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Introduction

a. Application

- i. These rules shall apply to all Youth Provincial Championships managed by the British Columbia Soccer Association (BC Soccer). Any variances for specific competition shall be as noted in these Rules.

b. Management of Competitions

- i. The Association shall control the operation of these competitions. The draws and the scheduling of games up to the time Regional and District winners are declared may be delegated to the associations having jurisdiction.
- ii. The Association shall have the authority to order any game replayed, or played to a finish.
- iii. BC Soccer staff shall be responsible for managing and implementing the operational functions of the competition under the direction of BC Soccer Competition Committee.
- iv. The staff shall be accountable to the Executive Director for these operational functions.

c. BC Soccer Constitution/Rules and Regulations Precedence

- i. In the event of any discrepancy between this document and the Rules and Regulations of the British Columbia Soccer Association, the latter shall have precedence.
- ii. BC Soccer Board of Directors shall be responsible for developing the rules and policies governing Provincial Regional Play Downs and Championships.
- iii. All games shall be played under the Association's Youth Provincial Championships Competition Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Board each year.

d. BC Soccer Competitions Committee

- i. Within the constraints of 1) c. i., BC Soccer, through its Competition Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for, as are necessary to achieve the objectives of the competition. *Such changes shall be communicated to all effected teams, and their Districts prior to the commencement of the competition so altered.*

e. BC Soccer Representative

- i. BC Soccer, through its Competition Committee, shall appoint a BC Soccer Representative to each competition whose decision at the competition, on any matter not covered in these, shall be final and binding on all parties.

f. Risk Management/CPIC

- i. BC Soccer has a formal rule in regards to employee and/or volunteer screening. Rule 22 b), Risk Management, states that:

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:

- i) 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
- ii) 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.
- iii) 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.

A copy of this policy may be obtained from the BC Soccer office or the BC Soccer website www.bcsoccer.net.

g. Harassment

- i. BC Soccer has a formal Harassment Policy which shall apply to all Provincial Competition of the Association. A copy of this policy may be obtained from the BC Soccer office or the BC Soccer website www.bcsoccer.net. Any allegation of harassment shall be referred to a BC Soccer Harassment Officer.

2) Team Eligibility

a. Declarations/Entry Deadlines

Provincial Premier Cup	Provincial A & B Cup
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Provincial Premier Cup shall be open to all youth teams under the jurisdiction of the Association, declared on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, provided the team, or teams, have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues. - Unless otherwise indicated, all BC SPL franchises are automatically declared for the Provincial Premier Cup. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Provincial A Level Championships shall be open to all youth teams under the jurisdiction of the Association, declared on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, provided the team, or teams, have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues. - The Provincial B Level Championships shall be open to any affiliated B or C level youth team as declared on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by December 1st in the current coastal playing season and by June 1st in the current interior playing season, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues. - Final rosters will be submitted on the Provincial Championship Roster Form. Forms and district

	<p>bonds are to be received in the BC Soccer office by the dates established by the Board, or teams will not be eligible for Provincial Championships.</p>
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- i. ***Once a team commits to competing in an out of district competition, they are committed to Provincial Cup for that season. Teams that withdraw past that point will forfeit their entire performance bond and a hearing will be held to determine their cup eligibility for the following season. See Appendix 1)***

b. Dispensation

- i. Applies to districts whose boundaries are limited by geography, to form selected teams for Provincial A or B Championships only.
- ii. Written requests must be made by October 15th in the case of coastal districts and by May 1st in the case of interior districts.
- iii. Consideration will only be given to properly registered players selected from affiliated teams.
- iv. Those teams who have been granted dispensation by the Board each year may return each player to an All-Star team in his age group for the purpose of Provincial Cup competitions. If deemed necessary, an All-Star team playing in a properly constituted youth league involving older-age players may return to its own age group for the purpose of Provincial A Competitions only.
- v. Applications from districts for dispensation must provide information regarding district registration numbers, number of rep teams to be formed, age groups, gender, league and distance from other clubs and or districts.
- vi. A district club applying for dispensation will apply to their District Association. If approved, the district will then forward the application with the association approval to BC Soccer for dispensation on the club's behalf.
- vii. The roster of each team that has been granted dispensation must be submitted by their district Registrar to the BC Soccer Competition Committee by January 15th for Island and Coastal regions and June 1st for Interior regions each year.
- viii. The BC Soccer Board of Directors may grant special permission for a team or teams to participate otherwise upon written request.

c. Performance Bonds/Responsibility

- i. Coastal and Island Districts shall post one \$1000.00 Performance Bond with the Provincial Association prior to any team entering Provincial A or B Play Down games for the current season from within the Coastal

- Regional Cup or Interior Regional Finals. Additional bonding may be required for specific teams or individuals as specified within these rules.
- ii. The district posted Bond shall cover all teams the district has entered in cup play.
 - iii. In addition to the general bonding requirement as noted above, the BC Soccer youth Competitions Committee may, for just cause, place any team, team official, or spectator on a specific Performance Bond before entering or during the course of a competition. In this case the Bond shall outline the amount of the Bond, the purpose(s) to be served, the duration of the Bond and the conditions under which either all or a portion of the bonding amount may be forfeited.
 - iv. In the case of a Bond placed upon a team, team official or spectator, their district may declare that the individual or group post the Bond prior to participation in a competition.
 - v. If the Bond is depleted during the course of cup play, the member district must forthwith replenish the bond.
 - vi. Interest will not be paid on bond deposits.
 - vii. Any team official or spectator refusing to sign an undertaking that makes up the bond, or by failing to post the required bond deposit, shall be immediately suspended from further participation in provincial competitions.
 - viii. Interior member districts shall post a bond amount as determined by BC Soccer Competition Committee by May 1st. The bond will be appropriate to the geographic area, number of teams per district, and the number of play down games involved.
 - ix. It is the responsibility of all member district associations to ensure that its member teams fulfill their commitments once they have entered either Provincial Championships up to the time a Provincial Champion is declared and the Canadian Club Championship is held.
 - x. It is the responsibility of the BC Soccer Premier League to ensure that its member teams fulfill their commitments once they have entered either Provincial Premier Cup up to the time a Provincial Premier Cup Champion is declared and the Canadian Club Championship is held.

d. Team Promotion

- i. Teams who place 1st in the Provincial B Championship Finals for 2 consecutive years may be promoted to the Provincial A Championship.

e. Team Relegation

- i. Teams promoted to the Provincial A Championship under Rule 2) d. i. may make application to the BC Soccer Competition Committee requesting to be relegated to the Provincial B Championship. The following criteria will be used by the Competition Committee to determine team relegations:
 1. A team that is limited by geography may request to be relegated to the Provincial B Championship. The district must provide the team's statistical validation upon request (League and Provincial play).
 2. A team whose roster has 60% or less of its players returning may apply through their district to the BC Soccer Competition Committee for permission to play in the Provincial B

Championship by supplying a team roster of both players who have left the team and a copy of the current team roster.

f. Team Replacement

- i. If a region/district/league is unable to field a team in a given age group, all efforts will be made to fill any slots in the competition. If the position is left unfilled, the competition format will be modified appropriately.

g. Coaching Qualifications

- i. The head coach must have the following CSA / BC Soccer Coaching Certification:

Year	Provincial Premier Cup	Provincial A Cup	Provincial B Cup
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h. Team Officials Gender

- i. One (1) member of the team officials must be the same gender as the team. This team official must be present on the bench and in the changing rooms.

3) Player Eligibility

a. Registration

Provincial Premier Cup	Provincial A & B Cup
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No team entering a youth Provincial Cup competition may register a new player after March 31st of the current coastal playing season or after August 1st of the current interior playing season. - A player is eligible to participate in a youth Provincial Cup competition once his/her registration has been validated by the District Association's registrar or his/her designate and has been received by BC Soccer. Players must be registered or reinstated as a youth from adult player or transferred to a team 7 days prior to taking part in that team's Regional qualifying or Provincial Cup game. Players must also have played at least 1 league game before playing in a Provincial or Regional Championship game. 	

b. Age Eligibility Chart

SEASON (Year in which play ends)	U-18	U-17	U-16	U-15	U-14	U-13
2014	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
2015	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002

c. ID Cards

- i. In Provincial Cup Competitions, each team will supply to the referee a set of BC Soccer Photo Identification Cards, for all players and team officials.

4) Qualification

a. Format

- i. Teams qualify for and must enter the Provincial Cup Competition at the age group level of the league in which they participate. The British Columbia Soccer Association operates three youth provincial championships for boys and girls each year from all areas of the province.
 1. Provincial Premier Cup Championships for under 13 to under 18 Boys and Girls.
 2. Provincial A Cup Championships for under 13 to under 18 Boys and Girls.
 3. Provincial B Cup Championships for under 13 to under 18 Boys and Girls.

ii. Qualification:

Provincial Premier Cup	Provincial A & B Cup
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process: All declared Coastal (non BCSPL) teams will play down to one qualifier. - All declared Interior teams will play down to one qualifier. - The Coastal qualifier will then play the Interior qualifier. - The winner of this match plays the 4th place BCSPL team as determined by the BCSPL league standings at the end of Phase 1. - The winner of this match will join the top three BCSPL teams as determined by the same league standings. - These four teams will then proceed to the Provincial Premier Cup Semi-Finals. <p>Format: As per the above process, these four (4) teams will play off in a one game semi and final format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeding: 1st place vs. 4th place and 2nd vs. 3rd place. Seedings will remain in place from the start of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coastal Region Qualification – See Coastal Cup Rules and Regulations. - Interior Region Qualification – See Interior Play Downs Rules and Regulations.

<p>the Play Downs/Semi-Finals to the Finals with the highest place seeds designated as 'home' teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The winner of the BC Soccer Provincial Premier Cup in the U14, U16, and U18 Divisions will represent B.C. at the Canadian Club National Championships. - This section is subject to the Rules and Regulations of the BC Soccer in regard to Provincial Cup and operates under the Competitions Committee of BC Soccer. 	
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5) Team Rules

a. Roster

Provincial Premier Cup	Provincial A & B Cup
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teams must consist of a minimum of 15 registered players - Complete official team rosters must be submitted to the BC Soccer offices no later than June 1st - Teams shall not be permitted to register more than the maximum allowed players for their age division at any given time. - For U13 – U16 teams, each club must have a minimum of 15 players and a maximum of 18 per team dressed in uniform, present and eligible to participate in each match. - For U17 and U18 teams, each club must have a minimum of 15 players and a maximum of 20 per team dressed in uniform, present and eligible to participate in each match. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teams must consist of a minimum of 11 registered players. - Complete team rosters must be submitted to the BC Soccer offices no later than January 15th for coastal teams and June 1st for interior teams. - Youth teams shall not be permitted to register more than the maximum allowed players for their age division at any given time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) for U13 - U16 the maximum shall be eighteen (18) players ii) for U17 and U18 the maximum shall be twenty (20) players

b. Team Officials

Provincial Premier Cup	Provincial A & B Cup
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A maximum of four (4) team officials shall be listed on the team roster and on the bench who are either a head coach, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A maximum of four (4) team officials shall be listed on the team roster.

assistant coach, manager, goalkeeper coach, trainer, or authorized club official.	
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- i. Only team officials listed on the Official Team Roster are eligible to be seated on the team bench and team technical area during the game.
- ii. All team officials must have a current BC Soccer Photo Identification Card.

c. Player Pick Ups (Provincial A & B Cup Only)

- i. The purpose behind allowing pick-up requests is to provide teams with the ability to have enough players to compete in either Provincial Championship. It is not designed to allow teams to strengthen their roster by dropping players to pick up stronger ones. Any team proven to be abusing this privilege will face disciplinary action by the BC Soccer Board of Directors.
- ii. A team may pick up BC Soccer registered players to bring their roster up to the number of players on the team's affiliation form for the current season.
- iii. No player shall be permitted to play for more than one team in the same Provincial Cup Competition in the same season.
- iv. For the Provincial A Championship the player must be from a lower caliber or lower age level of play. Players cannot be picked up from a higher caliber of play.
- v. For the Provincial B Championship the player can be from a lower caliber of play or lower age group. The player may be of equal caliber of play, and the same age group as long as they are not 'Cup Tied'. For the purposes of this section the player shall be deemed 'cup tied' at the moment he or she plays on a team that is in the final regional groupings as defined by the competition committee.
- vi. Any player who is picked up for either Provincial Championship can only be chosen from teams within the same district, and with district approval.
- vii. Team officials who wish to pick up players must complete a Provincial Championship Player Pick Up Request Form and have it approved by their District.
- viii. District approved Player Pick Up Request Forms, along with player release documents, must be submitted to the BC Soccer office NO LATER than 7 days prior to the start of Provincial Championships.
- ix. Players being replaced must be released through either:
 - 1. Medical certificate, or
 - 2. Letter from parent/guardian and player indicating unavailability
- x. ID cards must be provided for all players. Team officials are responsible for obtaining ID cards for all players under this clause.
- xi. In the event that no medical certificate or letter is available, the youth Competitions Committee has the ability to consider the circumstances on a case by case basis, and make a judgement whether or not a pick up will be permitted.

d. Uniforms

- i. Teams participating in Provincial Championships are required to have two complete sets of uniforms of different colours for all cup games to avoid colour conflict and this must be clearly stated on the roster submission form. The Competition Committee recommends the jerseys be numbered and that players have the same number on both sets of jerseys. The team listed as the home team will be required to change uniforms in the case of a colour conflict.

e. Meetings

- i. All teams must have at least one member of the team staff attend a pre-competition meeting (if arranged). Failure to attend will result in a fine.

f. Events and Ceremonies

- i. Teams must attend all social, civic and official functions associated with the competition. Each team must also have in attendance one (1) team official from those listed on the Team Roster. Failure to attend an official function will result in a fine and the team being subject to discipline.

6) Game Rules

a. Ball Sizes

- i. A regulation size five (5) soccer ball shall be used in all games Under 13 through Under 18.

b. Substitutions

Provincial Premier Cup	Provincial A & B Cup
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Substitution Procedure - Substitutes shall report and submit a substitution slip to the score keeper at midfield. To replace a player with a substitute there must be a stoppage in play and the referee must be informed. The player only enters the field of play after the player being replaced has left the field and after receiving a signal by the referee. The substituted player may leave the field from any boundary line. At the half time interval the substitute becomes a player once receiving a signal from the referee to enter the field prior to the second half kick-off.- Substitutions shall be made during a stoppage in the game and with the referee's consent.- For all age groups the Provincial Premier Cup will use the current CSA Rules and Regulations for number of substitutions at the National Club Championships (In 2013 this was max of 5 per game, with unlimited at half time).- If the CSA substitution rules change, BC Soccer will immediately update the BC Soccer Competition rules to reflect these changes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In all Provincial Cup games, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed.- Substitutions shall be made during a stoppage in the game and with the referee's consent.

c. Duration of Play

- i. All games will be played to regulation time.

- ii. Round Robin (if applicable) games that end in a tie will stand.
- iii. In the event that teams are still tied at the end of regulation time in the Premier Cup semifinals or in all Provincial Championship Finals ONLY, the teams will play two (2) equal halves of extra time. There shall be no break or unlimited substitution at half time of extra time. The following chart details current BC Soccer regulations for the duration of games and extra time periods for Provincial Championship Finals:

Division	Regulation Time	Extra Time
Under-18 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-17 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-16 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-15 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-14 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-13 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes

- iv. In the event that the teams are still tied at the end of extra time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

7) Competition Rules

a. Provincial Premier Cup Format

- i. A single elimination, knock out style tournament

b. Provincial A Cup Format

- i. The 2014 Provincial A Cup will be a four-team tournament in each age/gender, consisting of:
 - Coastal Cup Winner
 - League Winner
 - Vancouver Island Champion
 - Interior Champion
- ii. If the league winner is the same as the Coastal Cup winner, then a berth will be awarded to the 2nd place team in the league.
- iii. If an island team wins the Coastal Cup then a berth will be awarded to the runner up in Coastal Cup.

c. Provincial B Cup Format

- i. The format for the Provincial B Championships will be an 8-team, Round Robin tournament.
- ii. The 8-team Round Robin format will be two (2) groups of four (4) teams each in Round Robin play with one (1) game each day.
- iii. The groupings will be determined by the Youth Competitions Committee on an annual basis and communicated to participants a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the start of the Provincial Cup Finals.
- iv. The winner from each group will compete in the Gold Medal game, the second place team in each group will compete for the Bronze. Third

place teams will play for 5th and 6th and fourth place teams in each group will compete for 7th and 8th.

- v. The 8 qualifying teams for the Provincial B Championship from U13 through U18 are:
 1. First Place Coastal B Cup
 2. Second Place Coastal B Cup
 3. First Place Vancouver Island/Powell River
 4. First Place Thompson Okanagan
 5. First Place Columbia Kootenay
 6. First and Second Place in the Northern BC Region (Formerly Cariboo North Region and North Coast Region)
 7. Host District Berth
 - a. Host District Berth to be awarded as follows:
 - i. Host district will receive one berth for each age group they host, berths must be declared by the host district before December 1st for Coastal regions, and June 1st for Interior regions.
 - ii. If the host district team is the regional winner the host berth will go to the second place team in the same region.
 - iii. If the host district does not have a team in that age group the berth will go to the second place team in the same region.
 - iv. If there is no team in the host age group from within the region, the Competition Committee will award the berth to another region.

d. Round Robin Tie-Breaking

1. 3 points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a tie, and none for a loss.
2. At the end of the round robin the teams shall be ranked based on the number of points awarded that round robin. (Highest points being first, lowest being last.)
3. If two teams are tied on points ties shall be broken according to subsection 5 below, and in the order specified.
4. If more that two teams are tied on points, ties shall be broken according to subsection 5 below in the order specified until one team is no longer tied, at which time, the tie breaking sequence will be applied from the beginning to the remaining tied teams.
5. Ties shall be broken in the following sequence:
 - a. Previous Match Results – The winner of the match between the two teams tied on points shall be awarded the higher position. (Not applicable if 3 or more teams are tied.)
 - b. Goal Difference – Goal Difference shall be calculated by subtracting the goals conceded from goals scored. A maximum difference of five (5) goals shall be awarded in each game. The total goal difference calculated for all games played in the initial round robin or complete round robin shall be used.

- c. Goals Against. Total number of goals conceded in the round robin shall be calculated and the team with the lowest number conceded shall be awarded the higher standing.
 - d. Goals for – The total number of goals scored on all opponents during the round robin to a maximum of five (5) goals per games shall be totalled, the team with the higher number shall be awarded the higher standing.
6. In the event a tie cannot be broken using the rules above penalty shots shall be taken as follows:
- a. Two (2) teams tied - As per FIFA Laws of the Game. Each team names its five (5) initial shooters and the team scoring the most goals is declared the winner. If, after the initial five (5) shooters, the teams remain tied, then penalty kicks continue (using different players from an eleven (11) player roster with no player shooting a second time until all eleven players have shot once) until one team has scored one (1) more goal and an equal number of shots have been taken.
 - b. Three (3) teams tied - Each team is designated A, B, or C. Three (3) mini games shall be played (A vs. B, C vs. B, C vs. A) consisting of five (5) penalty kicks from each team. The standings after these three (3) mini games shall be determined by the criteria as follows:
 - i. Most points wins; three (3) points awarded for a win; one (1) point for tie.
 - ii. Previous match results as per 7) c. 5. above but from the mini game just played.
 - iii. Goal difference as calculated from the total mini games involving each team.
 - iv. Repeat mini game process until standings are determined.
 - c. Four (4) teams tied - Each team is designated A, B, C, or D. Six (6) mini games shall be played (A vs. B, C vs. D, A vs. C, B vs. D, A vs. D, and C vs. B) to decide the final standings as in the three (3) teams case above.
- e. Game Officials**
 - i. The BC Soccer Referee Development Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the assignment of all game officials.
 - f. Official Match Reports**
 - i. BC Soccer will provide Official Match Reports for the Provincial Championships. Each team must fill out their team roster one (1) hour prior to game time.
 - g. Results Reporting**
 - i. The head referee is responsible for submitting the completed reports to the competition headquarters immediately following each game. Teams can pick up a copy of the Report at the tournament headquarters.

8) Discipline

- a. Rule infractions will be dealt with by the Provincial Championships Discipline Committee.
- b. While a Complaint/Misconduct Report is usually registered by a Game Official, a complaint may also originate from a member of the BC Soccer committee managing the event. A written summary of the incident shall be completed and kept on file along with other documents relating to the infraction.
- c. As time is of the essence in adjudicating these matters, a Disciplinary Hearing will be conducted as soon as possible at an appropriate location at, or near the competition venue. Appropriate records should be maintained as to the names of the members constituting the committee and persons attending the hearing.
- d. While the Chair of the Discipline Committee will render a verbal decision, the decision shall be put in writing with copies being distributed to the parties concerned.
- e. Within two weeks of completion of the competition a full set of files concerning discipline conducted at the competition shall be turned over to the appropriate authority within the BC Soccer.
- f. Within 30 days of completion of the competition, the home district of an individual or team that has been assessed a penalty at the competition shall be advised, in writing, of the circumstances that led to the penalty being assessed. This shall include a complete summary of cards issued or individuals ejected from games in case any carry over penalties should be served within the district.
- g. Qualification games protests can be subject to appeal, but the Finals in Provincial Premier, A or B Cup cannot.
- h. Appeals of a decision can be directed to the BC Soccer Appeals Committee. Please visit www.bcsoccer.net for information regarding appeals.
- i. Red Cards
 - i. Red cards will carry over to Provincial Championships with a player having to adhere to the game suspensions levied by the Discipline Committee.
- j. Cautions
 - i. Yellow cards will NOT be carried over from the regular season to Championship games.
 - ii. *A player who accumulates two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during provincial cup play, shall automatically be suspended without hearing and without appeal from the player's next provincial cup game. Provincial Cup for youth teams is defined as all "Premier", "A" Cup competition and "B" Cup competition beyond district qualification (inter-district), (see Rule 25 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play – Youth).*

9) Administration of the Competition

a. Travel Assistance

Premier Cup	A & B Cup
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<p>- None</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel assistance grants will be available to teams participating in either the Provincial A or B Championships. A minimum distance of 400 km one way is required before a team is eligible for assistance. The amount will be based on the following mileage rate (\$0.50 / km for 2014) and is calculated using the following formula: (Distance traveled one way x 2) – 800 km x mileage rate = grant - One travel grant per eligible team will be issued; no application is required. - Travel grants will be paid to the team’s district upon completion of the Provincial Championship.
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b. Protests

- i. The protest fee for any game is \$250.00. Protests must be filed in accordance with the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations - Rule #12 (Protests). In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.
- ii. The grounds upon which the protest is based must be included in a written submission, which must be forwarded to the Provincial Representative in attendance within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the match being protested. The fee must accompany the protest.
- iii. The protest must contain the details of the protest, including the rule that was allegedly breached, and the evidence to support that claim. Protests can only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of FIFA Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of the Competition Rules and Regulations. (Rule 12.a.)

c. BC Soccer Representative

- i. BC Soccer will appoint a Provincial Representative to act on the association’s behalf at the Championships. The Provincial Representative shall:
 1. Convene and chair a pre-competition meeting the evening prior to the start of the competition (if necessary).
 2. Arrange a meeting with the referee coordinator/scheduler prior to the pre-competition meeting
 3. Ensure that the meeting is attended by all teams and a representative from the Local Organizing Committee (if arranged).
 4. Convene and chair any hearings necessary to handle any discipline or protest arising at the competition
 5. Attend all official functions
 6. Submit a completed Competition Report to be submitted no later than twenty-one (21) days after the competition. No expenses will be reimbursed until the report is received.

d. Code of Conduct

- i. All participants at BC Soccer Provincial Championships are expected to:
 1. Act as ambassadors for their local clubs, districts and leagues

2. Participate in the Provincial Championships in the spirit of fair play, co-operation and respect for others at all times
 3. Comply with rulings by officials, coaches, managers, or any other person in a position of authority or responsibility
 4. Respect the rules of the sport, the British Columbia Soccer Association Competitions Rules and the BC Soccer Code of Conduct
 5. Perform to their best ability in every competition and accept with pride the result their effort brings
 6. Respect their opponents and the directions and decisions of competitive and other officials
 7. Be gracious in victory and defeat
 8. Respect the rights of the residents of the Host Association and members from other clubs, districts, and leagues
 9. Regard participation in the Provincial Championships as a privilege
 10. Conduct themselves in accordance with the BC Soccer Code of Conduct to ensure that the Championships take place in a safe environment, free from harassment and discrimination for all members
 11. Respect the Clean Air policy and ban on smoking at Championship venues and facilities
 12. Obey all federal laws, provincial laws and municipal by-laws, on alcohol consumption and illegal substance (drug) and tobacco use;
 13. Respect the Zero Tolerance of alcohol (acquiring, possession of purchasing or consuming) at Provincial Youth Championships
 14. Be punctual for all official functions and activities
- ii. Participants will **NOT**:
1. Verbally or physically abuse other members of their team or participants in the Provincial Championships
 2. Show disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures
 3. Breach any of the British Columbia Soccer Association Rules for Provincial Competitions
 4. Abuse, damage or destroy facilities or equipment
 5. Breach the requirements of the British Columbia Soccer Association Harassment Policy
 6. Indulge in any other unreasonable conduct which brings the British Columbia Soccer Association into disrepute, including but not limited to, activities which disturb or disrupt the peace, infractions of municipal, provincial or federal laws, the abusive use of alcohol, the non-medical use of drugs, tobacco, or the use of alcohol by minors.

e. Fair Play

- i. The Fair Play Team Award will be given out at the Provincial A and B Cup Championships and is intended to foster the spirit of fair play, including:
 1. Respect for the Laws of the Game

2. Respect for the opponent
 3. Respect for game officials and acceptance of their decisions
 4. Maintaining dignity under all circumstances
- ii. The team includes all players, coaches, and other team officials on the team credentials form.
 - iii. The BC Soccer Director in charge of a championship shall have the discretionary power to award the judging of the Fair Play Award to the host district or not.
 - iv. Any other incidents will be judged by the BC Soccer Representative and/or designate.
 - v. The Competition Committee shall have discretionary power to decide not to award the Fair Play Team Award in that competition over which he/she presides.

f. Trophies

- i. Trophies presented to teams at the Provincial Championships are the property of BC Soccer and are held by the championship team for a limited time only.
- ii. The championship team shall complete the Trophy Receipt Form before it is permitted to leave with the trophy.
- iii. The championship team is responsible for returning the trophy to BC Soccer by January 15th of the following year.

10) Competition Locations, Seeding, and Schedules

- a. Please visit www.bcsoccer.net for locations, schedules and seeding.

Appendix: Schedule of Fines

This section provides an outline of some general infractions that may be dealt with by the BC Soccer Competition Committee, made up of no less than 3 persons or an adjudicating body appointed by the committee. This section does not cover all instances in which a fine may be assessed or a bond imposed upon a player, team, team official or spectator for a violation of the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations. Fines will be deducted from the Performance Bond posted by each team's district. If the amount of the fine is greater than the existing Performance Bond, the district will be invoiced for the remainder.

- 1) ***Once a team commits to competing in an out of district competition, they are committed to Provincial Cup for that season.***
Penalty: Teams that withdraw past this point will forfeit their entire performance bond and a hearing will be held to determine their cup eligibility for the following season.
- 2) **Team fails to appear for a scheduled game without just cause**
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$750.00 fine, plus field and game official costs
- 3) **Failure to return a trophy by the deadline**
Penalty: \$100.00
- 4) **Failure to return a trophy**
Penalty: \$500.00
- 5) **Team fails to commence a game or withdraws from the game after it has started unless so directed by the Referee**
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$250.00 fine plus field and game official costs
- 6) **Team or teams held to be at fault for abandonment of a game**
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$1000.00 fine plus field and game official costs
- 7) **If requested by referee – lack of spectator control by team official(s) including failure to address the referee, harassment of referee, persistent criticism of the referee or disputing calls of the referee by team officials, players or spectators**
Penalty: \$1000.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition
- 8) **If requested by referee – failure to identify spectator(s) responsible for misconduct towards a referee or linesperson**
Penalty: \$1000.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition
- 9) **Player/team official, while under suspension and attending a game as a spectator, behaves in a manner that brings the game into disrepute**
Penalty: \$1000.00 fine and suspended from attendance at the game sites
- 10) **Team fails to send a representative to pre-competition meeting**
Penalty: \$300.00 fine
- 11) **Team fails to attend opening ceremony**
Penalty: \$300.00 fine and team may be excluded from attending further competitions

12) Team fails to attend a required closing ceremony

Penalty: \$500.00 fine and team may be excluded from attending further competitions

13) Team fails to fulfill Provincial and/or Club National commitment

Penalty: \$1000.00, plus the Canadian Soccer Association fines that are assessed to BC Soccer.

14) Extremely bad behavior by a team, player, team official, or spectator

Penalty: Up to \$1000.00, and/or risk of immediate expulsion from the competition and a review of that team's eligibility to compete in future years.