

**VIA EMAIL**

May 15, 2020

**Attention:** BC Soccer Members and Affiliated Clubs

**From:** Dan Turvill, Judicial Chair of BC Soccer

**Re:** BC Soccer Judicial Update – Discipline Hearings Proceeding via Videoconferencing

Dear Members and Affiliated Clubs,

In accordance with direction from Canada Soccer, BC Soccer has suspended sanctioned soccer activity regarding concerns over the spread of COVID-19; in addition to competitions and training, this means that in-person discipline hearings have been suspended/postponed until we are able to resume soccer activities. BC Soccer's office also remains closed during this time.

Initially, as we were unsure how long this suspension of soccer activity would last, BC Soccer Judicial had postponed all discipline hearings until soccer activity resumes, and anyone awaiting a hearing with BC Soccer's Discipline Panel had been made aware of this. After further consideration and consultation with Canada Soccer, similar to other aspects of soccer now being delivered online (coaching courses, referee courses, etc.), BC Soccer Judicial will now be offering discipline hearings via videoconference to any parties awaiting a discipline hearing. Those parties will be contacted and made aware of hearing details.

In order to allow the backlog of postponed hearings to progress more quickly, and to minimize any further delay, BC Soccer Judicial will be seeking to operate under some adjusted timelines for video hearings only, as outlined in the Video Hearing Procedures document, and only while the suspension of soccer activity remains in place. The Video Hearing Procedures document outlines all of the processes and requirements for video hearings so that accused parties may be fully aware of their rights.

Should you have any questions about the above information please contact BC Soccer via [discipline@bcsoccer.net](mailto:discipline@bcsoccer.net).

Sincerely,

Dan Turvill  
Judicial Chair of BC Soccer