



## Information Bulletin

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<b>To</b>	Active Full Members and Affiliated Clubs
<b>CC</b>	Board of Directors, Staff
<b>From</b>	Gabriel Assis, Director of Soccer Operations
<b>Subject</b>	2023 BC Soccer Provincial Championships Rules

### **The 2023 Rules of the BC Soccer Provincial Championships are now available.**

Following a comprehensive review and consultation with participants in 2022, the Provincial Championship rules have been amended to better align with Canada Soccer, improve satisfaction for players, team officials and match officials attending the events and continued enhancement of the quality of competition at each Provincial Cup. Some of the highlighted changes includes:

#### **Adult Provincial Championships**

- Updated language to address dismissal of players, in alignment with Laws of the Game
- Updated penalties for teams failing to fulfil Provincial and National Commitments
- Establish annual review of the Competition Format
- Improved duration of play and tie-breaking procedures in alignment with Canada Soccer National Championships
- Streamlined process for allocation of spots and confirmation of teams
- Clarified the role of the Match Official on rectifying use of equipment
- Aligned Team Eligibility to the Age Division the team plays in their League
- Retired the U21 category within the BC Soccer Provincial Championships

#### **Youth Provincial Championships**

- Removed unnecessary language within substitution rules
- Established more consistent minimum rosters
- Updated language to address dismissal of players, in alignment with Laws of the Game
- Establish governing rules for the “Regional Qualifying Competitions” leading into the Provincial Championships
- Flexibilization of equipment requirements to prevent colour conflict
- Enhanced tie-breaking rules for round-robin stage to better correspond to overall performance in the competition
- Updated penalties for teams failing to fulfil Provincial and National Commitments
- Enhanced flexibility on Head Coach certification and requirements
- Improved system of call-ups and permits for better clarity around the process and purpose
- Streamlined process for allocation of spots and confirmation of teams
- Improved language around the participation in ceremonies of dismissed players or officials

The updated 2023 rules are now posted: [Youth Championships](#) | [Adult Championships](#)

For further questions, please contact [Gabriel Assis, Director of Soccer Operations](#).

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