



February 5, 2018

To: Affiliated Soccer Clubs, Parents and Players

From: The Eight Lower Mainland Youth District Soccer Association Chairs

Re: Greater Vancouver Community Youth Soccer Update and League Consolidation / Formation of the BC Coastal Soccer League (BCCSL) for U11 – U18 age groups

Firstly, as the district chairs and the board of the BCCSL, we would like to extend our thanks to our clubs for all the work that you, your staff and the numerous volunteers do to support soccer in the Lower Mainland on a daily, weekly, monthly and annual basis; without your contributions soccer in the lower mainland would not be what it is. Thank you also to the players and parents for their commitment to living a healthy lifestyle and choosing soccer a one of the vehicles to do so.

As most would be aware the lower mainland districts have been working over the last 12-18 months to amalgamate the youth leagues within the lower mainland to better utilize resources and provide a more consistent service to all regardless of geographical region and gender. The 2017-18 Coastal Season for the U13-U18 male divisions (outside Metro) has been far from perfect. We apologies for any confusion and/or challenges this has caused as that was not the intent, and thank you for your patience. We expect that our learnings from this past year will allow for a smoother process for the 2018-19 season.

In addition, in a memo dated November 3, 2017, BC Soccer is fully supportive of this initiative and encouraged the district chairs to continue down the path of league amalgamation.

Recently, the eight chairs have agreed to continue the amalgamation and is focusing on implementation for the 2018 – 19 season. What this means is that the current leagues, Metro Select, BCCGSL and BCCSL Boys will fall under one umbrella as it relates to the following:

Governance

The overall governance of the league will be the responsibility of the eight district chairs, the BCCSL board. This board will be primarily responsible for the following:

- 1) Review annually the rules, regulations and policies governing the inter-district league
- 2) Comply with all requirements of BC Soccer
- 3) Make decisions as appropriate with respect to any inter-district league operation
- 4) Develop annual budget and oversee effective delivery of league operation
- 5) Be responsible for delivering against agreed priorities
- 6) The board shall meet regularly, no less than 6 times per year

Below this board will be a working committee that will include a league administrator. This will be a paid position with a goal of having this role filled by Feb 28, 2018. Other key functions of this working committee will include discipline, scheduling and cup competitions.

Structure

For the 2018-19 season, the levels and age groups that will be a part of the BCCSL are:

U13 – U18 Boys and Girls

Metro (formally Metro Select)

Division 1

Division 2

Division 3

U11 – U12 Boys and Girls

Division 1 (formally Select A)

Division 2 (formally Select B)

Division 3 (house) for U11 and U12 will operate within the districts.

Operations

Overall, the goal is to reduce complexity, have a consistent set of rules for all levels (other than will be specified) and gain efficiencies.

The immediate issues that are being worked on with associated dates are:

- Fill the league administrator position Feb 28, 2018
- Creation of a new comprehensive website Feb 28, 2018
- Finalize a budget for the 2018 – 19 season Feb 22, 2018
- Finalize the leagues rules and regulations Feb 22, 2018
- Confirm Got Soccer as the platform for scheduling Feb 15, 2018

Overall, we know that we will have to continue to make sure we are collectively ensuring our kids are having the best experience possible playing soccer. To stay involved at all levels, players need to be enjoying and having fun playing our game.

If you have any questions, please go through your district chair so that they can bring them to our attention

Thank you,

Chairs of the following Youth District Soccer Associations

Alouette, Burnaby, Fraser Valley, North Shore, Richmond, South Fraser, Tri Cities, and Vancouver