

BC COASTAL GIRLS SOCCER LEAGUE



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Welcome:

The BC Coastal Girls Soccer League (BCCGSL) accepts affiliation of competitive girls divisional teams from the following Coastal Districts:

1. Central Fraser Valley Girls District (aka CFVG)
2. South District Girls Soccer Association (aka SDGSA)
3. Vancouver Youth Soccer Association (aka VYSA)
4. North Shore Youth Soccer Association (aka NSYSA)
5. North District Girls Soccer Association (aka NDGSA)
6. Richmond Soccer Association (aka RSA)

Each year the league has 500+ teams in 45+ schedules. This is a significant number of teams and the smooth operation of the league requires that you understand the rules. As a coach you must be aware of several guides and rules that govern activities off the field of play:

1. Your Club Bylaws, Constitution and Policies
2. Your District's Bylaws, Constitution and Policies
3. The League's Bylaws, Constitution and Policies and Operating Rules
4. BC Soccer's Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations

On the field the rules are governed by FIFA and by rule variations, such as game length, ball size and number of substitutions as published in BC Soccer's Rules and Regulations.

Have a good year and above all remember this is a kids sport played for the enjoyment of the kids.

Rights of the League to override rules

The league reserves the right to override rules and guidelines where exceptional circumstances exist.

Changes from 2007/2008

- Important Dates

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Risk Management

Each District is responsible for ensuring that BCSA Rule 22 – Risk Management, is adhered to. The League expects all team officials to complete the risk management process before they are issued with BCSA ID card for the 2008/2009 season by their District.

CSA States: *“One team official must be the same gender as the team.”*

Important Dates for the 2008/2009 Season

Date	Event
June 30	U12 Select and U13-U18 Gold and Silver Team Affiliation day
July 31	U13-U18 Bronze team affiliation
Sept 7	League Start
Oct 11-13	Thanksgiving Break – League promotion/demotion review
Dec 7	Last scheduled league game before Christmas
Jan 11	First scheduled League game after Christmas
Jan 15	Team-to-Team player transfer deadline
Mar 7	Coastal Classic Cup Finals Silver, Bronze Red
Mar 14-22	Spring Break
Apr 10	Good Friday
Apr 12	Easter Monday

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1. LEAGUE OPERATING INFORMATION

1.1. *Mandate*

- 1) To manage league play for affiliated girl's competitive teams from associated Districts in the Coastal area.
- 2) To ensure each division and level provides for competitive play.
- 3) To manage league cup play
- 4) To manage additional cup play as determined by the League governors

1.2 *Volunteers*

All positions of the League are filled by volunteers. Almost all volunteers perform duties with their Districts, Clubs and teams. These people form the volunteer backbone of amateur youth soccer.

The League also relies on volunteers to act as statistics collectors. Collectors usually have no more than 3 league schedules to take care of. If you are willing to act as a statistics collector please tell your District League Representative by August 15.

Besides collecting game scores, stats collectors may also be asked to follow up on a score by the league, provide answers to simple questions by coaches (or direct coaches to speak with their District League Representatives).

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2. LEAGUE SCHEDULES

Over 45 schedules are generated each season and it is not unusual, during the first two weeks of play, to have 1 or more revisions published. The scheduler puts in a lot of time and tries to balance the schedules as much as possible. It is not possible to do this for 13 and 14 team leagues and as a result some teams will have more games or byes than other teams.

Schedules are of a fixed length which may result in unbalanced schedules.

2.1. *Affiliating teams*

Districts are asked to provide the scheduler with a list of teams and contacts by the deadlines posted in the important dates table. The earlier and more complete the data is, the earlier the schedule will be published.

The team information required is:

- Team Name (do not leave this blank or a name will be assigned by the scheduler)
- Age Division (U12 – U18)
- Level of play (Red, Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- Strength of team (Strong, Average, Weak) – Used for league tiering
- # of returning players
- Primary contact name and number (does not need to be Coach or manager)
- Secondary contact name and number - (does not need to be Coach or manager)
- Home/Away pairings (i.e. which teams will share home and away on the same field and time) (Please refer to special instructions on home/away pairings)
- Special instructions for placement (i.e. two teams from same Club not on same schedule). There is no promise that these requests will be accommodated.
- Email address - (does not need to be Coach or manager)

Requests for changes to published information must be directed to your District's BCCGSL Rep. Each year multiple schedule revisions are published because of the many changes to team names and contact info. The League has set the following deadlines for changes for the 2009 season:

2.1.1 **Deadlines for submitting changes to information on schedules**

- a) Team Names – Last Sunday in August – changes submitted after that will not be published until Thanksgiving.
- b) Contact name, phone numbers – Last Sunday in August

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2.1.2 Home/Away Pairings

Teams that share a field and time slot are said to be paired. That means that when one team is home the other will be away. The League allows Clubs/Districts to declare which teams are paired. To ensure that your requests for pairing can be accommodated they must be submitted by June 30. In addition there are some rules that must be adhered to:

- a) Metro teams cannot be paired with a BCCGSL team
- b) U12 Gold can only be paired with other U12 Gold teams
- c) U13 Gold may only be paired with U13 Gold teams
- d) U13 Silver and U14-U18 Gold may be paired
- e) U13 – U18 Bronze and Red may be paired

The league scheduler reserves the right to assign pairings where needed.

2.2. Distribution of teams

Teams are distributed across the schedules in one of two ways:

Tiered – Standings from the previous year and information provided by Clubs/Districts on team strength are used to rank teams. Schedules that are tiered end in a number

Geographic – Schedules are formed by geographic proximity. Those schedules that end in a Letter are geographically formed.

For the 2008 season the following schedules shall be tiered:

- U15-U18 Gold and Silver

For the 2008 season the following schedules shall be in geographic proximity

- U12 Gold
- U13 – U15 Bronze
- All U14 levels

The following schedule formats will be determined by surveying the teams

- U16 – U18 Bronze/Red

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2.2.1 Requests by Club

A Club may request, through their District, to place teams in certain groups or “with” or “not with” certain teams. These instructions must be received by June 30 to be considered. Such requests will be accommodated where possible.

2.2.2 Requests by District

The District may request that all teams in the District in a certain level be placed in specific groups. Usually this means that all teams from a District will be in the same group. This may include teams that play on Saturdays.

2.2.3. By League Scheduler

The League scheduler attempts to balance numerous requests and may not be able to accommodate them all.

2.3. Start of League play

2.3.1. Accommodating Cup play

The schedule has several dates that have no league games scheduled and have the words “Round Robin Cup” Or “Elimination Round”. These dates are reserved for Cup play. Refer to the Coastal Classic Cup rules for details. Teams that do not have a cup game on these dates should use the spare date to make up postponed games. Some dates are also labeled “spare”. These dates occur just before and just after the winter break. These dates should also be used to replay games postponed in the first half of the season.

2.3.2. The schedule

The schedule usually starts on the first weekend after Labour Day and runs to the last weekend in February or first week of March.

2.3.3. Holiday Breaks

No League games are scheduled for the Thanksgiving weekend. If you are entering a tournament enter early.

We also have a 3 to 4 week break at Christmas. The League schedule starts in the first weekend after school recommences. All the volunteers, parents and players get to have some rest after 3 months of games.

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2.3.4 Publishing League Schedules

The schedule, and other League information, is distributed to each District rep. The District League reps will then distribute to Clubs or direct to teams.

Schedules will also be published on <http://www.bcsoccercentral.com>

In the event that information on the web differs from information provided by District League Reps, the information provided by District League reps shall be used. It is therefore imperative that District League reps ensure that schedules and other information from the League be distributed in a timely fashion.

Several schedule changes may be published in the first few weeks of the season, so please ensure that your opponent has the same information as you. When calling an opponent please ensure that you identify yourself and your team clearly.

2.3.5 Requesting Changes

Gold and Silver Teams are not permitted to change team names once the League starts. We expect these teams to be formed early and to have picked their team name early. Since Bronze teams are not completely formed until the Labour Day weekend, the League will permit a change of team name if submitted by Oct 1. These requests MUST be routed through your Club to ensure that the name on the League schedule is the same as the name registered with the BCSA. Clubs must then submit the change request to the League through the District League Representative and to BCSA through the District Registrar.

Under no circumstances are changes to be sent directly to the League Scheduler.

2.3.6 General queries

Questions regarding the schedule may be directed through your Stats collector or your District league rep. These volunteers will answer what questions they can and forward any they can't to the League Scheduler. Under no circumstances are questions to be made directly to the League Scheduler.

2.3.7 Complaints

It is almost certain that complaints will be made about unbalanced schedules, distribution of teams, number of byes, too many games against top competition

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etc. Explanations of the reasons for certain scheduling anomalies are summarized on these pages. We ask that you read this document before you resort to the phone or email to get the answer you want. If you wish to make a complaint please put it in writing and deliver it to your District League Rep. Complaints will not be accepted from any other source or form.

2.4 End of League Play

2.4.1 Last date for reporting scores

The League sets a deadline date for submitting scores for league games. Page 5 of the manual shows the date chosen for the season.

2.4.2 Determining League Winners

The league determines winners by total points regardless of games played. The League makes every effort to ensure that all teams in a schedule have an equal number of games. Where two teams are tied at the end of the season, games against each other may be considered. If this does not resolve a tie, the League may either schedule a playoff game or declare co-winners.

The League does not consider goals for or against to determine league winners.

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3. PRE-GAME PROCEDURES

3.1 Communications between teams

Due to the time of year and the constantly changing coastal weather, fields and times change on occasion. We ask that you make that extra effort to get all games played. The following guidelines were written with fair play in mind and with recognition that last minute changes can't always be accommodated by traveling teams.

Like all amateur sports, the soccer league, Clubs and team officials are all volunteers. The amount of time we have to resolve disputes between teams regarding game scheduling is minimal. We ask that you be flexible and work to resolve problems.

3.1.1 Etiquette of contact

Direct contact must be made with the coach; if a message must be left then call the alternate contact. If messages are left ask them to confirm that they received the message. Never assume that a message has been received.

3.1.2 Initial notification between teams

It is the home team's responsibility to call the away team. This notification should be done no later than the Wednesday before game day.

If the home team does not call the away team by Wednesday, then the Away team should/must call the Home team.

Note the home team must tell the away team whether the field is grass, gravel or artificial turf.

Also ensure that the information on the colours of Jerseys is exchanged. It is the Home team's responsibility to change colours if there is a clash; however the Away team may change jerseys if both coaches agree.

3.1.3 Notification of time changes

Notification of time changes must be relayed to the away coach by 12:00 noon on the day prior to the game.

Both teams must make every effort to get games played. Please be flexible.

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3.1.4 Notification of Field changes

If the home team's grass field closes the away team must be notified immediately (see grass/grass, gravel/gravel rule.)

Where both teams arrive at a field that has been closed to play on game day, the home team may move the game to an alternate field. Travel time between fields must be accommodated and the game must start no later than 1 hour after the original game time. If the travel time and start time can not be accommodated the away team may refuse and the game will be made-up. A team may not refuse to play on an all weather field.

3.2 Grass/Grass, Gravel/Gravel rule

If the away team is notified that the home team's field is gravel, the away team may invoke this rule. The away team must notify the home team that they are trying to arrange for a grass field. Once a field is assigned call the home team. This call must be made by 12:00 noon on the day before the scheduled game to move the game to the away team's field.

Similarly if neither team has a grass field and the home team does not have a field assigned, this rule may be invoked and the game played on a gravel field at the away team.

For the purpose of determining good/better/best in terms of field surface use the following rating from best to worst:

3.2.1 Grass or In filled Artificial Turf

3.2.2 Astro Turf - (Livingstone, Hamber or Coquitlam Town Centre)

3.2.3 Sand/gravel

Cooperation of coaches is required and every effort **MUST** be made to get the game played.

Assignment and payment of referees is the responsibility of the team who supplied the field.

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3.3 Postponing or canceling games

All games must be played by the scheduled date and cannot be cancelled or postponed because one team does not have sufficient players due to injury or illness. FIFA rules state that a game can be played with as few as 7 players on a team. The only time lack of players will be considered as a legitimate reason for postponing/rescheduling a game is:

- 3.3.1** If the players are attending a sanctioned school or church function and the team will have less than 9 players.
- 3.3.2** And a request is delivered, in writing, to the League through your District Rep 5 days prior to the game.
- 3.3.3.** And the League approves the request.

Permission to postpone or cancel games because a team is involved in a tournament is not a valid reason and shall NOT be considered by the League.

Teams may agree to play their game earlier than scheduled.

3.4 Making up games

Teams must make every effort to make up games that have not been played on their scheduled date.

3.4.1 Rules for scheduling make up games

1. The home team has 1 week from the original schedule date of the game to select a week for the replay. There is no requirement to select the actual date initially just the week.
 - a) If the week of the replay is not scheduled by the Sunday following the original scheduled date, the home team will lose the right to schedule the game. The away team will then have 1 week to schedule the replay.
2. There is no restrictions on which day of the week can be used. If playing a week night game under lights, reasonable consideration for travel time is required.
3. Allowable start time for games on weekends:
 - a) Friday 6:30pm to 7:30pm
 - b) Saturday 9:00am to 8:00pm
 - c) Sunday 9:00am to 8:00pm
4. When a weekend is selected for the replay the home team sets the day and time. 5 days notice of actual day and time must be given to the away team. The away team cannot refuse to play a replay game that is scheduled for a weekend.

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5. Failure to either team scheduling the replay within the 2 week period will result in the game being declared a 0-0 draw.

Should the away team refuse to play on the week set, the home team must file a forfeit request no later than the Wednesday after the replay date.

3.4.2 Disposition of games not-played

Each year a considerable number of games are not played. In order to encourage teams to get these games played the League has implemented the following rules pertaining to games not played.

- a) Points will not be awarded for any games Not-Played by the January restart of League play unless an agreement exists to play a postponed game in the 2nd half of the season. Such games will be removed from the schedule. This act by the League is not protestable.
- b) Points will not be awarded for League games scheduled from January to the end of League play as stated in the schedule on page 5 that are not played by the end of the reporting period.

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4. POST GAME PROCEDURES

4.1 Referees

The referee's responsibility to monitor activities does not end at the final whistle. If an infraction of the Laws of the Game occur, such as use of foul or abusive language or physical abuse, the referee may issue warnings or a card to a player, team official or coach. This will be treated the same as any card issued during a game.

4.2 Hand Shakes

Hand shakes after each game is mandatory in soccer. Teams will participate in their cheers and then meet at mid-field. This is a sign of fair play.

The referee will monitor the handshakes and if a player or team official is seen acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, may issue an appropriate card.

NOTE: SPITTING on hands prior to shaking hands is not only unsporting but unhealthy. Referees still have the authority to caution or eject players and coaches after a game is completed.

4.3 Reporting game results

The statistics collector for each schedule is printed on the bottom of the schedule along with a phone number and email address. Either method may be used to communicate your scores on Sunday night. Both teams should do this. Statistics collectors will NOT call the teams. If a score is not reported it will be shown as "NP" or not played on the game by game detail page on the web.

The Stats collector needs to send in their score lists to the League by Monday morning to have them published on the web on Wednesday.

Do:

- ✓ If you are not sure of the score ask the ref after the game or confer with the opposing coach.
- ✓ Identify one person from your team with a cell phone to call in the score from the field immediately after the game.
- ✓ Both Teams must call in the score win or lose
- ✓ Both Teams must also report all cards shown or ejections (coaches or spectators) by the referee during a match. Please indicate which team/player was issued the card or ejected from the game. (If you are not able to get detailed information then summary information will do. i.e. Yellow card to GEU Storm)

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Don't

- ✗ Don't call stat collectors after 8:00 PM unless you have been permitted to do so.
- ✗ Don't call prior to 10:00 AM in the morning unless you have been permitted to do so.

Delays in reporting scores will result in delays in posting standings. If you want timely stats then the first step begins with you.

Please note that everyone involved with the League are volunteers and hold regular jobs and there may be a delay in posting stats from time to time. We strongly urge you to refrain from making complaints regarding the publishing of standings on the web.

As goal difference does not enter into the equation as to which team will win the division championships, the Stats Collectors within the Silver and Bronze division can impose a goal differential for reporting scores on the web. The true final score should always be reported to the Stats Collector to ensure that if teams need to be reassigned that the League can react quickly.

Coaches are strongly encouraged not to run up the scores on opposing teams. Coaches and teams doing so will be reported to their District Officials for disciplinary action.

4.4 Protest filing

Protests must be filed with the League within 48 hours of the end of the game (*see rule 7 for details*). The written protest may be delivered to one of your District's League representatives or to the League Chair or Vice Chair along with a cheque for \$100.

Details to be included with the protest are:

- Schedule name
- Both team names
- Date and time of game
- Location of game
- Referee number, where possible
- Grounds for the protest
 - Which Law was misinterpreted and how.
 - Ineligibility of player(s) – Not having cards is not, in itself, grounds for protest.
 - Breach of BCSCA or BCCGSL Rules and Regulations
- Signature of a Team Official

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4.5 Forfeits

Under no circumstances may a referee declare a game a forfeit nor may a coach “claim” a forfeit. Only the League has the authority to declare a game forfeited. There are few valid justifications for awarding a forfeit. A few are:

- Team used an ineligible player (a player not registered to the team or a player under suspension)
- Insufficient players to start the game.
- Last minute cancellations by team due to insufficient players
- Failure of a team to show up for a game.
- Causing a game to be abandoned

Request for forfeit is done through a “Forfeiture Request Form” available in the appendix of these regulations. The form is to be completed and communicated (fax, email or mail) to the Stats Collector for your division. This must be done within 72 hours of the scheduled match game time. Once the “Forfeiture Request Form” is officially received by the Stats Collector, the League will review the request and determine an official response to the request.

If, upon availability of positive evidence, a team is found to have used an ineligible player, the team may forfeit all games in which the ineligible players participated.

Note that the League may take up to 30 or more days to evaluate a forfeit request depending on the circumstances. The League will not entertain requests for forfeits of games Not-Played. Refer to Rule 3.4 Make-up games for determination of scores.

Since goals for and against are not used to determine league champions, forfeits will be recorded as a 0-1 loss against the forfeiting team.

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5. RULES OF PLAY

- 5.1.** Teams are limited to the following player maximums:
- 5.1.1. for U12 the maximum shall be 16 players (District's may set their own limit)
 - 5.1.2. For U13-U16 the maximum shall be 18
 - 5.1.3. For U17 and U18 the maximum shall be 20
- 5.2.** All games shall be played under the By-laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association.
- 5.3.** The duration of the games shall be as follows:
- U-18 2 equal halves of 45 minutes each
 - U-17 2 equal halves of 45 minutes each
 - U-16 2 equal halves of 40 minutes each
 - U-15 2 equal halves of 40 minutes each
 - U-14 2 equal halves of 35 minutes each
 - U-13 2 equal halves of 35 minutes each
 - U-12 2 equal halves of 30 minutes each
- 5.4.** League games have traditionally been scheduled for Sunday; however, in some situations they may be scheduled for days other than Sunday when approved by the League.
- 5.5.** Games may not be scheduled to start before 8:00am nor end after 8pm unless otherwise agreed to by both teams.
- 5.6.** The home District or Club shall determine the venue and time of League games subject to 5.4 above.
- 5.7.** In all instances, the team declared "home" team is responsible for ensuring the field is marked, nets and flags are in place and supplying the game ball.
- 5.8.** In the event that the uniform colours of both teams are similar, the "home" team must change to uniform colours distinct from its opponents. The referee has the authority to determine if team colours are similar.
- 5.9.** Any team failing to fulfill a scheduled League game without just cause will forfeit the game to its scheduled opponents. Note that forfeits are not automatic and must be approved by the League.

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5.10. At game time only the referee may declare the field unplayable. Coaches may not agree between themselves to play a game on a field that is closed by the referee. Also coaches may not agree to cancel a game where a referee is present.

5.11. A regulation size five (5) soccer ball shall be used in all U18, U17, U16, U15 U14 and U13 division games. A regulation size four (4) soccer ball shall be used for U12 division games.

5.12. All teams shall furnish a complete list of those **players properly registered to the team and eligible** for use in the game for which the list is to be submitted. The list shall be completed in duplicate, both copies of which shall be given to the referee at or before half time of the game. The team list shall bear the name of the team, date of the game, the name of the opposing team and the name of each player. The team list shall contain the name of players currently under suspension (with name crossed out) and therefore ineligible to take part in the game. The team list must contain the signature of a team official in charge of the team.

5.13. The number of Substitutions is not limited.

5.14. Substitutions shall be made only during the stoppage in play and with the referee's consent.

5.15. The League has the authority to order any game replayed, forfeited or played to a finish.

5.16. Photo Identification Cards for both players and team officials are required at the U13 – U18 age. It is incumbent on team officials to present the photo ID cards of the players and team officials to the referee prior to any League or cup games. A grace period shall be allowed until October 1 of the Coastal playing season. Team Officials not issued with validated BCSA photo ID cards are NOT permitted to coach or to manage. An exception will be made only when the person not able to present their BCSA photo ID has a letter of permission from the appointed District Registrar or designate.

5.17. Technical area

5.17.1. Location

The location of the **Technical Area or Coaching Area** is on one side of the field, that is opposite to the side of the field where spectators will be located. Players and Carded Team Officials are required to be in this area at all times during game play. Carded Team Officials are required to inform and ensure that spectators of their team understand and conform to this requirement as the team is responsible for the conduct of their spectators.

5.17.2. Dimensions

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The **Technical Area or Coaching Area** will be on the opposite side of the field from the spectators. The midfield corner of the areas shall start 5 meters from the halfway line and 3 meters from the touchline and extend 20 meters, parallel to the touchline, on either side of the halfway line. There shall be no back line. In the event that lines are not painted for the areas, each team is required to mark out this area with field cones so Team Officials, Players and Game Officials know where the technical area is. (see appendix E for diagram of field markings)

5.17.3. Team Officials and Player Dress and Conduct in the Technical Area or Coaching Area

Team Officials and Players in the **Technical Area or Coaching Area** must at all time be wearing a colored bib that contrasts the colors of their uniforms, track suits or rain gear. Team Officials and Players are encouraged to cheer their team on or to make positive comments about the play of the game but must do so behind the 2 meter distance from the field of play. Players must either be seated or stand in an orderly fashion for identification purposes and to avoid impeding players taking Throw-ins.

5.17.4. Leaving the Technical Area or Coaching Area

Team Officials may leave the Technical Area or Coaching Area to tend to players requiring medical attention on the field at the direction of the referee. Any player requiring attention on the field must be removed from the field as soon as it is safe as per FIFA's Additional Instructions for referees, assistant referees and fourth officials "*Dealing With Injured Players*". Team Officials can leave the area to visit a changing room provided another Team Official has been informed.

Players may leave the area to visit a changing room provided they have communicated such with one of their Team Officials. It is recommended that any player leaving the area to visit a changing room is accompanied by another player for safety reasons or Team Official of the same gender

Team Officials and Players who need to leave the game early for personal reasons need to inform a Team Official. Players must be accompanied by their parent, legal guardian or guardian from the area immediately.

5.17.5. Players Warming Up

Players warming up to prepare for being substituted into the game or for staying warm can warm up in the area between their team's Technical Area or Coaching Area and the Corner Flag. While doing this, the player must be wearing a colored bib so they can be identified as an off field player. Also, they are required to not communicate with or cheer any of the players in the field of play and they must be at least 7 meters from the Corner Flag is there if a Corner Kick taking place.

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5.17.6. **Substituting from the Technical Area or Coaching Area** (To be used for Cup play only when 4th officials are used)

Players being substituted must be accompanied by a Team Official and stand at the Halfway Line where the Team Official will hail the referee to request a substitution at the discretion of the referee. Note that players being substituted must be in game strip ready to enter the Field of Play but still wearing a bib until the referee permits the substitution. The substituting player(s) must not enter the Field of Play until the player coming off is in the Technical Area or Coaching Area and the player(s) have exchanged the bib(s) which is a visual aid for the referee when many players are substituted at the same time.

5.17.7. **Technical Area or Coaching Area and Sending off Offences**

Team Officials who are asked to leave the vicinity of the game must vacate the Technical Area or Coaching Area immediately. In the case of Players who are sent off they must leave the vicinity of the field of play and/or Technical Area or Coaching Area immediately and be escorted by a Team Official to their parent, legal guardian or guardian on the spectator's side of the field.

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6. GAME OFFICIALS

6.1. Districts of the home team are responsible for ensuring that appropriate game officials are assigned to matches. Such responsibility may be delegated to individual Clubs or a Central scheduling agency.

6.2. A game official, not registered with BCSA, may not be assigned to referee a competitive level match, except in emergency situations.

6.3. Assistant referees must be assigned to matches for the U16, U17 and U18 divisions. Failure to do so will lead to disciplinary action by the League.

6.4. In the event that a referee does not show up for a game, within 15 minutes of scheduled game time, the coaches may agree to play the game using parent referees. Each team should referee half the game or agree that one person should referee the entire game. If a coach does not agree to play the game it shall be postponed to a later date. Home field assignment moves to the away team's venue.

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7. GAME PROTESTS

7.1. A protest will only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of Competition Rules & Regulations.

7.2. No protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances shall be entertained by the League.

7.3. A Protest Committee is required to provide to all parties affected by a decision, a written ruling which shall include the rationale for the decision and the Association's appeal procedures, within 5 working days of rendering the decision.

7.4. In dealing with any protest, the League may take into consideration the possession by the protesting team of any prior knowledge, which, if properly used, might have obviated the protest.

7.5. Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the game to its opponents, provided the protest is upheld.

7.6. An affiliated team may lodge a protest with the League arising out of any league or League cup game scheduled by the BCCGSL. Such protest must be in writing, stating the grounds upon which the protest is lodged.

7.7. A protest of any League game must be submitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of the match to which it relates. In the event that the protest is mailed, the post-mark shall be taken as the limiting date in all cases. If it is emailed the date it is sent shall be used. The League is not responsible for non-delivery of email notes. If an email note is not received by the League with 48 hours of the sending of the note, the protest MAY not be heard.

7.8. A copy of the protest shall be forwarded by the League having jurisdiction to the opposing team within 5 working days of receipt.

7.9. The protest shall be signed by the team coach or manager as per the team's registration with the District or BCSA.

7.10. A protest fee must accompany the protest when filed with the League.

7.11. The fee (payable to the League) shall be determined and circulated by the League prior to August 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season.

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7.12. In the event that a protest is upheld by League, the protest fee shall be refunded. In the event that the protest is denied, the protest fee shall be retained.

7.13. A decision of the League Cup Scheduling Committee on a protest arising from a League cup competition game played under the jurisdiction of the League shall be final and binding.

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Appendix B - Contacts

League

Chair	Pete Skinner
Vice Chair	Steve Horvath
Secretary/Treasurer	Noreen Miles
Scheduler	Pete Skinner
Chair, Protest Committee	Gord Johnston
Event Coordinator	
Classic Cup programmes	Ken Wensink

Discipline:

North Shore	chris appleby
North District	Gord Johnston
Central Fraser Valley	Steve Horvath
Vancouver Youth	peter delaney
South District	Steve Allen
Richmond Soccer	

Directors/ District Reps:

North Shore Youth	Bob Walker Paul Macdonald
North District Girls	Noreen Miles Gord Johnston
Vancouver	Steve Fleck Albert Riopel
Central Fraser Valley Girls	Steve Horvath Brad Nichol
South District Girls	Steve Allen Corry Street Steve Couper
Richmond Soccer	Stewart Macpherson

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Stats coordinators

U18

Pete Skinner

U17

Noreen Miles

U15-U16

Rob and Mairi Lennox

U13

Gord Johnston

And a host of volunteers

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Districts

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Clubs:

Abbotsford Soccer Association

Aldergrove Youth Soccer Club

Chilliwack Youth Soccer Association

Langley Girls Soccer Association

Mission Soccer Club

North District Girls (ND)

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Clubs:

Burnaby Girls Soccer Club

Cliff Avenue United Football Club

Coquitlam City Soccer Club

North Coquitlam United Soccer Club

Golden Ears United Soccer Club

Port Coquitlam FC Soccer Association

Port Moody Soccer Club

Pitt Meadows Soccer Club

Royal City Youth Soccer Club

North Shore (NS)

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Clubs:

West Vancouver Soccer Club

North Shore Girls Soccer Club

Sunshine Coast Youth Soccer Association

Pemberton Soccer Association

Squamish Youth Soccer Association

Whistler Youth Soccer Association

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South District Girls (SD)

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Clubs:

Guildford Athletic Club	Surrey Youth Soccer Association
Ladner Girls Soccer Club	Surrey United Soccer Club
Semiahmoo Girls Soccer Club	Tsawwassen Soccer Club
Sur-Del Girls Soccer	Whalley Soccer Club
Surrey Breakers Athletic Association Girls Soccer Club	

Vancouver Youth Soccer Association

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CLUBS:

Douglas Park Soccer Club	Killarney Youth Soccer Association
Dunbar Soccer Club	Kerrisdale Soccer Club
Grandview Legion Soccer Club	Marpole Soccer Club
Italian Canadian Sports Federation (ICSF)	Point Grey Soccer Association
Kensington Little Mountain Soccer Association	Vancouver Girls Soccer Club

Richmond Soccer Association

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CLUBS:

Richmond Girls

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Appendix C – Schedule of Fines

Schedule of Fines and Performance Bonds

Offense	Penalty	Details
C1. Team found to be the cause of an Abandoned Game without just cause.	Loss of points and fine and/or posting of a performance bond	1 st Offense in one season – \$100 Fine and \$200 Performance Bond 2 nd offense in season - \$200 fine and \$400 performance bond
C2. Postponing a game without League Authorization	Loss of points for both teams and posting of performance bond	1 st Offense in one season – \$200 performance bond to each team 2 nd Offense in one season - \$200 fine and posting of \$400 performance bond
C3. Failure to be ready to play at scheduled game time without just cause.	Loss of points + costs and/or Performance bond.	All costs for game officials and field lining will be levied against the offending team.
C4. Forfeiture of game without just cause	Fine and possible performance bond	\$100 fine plus game official costs. League may also impose a performance bond of up to \$200. For each succeeding game forfeited the fine and performance bond shall double
C5. Failure to supply a qualified referee		Each offense \$40 payable by District
C6. Failure to supply two assistant referees for U16 and up		Each offense \$20 for each assistant referee not provided. Payable by District
C7. Withdrawal of team once Schedule is distributed.		\$100 fine to District
C8. Failure to comply with deadlines to provide team affiliation information to League		\$50 per team (Effective June 1, 2008)

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Appendix E – Reference Material: School Calendar

DESIGNATION	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011
Days in session	194	191	192
Minimum number of days of instruction	187	184	185
Maximum number of non-instructional days	6	6	6
Schools open	Sep 2	Sep 8	Sep 7
Thanksgiving Day	Oct 13	Oct 12	Oct 11
Remembrance Day	November 11	Nov 11	Nov 11
Schools close for winter vacation	Friday Dec 19	Friday Dec 18	Friday Dec 17
Winter vacation period	December 22- - January 2	Dec 21 – Jan 1	Dec 19 – Jan 2
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday Jan 5	Monday Jan 4	Monday Jan 3
2010 XXI Winter Olympics		Feb 12 - 28	
Schools close for Spring vacation	Friday Mar 13	Friday Mar 5	Friday Mar 18
Spring vacation period	March 16-20	Mar 8 - 12	Mar 21- 25
2010 Paralympic Winter Games		March 12 - 21	
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Wed. Mar 23	Monday Mar 15	Monday Mar 28
Good Friday	Apr 10	Apr 2	Apr 6
Easter Monday	Apr 13	Apr 5	Apr 9
Victoria Day	May 18	May 24	May 21
Administrative day	Fri. June 26	Friday Jun 30	Wed Jun 29
Schools close	Fri. June 26	Friday Jun 30	Friday Jun 29

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Appendix G – Forfeiture Request Form

Date of forfeit Submission _____

Date and time scheduled match: _____
If make-up game, please provide original week scheduled date: _____
Game Officials Name and Number: _____
Field Location: _____

Age Division: U- _____ Level: _____ Game Type: League Cup

Game id number if league: _____

Home Team:
Club: _____ Team Name: _____
Head Coach: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Visiting Team:
Club: _____ Nickname: _____
Head Coach: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Team Requesting the Forfeit: Home: _____ Visiting: _____

Reason For Forfeit Request:

- _____ Team used an ineligible player (a player not registered to the team or a player under suspension)
- _____ Insufficient players to start the game.
- _____ Cancellation by team due to insufficient players
- _____ Failure of a team to show up for a game.
- _____ Causing a game to be abandoned
- _____ Failure of the opposing team to accept rescheduled match dates and times in correspondence to section **3.4.1 Rules for scheduling make up games**. To claim this reason this form must be accompanied by copies of all communications showing that the procedure was followed.

Additional Comments: _____

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Appendix H – League and Cup Game schedule

Date	U13 Silver, U14-U18 Gold	U13-U18 Bronze, U14-U18 Silver	U12 Gold	U13 Gold
7-Sep	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1	Week 1
14-Sep	Week 2	Week 2	Week 2	Week 2
21-Sep	Week 3	Week 3	Week 3	Week 3
28-Sep	Week 4	Week 4	Week 4	Week 4
5-Oct	Week 5	Week 5	Week 5	Week 5
12-Oct	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving
19-Oct	Week 6	Week 6	Week 6	Week 6
26-Oct	Week 7	Week 7	Week 7	Week 7
2-Nov	Week 8	Week 8	Week 8	Week 8
9-Nov	Week 9	Week 9	Week 9	Week 9
16-Nov	Week 10	Week 10	Week 10	Week 10
23-Nov	Week 11	Week 11	Week 11	Cup Round Robin
30-Nov	Week 12	Week 12	Week 12	Week 11
7-Dec	Week 13	Cup Round Robin	Week 13	Cup Round Robin
14-Dec	Spare	Spare	Spare	Spare
21-Dec	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation
28-Dec	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation
4-Jan	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation	Winter Vacation
11-Jan	Week 14	Week 13	Week 14	Week 12
18-Jan	Round Robin	Cup Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin
25-Jan	Week 15	Week 14	Week 15	Week 13
1-Feb	Round Robin	Cup Round Robin	Round Robin	Round Robin
8-Feb	Week 16	Week 15	Week 16	Week 14
15-Feb	Round Robin	Cup Elim Round of 8	Round Robin	Round Robin
22-Feb	Week 17	Cup Elim Round of 4	Round of 8	Week 15
1-Mar	BCSA Group of 8			BCSA Group of 16
7-Mar		Coastal Classic Cup	Coastal Classic Cup	BCSA Group of 8
8-Mar	BCSA Group of 4			
15-Mar	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
22-Mar	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
29-Mar				BCSA Group of 4
5-Apr	Coastal B Cup			Cup Finals

Dates of Elimination rounds are to be decided.