

**September 17, 2020**

**Attention:** BC Soccer Members/Affiliated Clubs and Head Referees

**Subject:** Team Official and Player Identification Cards

As some Members and affiliated clubs look forward to returning to game play following [BC Soccer's Return to Play Phase 2 Plan](#), BC Soccer has received inquiries regarding the timeline for which [BC Soccer's Rules & Regulations](#) (provided below for reference) require players and team officials to have identification cards for.

BC Soccer recognizes there is now many new factors to consider as part of organizing soccer; therefore, to support members in returning to game play, at the September 12, 2020 meeting, the board of directors **approved to extend the grace period/deadline for teams to have identification cards, across the Interior, Coastal and Calendar playing seasons to January 1, 2021.** As with other deadlines, individual Members, affiliated clubs and/or sanctioned Youth Inter-District Leagues may opt to implement an earlier deadline for compliance with BC Soccer identification card requirements.

With this extended grace period in mind, teams must ensure jersey numbers of players provided on team lists are accurate and up to date so referees can still reconcile players to jersey numbers during the pre-game team check process and during the game (if needed).

## ***RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION***

### ***General***

- u) *The following individuals shall be issued with a photo (taken within 24 months) identification card once they have been registered with BC Soccer's Registrar or designate:*
- *All youth players in the U13 to U18 age categories*
  - *All youth team officials*
  - *All adult players and team officials in divisions that will participate in provincial cup*

*The photo identification card shall include the player or team official's: Surname, Given Name(s), Club Name, Team Name, Birth Year, Player ID# and the year in which the playing season ends. Where required, team officials are required to present photo identification cards of the players and team official to the referee prior to any league or cup matches.*

### ***Youth***

- x) *A grace period shall be allowed until September 30<sup>th</sup> of the coastal playing season and May 31<sup>st</sup> of the interior playing season.*

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