



BCCSL DIVISIONAL STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

The overriding goal of our league is to provide divisions for teams to be competitive at the appropriate calibre. We believe this will provide the best playing experience for all players.

As well, in the lower divisions, we want to limit the travel so teams can play within their own geographic area.

The long term goal is to have a single tier within a division. The intent is not to have Div 1A or Div 1B, etc. However, we realize that teams the U13 and above level have been already formed from previous years and we need to be sensitive to the formation of those teams. As a result, we will transition this as teams go into U13 and take the time to fully implement this.

However, we will allow the league scheduling committee to split teams within divisions if the competitive level is drastically different between teams. The first option will be to move them down a division...ie Div 2 to Div 3, however, that may not always be possible.

The goal of the club is to ensure they are balancing teams and putting them in the right division. We need to all get better at placing our kids in the right playing environment.

The only exception is U12 Div 1. Flattening this number of teams down into one level of play makes it very hard for clubs to enter balanced teams as players want to ensure they are at the highest level so they stay in contention for spots on BC SPL teams at U13. Having around 40 teams in a division means that even after six games it's very hard to get a sense for how strong they are relative to each other and which teams should stay and which teams should move.

The process for the 2018-19 season will be as follows:

Metro

- Will follow the same rules as previous years. Play will be across the lower mainland.

Div 1

- This division will be split geographically.
- Teams are to be balanced at U11 and U13 for all divisions
- Teams at U14 and above will follow the format as previous years
- Teams at U12 can be tiered at Div 1 only

Div 2

- This division will be split further geographically as we expect more teams
- Teams are to be balanced at U11, U12 and U13 for all divisions
- Teams at U14 and above will follow the format as previous years

Div 3

- This division will be split further geographically as we expect more teams
- Teams are to be balanced at U13
- Teams at U14 and above will follow the format as previous years

**Note U11 and U12 Div 3 will be within the district

Please refer to the chart below for the summary:

2018 - 19 Divisions			
Age Group	Division		
U11 Boys and Girls	Div 1	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3	Within district	
U12 Boys and Girls	Div 1	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 1B	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3	Within district	
U13 Boys and Girls	Metro		Play is across the lower maninland
	Div 1	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
U14-18 Boys and Girls	Metro		Play is across the lower maninland
	Div 1	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 1B (as necessary)	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2B (as necessary)	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3B (as necessary)	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams

For the following season and beyond, teams that have followed the process will stay in the format. For example, following would be the structure for the 2019-20 season.

2019 - 20 Divisions			
Age Group	Division		
U11 Boys and Girls	Div 1	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3	Within district	
U12 Boys and Girls	Div 1	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 1B	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3	Within district	
U13-14 Boys and Girls	Metro		Play is across the lower maninland
	Div 1	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
U15-18 Boys and Girls	Metro		Play is across the lower maninland
	Div 1	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 1B (as necessary)	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 2B (as necessary)	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams
	Div 3B (as necessary)	Balanced	Split geographically depending on amount of teams