

VANCOUVER YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION POLICY REGARDING MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS BETWEEN VANCOUVER CLUBS

The purpose of the Society is to foster, develop and govern the game of soccer within the City of Vancouver and the University Endowment Lands and to enforce the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules & Regulations of the British Columbia Soccer Association.

BCSA RULE 6 – POACHING (also known as Inducement**)

Any team and/or club, which, through its responsible officers or representatives, attempts to induce a registered player of a team under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer to leave the team before the completion of the team's league, cup or provincial cup commitments, shall be deemed to have committed an offence. If the alleged offence involves two teams that are members of the same Youth District or Adult League the matter shall be addressed by that Youth District or Adult League. If the alleged offence involves two teams that are members of separate Youth Districts or Adult Leagues, the matter shall be addressed by BC Soccer's Judicial Committee

PROTOCOL: While players should be able to play at the level they are most suited, a player must be contacted through a set protocol to avoid the perception of poaching (*inducing or attempting to induce a registered player to leave his/her team before the end of that team's current playing season.*)

The players first responsibility is to his/her registered team.

Should there be interest in a specific player, the Obtaining Team Official (OTO) and/or Releasing Team Official (RTO) must first communicate their intentions to their Club Technical Director(s)/Head Coach.

The following process must be followed:

1. OTO communicates to Club Technical Director.
2. Club Technical Director/Head Coach communicates with other Club Technical Director/Head Coach
3. Releasing Club Technical Director/Head Coach communicates with RTO
4. RTO communicates to Player
5. Proper paperwork, including all signatures within the allotted time frame, must be completed; (Boys') Intra-Club Permit or (Girls') Playing-Up-Permit.

Note: BCSA, Rules & Regulations, Rule 26, BC High Performance Soccer League

d) For the purposes of development only, a technical staff member of a BCHPL team shall be permitted to approach the Coach and Technical Director responsible for any other teams to request permission to contact players of that team to offer an opportunity for promotion, such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any other contact shall be deemed as poaching as described in Rule 6.

** As per *BCSA Discipline Sanctions* document, 122. Inducement: the penalty is a fine of \$300 and a suspension of 3-12 months