annually furnish the Association with a list of its operating officers.~~
- e) ~~Amendments to the constitution and rules and regulations of any district, league or affiliated association must first be approved by the Association before being implemented.~~
- f) Teams and players shall not compete in any match or competition that has not been approved by **the Association**.
- g) Any player selected to play in any match arranged by **the Association**, and, without sufficient cause, refusing to comply with arrangements for playing the match, or failing to play in such match, may be judged to have been guilty of misconduct. Any player, official, team, club, district, league or affiliated association who may have encouraged or instigated such player to commit a breach of this rule, shall be judged guilty of a similar offence.
- h) No Youth Team shall display Tobacco or Liquor advertising.

Comment [JE70]: Housekeeping: delete in its entirety as its duplication with Article 12.2k. and Article 12.3.j.

Comment [JE71]: Housekeeping: delete in its entirety as its duplication with Article 12.2i.j. and k. and Article 12.3.i. and j.

RULE 20 - PROVISIONAL

The Board may, from time to time, make temporary rules governing specific cases not provided for in the Rules and Regulations, but which may be necessary to carry out the objectives of **the Association**. A copy of every proposed change to the Rules and Regulations shall be forwarded by **the Association**

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to the membership within fifteen (15) days of board approval. These decisions must be submitted for ratification by the membership at the next General Meeting and are in effect immediately upon receipt of notification

RULE 21 - RISK MANAGEMENT

- a) ~~All BC Soccer directors and Fe~~ every volunteer or employee of BC Soccer ~~“the Association”~~, age 19 and over, who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:
- be with any minor aged person;
 - be entrusted with performing financial duties;
 - be responsible for book keeping or bank account(s) or any other monetary duties;

must have on file the results of a *specified* Criminal Record Check completed within the previous 12 months from an agency approved by **the Association**.

- b) ~~All directors and Fe~~ every volunteer or employee of an affiliated BC Soccer organization, age 19 and over who at any time could be expected in the performance of their duties to:

- be with any minor aged person must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the previous 36 months from an agency approved by **the Association**
- be entrusted with performing financial duties must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the previous *36 months* from an agency approved by **the Association**.
- be responsible for book keeping, bank account(s) or any monetary duties must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the previous *36 months* from an agency approved by **the Association**.

- c) ~~Every Director of BC Soccer, Adult League, Youth District Association or Youth Club must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check completed within the previous 36 months from an agency approved by the Association.~~

- d) The type of Criminal Record Check submitted by volunteers is to be specified by BC Soccer.

Comment [JE72]: Housekeeping: delete in its entirety as the amendment to Rule 21. A. and b. make this duplication.

RULE 22 - YOUTH PLAYERS - ZONING

- a) Youth aged player, to retain youth status, must register and play within the district which administers soccer for the area in which that player resides at the time of their first league game of the season except as specified in Rule 22 b) and d) ~~and Rule 26~~.

- i) The residency of the player is determined by the residence of the parent. For the purposes of regulations, paragraph “a”, Rule 22 – Youth Players – zoning, the parent of the player is:

- Either parent where both parents have a common residence or if there is only one surviving parent, such surviving parent and,
- In the event that the parents are living apart, the parent who has custody of the player, or if both parents have custody, the parent with whom the player habitually resides or if the player does not habitually reside with either parent, then either parent, and,

Comment [JE73]: Housekeeping: amendment for increase clarity.

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- c) In the event both parents are deceased, the person who is in loco parentis to the player.
 - ii) Loco parentis means: one who has taken a position in reference to a child of that lawful father, assuming the office of a father and the obligation of supporting the child, assuming a parental character and discharging duties, although not the parent.
- b) A player wishing to play Out-of-District will be granted a release from the district in which he/she resides, upon request and receipt of a completed District Release Application Form from that district's registrar or designate.
 - i) The receiving district upon acceptance of a player must also give written permission for acceptance of the player by completion of the District Release Application Form. Having received such authorization a player then qualifies for Rule 22.d).
 - ii) The Accepting Youth District must provide a copy of the validated Out-Of-District form(s) upon request of **the Association**.
- c) If challenged, the district is responsible for verifying residential qualifications of a player to **this Association** for the purpose of Rule 22. Youth Players-Zoning.
 - i) Affidavits may only be considered with multiple pieces of corroborating documentation, acceptable to **the Association's Registrar**.
- d) A youth aged player may register and play outside of the district in which he/she resides providing that no affiliated team of youth aged registered players shall register and/or play more than five (5) Out-of-district players.
 - i) Those districts whose boundaries are limited by geography and player registration of less than 1000 players may apply to **the Association** for special exemption from Rule 22 d)
- e) Breach of these rules shall lead to disciplinary action as set out in Rule 10-Discipline and as defined in **the Association's** Discipline Policy & Procedure Guide.
- f) Each district association shall have the option to establish zoning within its district.
- g) The Provincial Association shall have the final say in the event of any disputes.
- h) Those players on any existing teams in the U-13 or higher age categories as registered in the 2011-2012 season and whose District Boundaries were changed at the June 2011 AGM of **the Association** shall not be considered to be Out-of-District for the purposes of this rule, unless they were deemed to be so during the 2011-2012 season. Players leaving their team following the 2011-2012 season shall no longer be covered by this section.

RULE 23 - RULES OF PLAY - YOUTH

- a) All games shall be played under the By-laws and Rules and Regulations of **the Association**.
- b) The duration of the games shall be as follows:
 - U-18 2 equal halves of 45 minutes each

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| U-17 | 2 equal halves of 45 minutes each |
| U-16 | 2 equal halves of 40 minutes each |
| U-15 | 2 equal halves of 40 minutes each |
| U-14 | 2 equal halves of 35 minutes each |
| U-13 | 2 equal halves of 35 minutes each |
- c) Under -12, -11, 10, -9, -8, -7 -6 -5 and under -4 age groups are considered "small sided soccer" divisions.
- i) All Districts shall administer Small Sided Soccer leagues and programs under the Small-Sided Soccer Development Manual as produced and published by the BCSA Soccer Development Department, and approved by the Board of Directors of the Association.
- ii) All changes to this document shall be forwarded by the Association to the Membership within 15 days of receiving Board Approval.
- iii) The Small-Sided Soccer Development Manual shall be subject to review by the membership at any General Meeting of the Association.
- d) The venue of all league matches shall be determined by the league or district having control of the league schedule.
- e) In all instances, the team declared "home" team should be responsible for marking the field and supplying the game ball.
- f) In the event that the uniform colours of both teams are similar, the "home" team must change to uniform colours distinct from its opponents. The referee has the authority to determine if team colours are similar.
- g) Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled game must give the secretary or scheduler of the district or league forty-eight (48) hours notice in writing stating the causes for it. Such causes are to be satisfactory to the league or district.
- h) Any team failing to fulfill a scheduled league game without just cause shall forfeit the game to its scheduled opponents.
- i) A regulation size five (5) soccer ball shall be used in all U18, U17, U16, U15 U14 and U13 division games. A regulation size four (4) soccer ball shall be used for the U12, and U11 division games.
- j) All teams, except small sided soccer teams, shall furnish a complete list of those eligible players available for use in the game for which the list is to be submitted. The list shall be completed in duplicate, both copies of which shall be given to the referee before commencement of the game. The team list shall bear the name of the team, date of the game, the name of the opposing team, the name of each player and the unique jersey number of each player. The team list shall not contain the name of players currently under suspension and therefore ineligible to take part in the game. The team list must contain the signature of a team official in charge of the team
- k) The allowable number of substitutions shall be at the discretion of the scheduling body and approved by the Association.

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- l) The scheduling body shall have the authority to order any game replayed, or played to a finish.
- m) Team officials of any youth team shall consist of a minimum of one member of the same gender as the players on the team.
- n) Head Coaches of any youth team shall complete the appropriate Canadian Soccer Association / BC Soccer ~~Association~~ coaching course respective to the age group of the team(s) they are currently coaching. (Note: compliance with this rule will be as of June 1, 2016).
- i) Head Coaches shall comply with this requirement within six (6) months of their Head Coach appointment. CSA foreign equivalency may be applied.

TEAM AGE GROUP	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13-U18
COACHING COURSES	ACTIVE START	FUNDAMENTALS		LEARN TO TRAIN			SOCCER FOR LIFE	

Comment [JE74]: Housekeeping: amendment to reflect current practice.

RULE 24 - RULES FOR PROVINCIAL CUP PLAY - YOUTH

- a) **The Association** shall operate three levels of youth provincial cup competitions: Premier Cup, Provincial "A" Level Cup competition; and Provincial "B" Level Cup competitions, for boys and girls.
 - i) Teams qualify for and must enter the Premier Cup and the Provincial Cup Competition at the age level of the league in which they participate.
- b) The Premier Cup shall be open to all youth teams registered, as declared on entry forms submitted according to the registration dates specified by **the Association** provided the teams are not under suspension.
- c) The provincial "A" Level championships shall be open to all youth teams, except BC Premier League teams, under the jurisdiction of **the Association**, declared on entry forms submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, each year, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues. A properly constituted league shall consist of no less than four teams. The Board may grant special permission for a team or teams to participate otherwise, upon written request.
- d) The Provincial "B" level competition shall be open to any affiliated youth team except BC Premier League teams, Metro Select Level teams, or Vancouver Island Premier League teams as declared on entry forms submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, each year, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches. A properly constituted league shall consist of no less than four teams. The Board may grant special permission for a team or teams to participate otherwise, upon written request.
- e) **The Association** shall control the operation of these competitions. The draws and the scheduling of games up to the time regional (*Premier Cup* & "A" Cup) and District ("B" Cup) winners are declared may be delegated to the associations having jurisdiction.

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- f) The format of the *Premier Cup*, Provincial "A" and "B" Cup playdowns shall be determined by the Board each year.
- g) In provincial cup competitions, the venue of the regional and provincial final games shall be determined by the Board.
- h) Districts whose boundaries are limited by geography may apply to **the Association** for special permission to enter selected teams in provincial "A" or "B" Cup competitions. Written request must be made annually before October 15th in the case of the coastal districts and by May 1st in the case of the interior districts. Consideration will only be given to teams formed from properly registered players, selected from affiliated teams only.
- i) Rules governing play:
 - i) All games shall be played under the Competition Rules and Regulations of this Association, as adopted each year.
 - ii) All games shall be played under **the Association's** Rules Governing Youth Provincial Cup Playdowns and Finals as adopted by the Board each year.

RULE 25 - ADULT CUP COMPETITION RULES

- a) An Adult Category "A" amateur team affiliated with **the Association** shall be eligible to enter any open Adult Category A Cup competition.
- b) A Adult Category "B" amateur team affiliated with **the Association** shall be eligible to enter the open age or age defined Category B Cup competition as provided for in the rules described under Rule 5 bb) i) and Rule 5 bb) ii), Player Registration.
- c) All entries to an association run cup competition must have been received by **the Association** on or before the date approved by the Board as the entry deadline for the competition. All entries to a league run cup competition must have been received by the league Secretary on or before the date approved by the Adult league as the entry deadline for the competition.
- d) Each league shall report in writing to **the Association**, which competition(s) the Adult league is designating as being that association's qualifying playdowns for a corresponding category of provincial cup competition.
- e) **The Association** or Adult league, as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a cup competition shall retain the right to exempt leading teams from the preliminary rounds of a cup competition.
- f) Adult players must be registered with **the Association** on either an Adult Category "A" form (form "A") or Category "B" form (form "B"), as the case may be, to participate in a respective cup competition.
- g) Players must be registered or transferred at least seven (7) days prior to taking part in any cup competition game, with the exception of youth player participation as covered in paragraph "c" and paragraph "g" of Rule 9 - Permits.

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- h) No player shall be allowed to play for more than one team in any one cup competition. No team shall be allowed to enter more than one provincial cup competition.
- i) Any team proven to have played an ineligible player in a competition shall be disqualified from further participation in the competition.
- j) All questions relating to qualifications of competitors, of the interpretation of the rules, or any dispute or protest whatsoever, shall be referred to **the Association** ~~district~~ or league as the case may be, having jurisdiction over the Cup competition.
- k) **The Association** or Adult League as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a cup competition shall decide on the venue of all games.
- l) All games are to be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game and Universal Guide for Referees.
- m) The duration of each game shall be two halves of forty-five (45) minutes each. In the event of a draw at the end of the regulation time of ninety (90) minutes, overtime shall be played consisting of two halves of fifteen (15) minutes each for a total of thirty (30) minutes. If after regulation time, the game is still tied, then a winner shall be decided by the application of the applicable CSA Rule.
- n) Where games are played on open parks, the first named (i.e., home) team shall be responsible for marking out the grounds.
- o) In all games prior to the semi-finals, the first named (i.e., home) team shall supply the ball for the game, additionally; each team must have an extra ball on hand for use in case of an emergency.
- p) Where the uniform colours of competing teams are similar, the first named (i.e., home) team must change. Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and the officials.
- q) **The Association** or the Adult League as the case may be, having jurisdiction over a Cup competition shall appoint the referee and referee assistants.
- r) When official referee assistants are not appointed, team linesmen may be used.
- s) Team lists shall be provided to the referee prior to the scheduled kick-off and shall be signed by a team official.
- t) Each team shall be allowed to make a maximum of five (5) substitutions at any time during the game including overtime when played. Unlimited substitutions may also be made at halftime of fulltime before any overtime. The exception shall be for the Masters and Classics cup competitions in which teams shall be allowed to make unlimited substitutions. No substitution shall be allowed for a player sent off from the field of play by the referee as a result of FIFA Law 12.
- u) The first charge against receipts from all games after payment of the referees and referees' assistants' fees and park rental, shall be ten percent (10%) of the gross gate or collection, payable to **the Association**. This charge shall be forwarded with an event financial statement

Comment [JE75]: Housekeeping: deleting reference to district as this is an Adult specific rule.

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within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game(s). The balance of the remaining funds shall be retained by the host league to cover any subsequent expenses.

- v) A player who has registered with an Adult amateur "summer playing season" team, who then signs with a "winter playing season" team, must obtain a release pending the formation of the "summer playing season" team, on or before the transfer deadline of January 15th of the current season.
- w) A Adult amateur player who registered with a "summer playing season" team who then signs with a "winter season" team and continues to play for the "winter playing season" team after the transfer/release deadline, will be ineligible to play for a "summer playing season" team that participates in an inter-league competition for the provincial cup.

RULE 26 - RULES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BCSA HIGH PERFORMANCE LEAGUE

- a) The Association shall oversee the operation of the BC Soccer High Performance League, herein known as the BCHPL
- b) The BCHPL shall be managed by a Board of Governors operating under bylaws approved by the Association.
- c) The Board of Governors of the BCHPL shall create such rules as necessary for the operation of the league subject to the approval of the Association, such rules to be submitted to the Association a minimum of 90 days prior to their implementation for approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.
 - i) The Board of Directors of the Association may waive the 90 day provision without prejudice and solely at their discretion.
 - ii) Unless specifically stated in Rule 26, the League rules shall be consistent with the balance of the rules and regulations of the Association.
 - iii) The league shall operate under the principles of the CSA/BC Soccer Long Term Player Development program as amended from time to time.
- d) The BCHPL shall be open to Youth Players whose parents or guardians are residents of British Columbia; for the purpose of this section residency shall be determined by the relevant sections of Rule 22 a i, and 22 a ii
- e) Youth Players will register directly with the Youth District where they reside.
- f) The Youth District shall pay Association fee's on the player's behalf for those who register with them and play in the BCHPL as specified in the Association's fee schedule as modified from time to time.
- g) Teams playing in the BCHPL shall only be permitted to register for the Provincial *Premier Cup*.
- h) The BCHPL is granted variance from the Rules of the Association as follows:
 - i) Rule 22 shall not apply to the BCHPL except as noted in d) above.

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- ii) The playing season *and registration period* for the BCHPL shall be from January to December of each year regardless of Coastal or Interior residency.
- iii) The rules of the BCHPL may contain a provision for Youth to Youth Permits for League and the Provincial Cup Rules for Provincial Cup, however commitments to a players registered team shall have priority in all cases pursuant to Rule 26.
- iv) BCHPL shall be deemed to be compliant with Rule 13 by following the provisions of Rule 26.
- v) For the purposes of development only, a technical staff member of a BCHPL team shall be permitted to approach the Coach and Technical Director responsible for any other teams to request permission to contact players of that team to offer an opportunity for promotion, such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any other contact shall be deemed as poaching as described in Rule 6.