



CANADA SOCCER

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BY EMAIL

6 July 2022

President
British Columbia Soccer Association

Dear President,

We are in receipt of your 2 June 2022 letter which reported on the results of a Special Meeting of the Members of BCSA held virtually on 1 June 2022. The Special Meeting was called for the purpose of considering changes to the BCSA Bylaws, requested by Canada Soccer, that would make BCSA's voting structure fair and equitable in its conferral of votes on the Youth District Associations and the Adult Leagues of BCSA.

As you know, Canada Soccer requires that the member voting structure of all its Member Associations be based on the principles of fair and equitable balance of stakeholder representation — principles that are strict requirements set forth by Canada Soccer and its parent bodies, FIFA and Concacaf.

We understand from your report that at the 1 June 2022 Special Meeting of the Members of BCSA, the Members defeated the proposed amendments to the BCSA voting structure which is specified in the current BCSA Bylaws.

Canada Soccer is very disappointed by this outcome and reminds BCSA of our 23 September 2021 letter to the BCSA President, which states that the deadline for the completion of the required re-balancing of representation within BCSA is the 2022 BCSA Annual General Meeting. It is our hope that the required amendments to the BCSA Bylaws are completed in accordance with the timeline outlined above.

Please accept this letter as confirmation that if the required Bylaw amendments have not been approved by the conclusion of the 2022 BCSA Annual General Meeting, BCSA shall be in breach of its obligations of membership set out in Section 2.01D I a) of the Canada Soccer By-laws, and as a result, Canada Soccer shall take steps to immediately suspend BCSA as a Member Association of Canada Soccer, with all measures that suspension entails at the sole discretion of Canada Soccer. Canada Soccer has no desire to impose sanctions on its Member Associations or any League, Club or group unnecessarily. However, this particular situation within BCSA does not adhere to the principles of fair and equitable balance of stakeholder representation.

As always, if BCSA requires any further clarification of the above, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nick Bontis
President

Cc : Earl Cochrane, General Secretary (Acting)
Charmaine Crooks, Vice President
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