

September 25, 2020

Attention: BC Soccer Members/Affiliated Clubs and Head Referees
From: Lori D'Andrea, Director of Community Development, BC Soccer
Subject: Clinics & Updates

Dear BC Soccer Members/Affiliated Clubs and Head Referees,

In follow up to the [September 9th, 2020 memo](#) please find a few updates regarding referee clinics below:

Refresher Clinic 2020/2021 – Coastal

We've continued to make progress working with the developers of E2E RefCentre to move the 2020/2021 Refresher Clinic online. We are currently in the final stages of testing and are anticipating development to be completed in the coming days; therefore, BC Soccer will begin scheduling the 2020/21 Outdoor Refresher Clinics by the end of next week (Friday, October 2, 2020).

As a reminder, with there being no "host requirements" to deliver the 2020/2021 Refresher Clinic, BC Soccer will not be accepting requests in RefCentre, rather, will be coordinating Refresher Clinics directly. All Refresher Clinics will be Open/Student pays.

Refresher Clinic 2019/2020

Currently, some referees are not registered as they have yet to complete the 2019/2020 Refresher Clinic. For many, this was due to the Covid-19 pandemic and soccer not operating in their area; however, as we progressively to return to play, BC Soccer will continue to provide the 2019/20 Outdoor Refresher clinic through the Google Forms platform. This means that Interior-based Referees will be able to receive the necessary updates to the Laws of the Game that they would have implemented for their Spring/Summer season that has just passed; additionally, Coastal-based referees who did not get a chance to attend the Refresher Clinic this time last year, will now have the opportunity to get caught up with the Laws of the Game, become registered again and eligible to officiate as, upon completion, referees' will have their status updated in RefCentre.

Reminder – Criminal Record Check Requirement

As a reminder, all referees aged 19 years and older must have a valid Vulnerable Sector Check/Enhanced Police Information Check on file with BC Soccer. Referees will be required to comply BC Soccer's [Criminal Record Check Policy](#) in order to officiate in BC Soccer sanctioned activity. Information and options for completing your Vulnerable Sector Check/Enhanced Police Information Check have been updated on BC Soccer's website: <https://bcsoccer.net/referee-annual-registration>

Small Sided Clinic

As stated previously, the current delivery of the Small-Sided Clinic has been revised to consist of two 2-hour Zoom sessions and one 2-hour on-field (following physical distancing guidelines) with a BC Soccer Referee Instructor. BC Soccer will be providing updated Small Sided Clinic Hosts requirements (as there

is no classroom required right now) and begin accepting Clinic Requests in RefCentre by the end of next week (Friday, October 2, 2020).

Updated Small Sided Rules

In addition, please be advised that BC Soccer has recently updated the Small Sided Rules. While there are not significant changes, the Rules were updated to include more detail and information as means to provide better context and where applicable, more consistency with the Laws of the Game. This was done to assist referees as they begin officiating in small sided environments and transition to the full sided game which follow IFAB's Laws of the Game. Please find the few more specific updates below:

- Revised distances from the ball for Kick-off, Free Kicks and Corner Kicks
 - U6 -U8 5 meters
 - U9 – U12 9 meters
- Game duration for U13 9v9 games was updated to be a maximum 35 minutes, in alignment with BC Soccer's Small Sided Game Development Manual.

The Updated Small Sided Rules can be found on our website at <https://bcsoccer.net/bylaws>

Entry Level Clinic

We continue to work with E2E on development of the revised Entry Level Clinic in RefCentre and are still targeting mid-October for completion followed by accepting clinic requests.

As we continue to navigate through returning to the field and match play, we'd like to thank members, affiliated clubs, Head Referees, Referee Scheduler/Assignors, and referees for their continued patience and understanding. As a reminder, BC Soccer has various return to play resources, including specific FAQs for referees on its website: <https://bcsoccer.net/return-to-play-information>

Kind Regards,

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