



2016

## 2016 Coastal Cup Plans and Dates [www.bccoastalcup.com](http://www.bccoastalcup.com)

1. **Coastal Cup 2016** is the qualification tournament for the Provincial A Cup and B Cup Championships. As in recent years, BC Soccer provides governance and funding, and manages the Championship Finals, including trophies and medals. The playdowns are managed by the Coastal Cup Committee of Lower Mainland league schedulers and representatives from Vancouver Island, the Finals LOC and BC Soccer.

2. **Schedules, Draw, Finals** The draws will be completed by early March after league play is completed. Check the web-site for information. After successfully hosting the Coastal Cup Finals in 2015, Aldergrove Youth Soccer Club has very kindly agreed to also host the 2016 and 2017 Finals at Aldergrove Athletic Park.

3. **Competition Format** (Largely unchanged)

- a. Boys and Girls A Cup: The Island has two berths in the Round of 16, the Mainland has 14.
- b. Boys B Cup: The Mainland teams in the "Round of 16" will be made up of the nine district champions plus three 'wild cards' to be determined at their discretion by the 4 District and 5 District leagues/districts. The two Island district champions enter at the Quarter-Finals round.
- c. Girls B Cup: The Mainland "Round of 16" teams will be made up of the eight district champions plus four 'wild cards' to be determined by the BC Coastal Girls League. The two Island district champions enter at the Quarter-Finals round.
- d. Starting in 2016, teams will be able to use game-day permits in Coastal Cup games to replace missing players, subject to conditions in Coastal Cup Rules. See 2016 Rules on the Coastal Cup website for details.

Weekend	Coastal Cup Stage
In March	Any Prelim Round Games
March 25 – 28	Easter
April 1 – 3	Round of 16
April 8 – 10	Quarter-Finals
April 15 – 17	Semi-Finals
April 30 – May 1	Finals
July 7 - 10	Provincial A & B Cups

4. **Timing of 2016 Coastal Cup** The "Round of 16" for Coastal Cup is scheduled to begin immediately after Spring Breaks and Easter.

5. **Other Points**

- a. The CSA "Soccer for Life" coaching certification is **MANDATORY** for Coastal and Provincial Cup. Teams cannot enter or take part in Coastal Cup unless the Head Coach has completed the "Soccer for Life" or a higher (A or B Licence or above) course.
- b. Teams entering Coastal Cup are entering the Provincial A and B Cup, and by entering, teams are committing to compete in the Provincial Cup Finals.
- c. The Provincial A and B Cup Championships will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- d. BC Soccer's support for Coastal Cup includes a hosting grant for the Finals to cover the event and programs, plus grants to each district to cover referee costs for all playdown and final games. Grants total \$30,000.

Provincial Cup	Location
Boys B Cup (Les Sinnott)	West Vancouver
Girls B Cup	Penticton
Girls and Boys A Cup	Burnaby