



October 20, 2016

**Attention:** BC Soccer Members and affiliated clubs

**From:** BC Soccer's Society Act Transition Committee

**MEMO RE:** new BC Society Act

In follow up to the information provided at the 2016 BC Soccer Annual General Meeting, BC Soccer would like to advise the membership and the affiliated clubs of the following as it relates to the new BC Society Act.

- The new BC Society Act comes into force in November 28, 2016.
- Current societies have two years to transition to the new society legislation (November 2018).
- New societies must be compliant with first filing.

Steps and timelines BC Soccer is taking to manage its transition:

- Between now and Spring 2017;
  - o review current BC Soccer Constitution and Bylaws and determine the required amendments.
  - o review BC Soccer's Constitution and Bylaw templates and determine any required amendments and update accordingly.
- At the 2017 BC Soccer Annual General Meeting;
  - o Propose any required bylaw amendments for the membership's consideration and acceptance. Any amendments will be circulated within the timelines as outline in the current BC Soccer bylaws.

BC Soccer suggests that all member associations/leagues and affiliated clubs take similar steps as BC Soccer in preparation for the enforcement of the new BC Society Act Legislation.

BC Soccer would also like to take this opportunity to remind the membership and affiliated clubs of the following bylaw items:

*Article 12 - YOUTH DISTRICT AND ADULT LEAGUE BOARDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS*

*1) Youth District Boards*

*c) District Associations may only affiliate not for profit registered society clubs who annually complete at a minimum Notice to Reader financial statements.*

*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).*



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2) *Youth District Associations*

a) *Each Youth District Association shall be a Registered Society by December 31, 2015.*

3) *Adult League Boards*

a) *Each Full Member/Active Adult League shall be a Registered Society by December 31, 2015.*

Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact Jason Elligott, BC Soccer's Executive Director at [jasonelligott@bcsoccer.net](mailto:jasonelligott@bcsoccer.net).