

# Youth Interior Provincial Play Down Competitions Rules and Regulations



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## 1) Introduction

The Interior Playdown competitions are the regional qualifications for Provincial Championships for the following regions: Thompson Okanagan, Columbia Kootenays, Cariboo North, and the North Coast. The following is a listing of the Youth District Soccer Associations belonging to each region.

### **Thompson Okanagan**

Central Okanagan  
North Okanagan  
South Okanagan  
Kamloops Youth  
Shuswap Youth

### **Columbia Kootenays**

Columbia Valley  
Creston  
Golden  
Kootenay East (Kimberly and Cranbrook)  
Kootenay South  
Nelson  
Revelstoke

### **Cariboo North**

South Peace  
Nechako Lakes  
Prince George  
Quesnel  
South Cariboo  
Williams Lake  
100 Mile House

### **North Coast**

Bulkley Valley  
Kitimat  
Prince Rupert  
Terrace

Regional qualifications fall within the jurisdiction of BC Soccer and are delegated to the districts within the region. The districts form a Regional Organizing Committee to oversee the playdowns in their region. The BC Soccer Competition Committee will set the amount of funds available for regional play downs each year.

#### **a. Application**

- i. These rules shall apply to the Interior Playdown competitions managed by BC Soccer. Any variances for specific competition shall be as noted in these Rules.

#### **b. Management of Competitions**

- i. BC Soccer shall control the operation of these competitions.
- ii. The Regional Organizing Committee may appoint a Coordinator/Statistician to oversee all aspects of the competition
- iii. BC Soccer shall have the authority to order any game replayed, or played to a finish.

#### **c. BC Soccer Constitution/Rules and Regulations Precedence**

- i. In the event of any discrepancy between this document and the Rules and Regulations of BC Soccer, the later shall have precedence.
- ii. All games shall be played under the Interior Youth Provincial Playdown Competition Rules and Regulations of this Association, as adopted by the board each year.

#### **d. BC Soccer Competitions Committee**

- i. Within the constraints of 1) c. i., BC Soccer, through its Competition Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for, as are necessary to achieve the objectives of BC Soccer. *Such changes shall be communicated to all*

*effected teams, and their Districts prior to the commencement of the competition so altered.*

**e. Risk Management**

- i. BC Soccer has a formal policy in regards to Volunteer Screening. The Association requires that any volunteer or employee aged 19 and above must complete a Volunteer/Employee Disclosure Statement Form A or Form B or both annually. A copy of this policy may be obtained from BC Soccer office or BC Soccer website [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net).

**f. Harassment**

- i. BC Soccer has a formal Harassment Policy which shall apply to all sanctioned Competitions of the Association. A copy of this policy may be obtained from BC Soccer office or BC Soccer website [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net). Any allegation of harassment shall be referred to a BC Soccer Harassment Officer.

**2) Team Eligibility**

**a. Declarations/Entry Deadlines**

- i. The Interior A Level Championships shall be open to all youth teams representing Interior Districts under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer, declared on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> in the current interior playing season, provided the team, or teams, have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues.
- ii. The Interior B Level Championships shall be open to any affiliated B or lower level youth team as declared on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> in the current interior playing season, provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues.
- iii. BC Soccer will use the declaration information supplied by May 1<sup>st</sup> from the Interior districts to establish the declaration of teams entering the Interior playdowns.
- iv. Once a team commits to competing in an out of district competition, they are committed to Provincial Cup for that season. Teams that withdraw past that point will forfeit their entire performance bond and a hearing will be held to determine their cup eligibility for the following season ***(See Appendix of Fines)***
- v. Final rosters will be submitted on the Provincial Championship Roster Form by June 1st. Forms and district bonds are to be received in the BC Soccer office by the dates established by the Board, or teams will not be eligible for Provincial Championships.

**b. Dispensation**

- i. Applies to districts whose boundaries are limited by geography, to form selected teams for Provincial A or B Championships.
- ii. Written requests must be made by May 1st in the case of interior districts.

- iii. Consideration will only be given to properly registered players selected from affiliated teams.
- iv. Those teams who have been granted dispensation by the Board each year may return each player to an All-Star team in his age group for the purpose of Provincial Cup competitions. If deemed necessary, an All-Star team playing in a properly constituted youth league involving older-age players may return to its own age group for the purpose of Provincial A Competitions only.
- v. Applications from districts for dispensation must provide information regarding district registration numbers, number of rep teams to be formed, age groups, gender, league and distance from other clubs and or districts.
- vi. A district club applying for dispensation will apply to their District Association. If approved, the district will then forward the application with the association approval to BC Soccer for dispensation on the club's behalf.
- vii. The roster of each team that has been granted dispensation must be submitted by their district Registrar to the BC Soccer Competition Committee by June 1<sup>st</sup> for Interior regions each year.
- viii. The BC Soccer Board of Directors may grant special permission for a team or teams to participate otherwise upon written request.

**c. Performance Bonds**

- i. Interior member districts shall post a Bond amount as determined by BC Soccer Competition Committee by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Bond will be appropriate to the geographic area, number of teams per district, and the number of play down games involved.
- ii. The district posted Bond shall cover all teams the district has entered in cup play.
- iii. In addition to the general bonding requirement as noted above, the BC Soccer Competitions Committee may, for just cause, place any team, team official, or spectator on a specific Performance Bond before entering or during the course of a competition. In this case the Bond shall outline the amount of the Bond, the purpose(s) to be served, the duration of the Bond and the conditions under which either all or a portion of the bonding amount may be forfeited.
- iv. In the case of a Bond placed upon a team, team official or spectator, their district may declare that the individual or group post the Bond prior to participation in a competition.
- v. If the Bond is depleted during the course of cup play, the member district must forthwith replenish the bond.
- vi. Bond funds remaining after completion of all games in which the district has teams entered will only be returned if requested, to the district, team or individual having posted the bond deposit. If not they will be held over to the next season.
- vii. Interest will not be paid on bond deposits.
- viii. Any team official or spectator refusing to sign an undertaking that makes up the bond, or by failing to post the required bond deposit, shall be immediately suspended from further participation in provincial competitions.
- ix. It is the responsibility of all member district associations to ensure that

its member teams fulfill their commitments once they have entered either Provincial Championships up to the time a Provincial Champion is declared and the Canadian Club Championship is held.

**d. Team Promotion**

- i. Teams who place 1<sup>st</sup> in the Provincial B Championship Finals for 2 consecutive years may be promoted to the Provincial A Championship.

**e. Team Relegation**

- i. Teams promoted to the Provincial A Championship under Rule 2) d. i. may make application to the BC Soccer Competition Committee requesting to be relegated to the Provincial B Championship. The following criteria will be used by the Competition Committee to determine team relegations:
  1. A team that is limited by geography may request to be relegated to the Provincial B Championship. The district must provide the team's statistical validation upon request (League and Provincial play).
  2. A team whose roster has 60% or less of its players returning may apply through their district to the BC Soccer Competition Committee for permission to play in the Provincial B Championship by supplying a team roster of both players who have left the team and a copy of the current team roster.

**f. Interior A Qualification**

- i. Interior teams qualifying for this competition do so by the following methods:
  1. Selected teams playing in an A level league
  2. BC Soccer-approved district dispensated select teams
  3. Teams that have placed 1<sup>st</sup> for 2 consecutive years in the Provincial B Championship final and have 60% or greater number of returning players in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year
  4. Any team indicating a desire to compete in the A competitions
- ii. Each region will hold play downs to a winner in each age group.
- iii. If there is only (1) one team entered in a Provincial age group from all (4) four interior regions, that team must have participated in at least (6) six A level games in their current playing season against equal or higher level competition prior to the June play downs in order to compete in the Provincial Championship at that level. Districts are required to provide a certification letter that the team competing at Provincials is in compliance.
  1. The following criteria will be utilized by the Competition Committee:
    - a. Win/Loss Record
    - b. Strength of Schedule
    - c. Inter-region contests (Win/Loss and/or Strength of Schedule)
    - d. Out-of- region contests (Win/Loss and/or Strength of Schedule)
- iv. If an Interior A team does not comply with rule 2)d.iii.to the satisfaction of the BC Soccer Competition Committee the team can be challenged

by the third place team from another region in that age group. Play-offs would take place in the Interior before the end of the third weekend in June.

- v. If a region/district is unable to field a team in a given age group the position may be left unfilled and the tournament format is modified appropriately. All efforts will be made to fill any slots in the Provincial A Championship.
- vi. Upon completion of the Regional play downs, district(s) whose team(s) fail to fulfill their participation obligations at the Provincial Championship will be subject to a financial penalty as determined by the Board annually.

**g. Coaching Qualifications**

- i. At least one member of the coaching staff must have the following CSA / BC Soccer Coaching Certification:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Provincial A Cup</b>	<b>Provincial B Cup</b>
2013	Soccer for Life or Community Coach Senior (CCS)	Soccer for Life or Community Coach Youth (CCY)
2014	Soccer for Life	

**h. Team Officials Gender**

- i. One (1) member of the team officials must be the same gender as the team. This team official must be present on the bench and in the changing rooms.

**3) Player Eligibility**

**a. Registration**

- i. Players must be registered, or reinstated as a youth from senior player, or transferred to a team 7 days prior to taking part in that team’s District qualification or regional play down game. Players must also have played at least 1 league game before playing in a District qualification or regional play down game.

**b. Age Eligibility Chart**

<b>SEASON</b> (Year in which play ends)	U-18	U-17	U-16	U-15	U-14	U-13
2012	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
2013	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
2014	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
2015	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002



**c. ID Cards**

- i. Each team will supply to the referee a set of BC Soccer Photo Identification Cards, for all players and team officials.

**4) Team Rules**

**a. Roster**

- i. Teams must consist of a minimum of 11 registered players.
- ii. Complete Official Team Rosters must be submitted to the BC Soccer Office no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- iii. Youth teams shall not be permitted to register more than the maximum allowed players for their age division at any given time.
  - 1. for U13 - U16 the maximum shall be eighteen (18) players
  - 2. for U17 and U18 the maximum shall be twenty (20) players

**b. Team Officials**

- i. A maximum of four (4) team officials shall be listed on the team roster, One (1) member of the team officials must be the same gender as the team.
- ii. Only team officials listed on the Official Team Roster are eligible to be seated on the team bench and team technical area during the game.
- iii. All team officials must have a current BC Soccer Photo Identification Card.

**c. Transfer/Registration Deadlines**

- i. All players must be registered seven (7) days before taking part in any Cup Competition.
- ii. Youth age players, to be considered eligible for youth district cup, inter-district cup or Provincial Cup play, must have played at least one league game in a properly constituted youth league for the team to which they were transferred.
- iii. A player currently under suspension and seeking a transfer is not eligible to play until the suspension has been served.
- iv. A transferred player is not eligible to play for the new team in any Cup Competition in which the player has already competed during the current playing season.

**d. Player Pick Ups**

- i. Player pickups are not permitted for the Interior Playdown Competitions.

**e. Uniforms**

- i. Teams participating in Interior Playdown competitions are required to have two complete sets of uniforms of different colors for all games to avoid colour conflict. The team listed as the home team will be required to change uniforms in the case of a colour conflict.

## 5) Game Rules

### a. Ball Sizes

- i. A regulation size five (5) soccer ball shall be used in all games Under 13 through Under 18.

### b. Substitutions

- i. In all games, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed.
- ii. Substitutions shall be made during a stoppage in the game and with the referee's consent.

### c. Duration of Play

- i. All games will be played to regulation time.

## 6) Competition Rules

### a. Interior A

#### i. Format

1. All qualifying A teams from the Interior Regions are grouped together and will play down to a single interior representative.
2. Interior Regions will decide the play down format they will use. If the districts cannot come to an agreement the competition then reverts to the following predetermined format, approved by the BC Soccer Competition Committee, based on the number of teams in an age group.
  - a. 2 teams - 2 game playoff.
  - b. 3, 4 or 5 teams -- Single-game Round Robin.
  - c. 6 teams - 2 pools of 3, Single Round Robin; 1<sup>st</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - d. 7 teams - 1 pool of 3, 1 pool of 4, done by draw, Single Round Robin, 1<sup>st</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup>
  - e. 8 teams - 2 pools of 4, done by draw, Single Round Robin, 1<sup>st</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### ii. Draw/Schedule

1. Play down games between two regions will be held at a venue equal distance between both regions if possible. If there is no venue available, regions will alternate hosting the play down games.

### b. Interior B

#### i. Format

1. Each region will establish a play down format to identify a regional representative in each of the age groups.
2. If the districts cannot come to an agreement the competition then reverts to the following predetermined format, approved by the BC Soccer Competition Committee, based on the number of teams in an age group.
  - a. 2 teams - 2 game playoff.
  - b. 3, 4 or 5 teams -- Single-game Round Robin.
  - c. 6 teams - 2 pools of 3, Single Round Robin; 1<sup>st</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup>.

- d. 7 teams - 1 pool of 3, 1 pool of 4, done by draw, Single Round Robin, 1<sup>st</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup>
  - e. 8 teams - 2 pools of 4, done by draw, Single Round Robin, 1<sup>st</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. In the case of single game elimination; in the event that teams are still tied at the end of regulation time the teams will play two (2) equal halves of extra time. There shall be no break or unlimited substitution at half time of extra time. The following chart details current BC Soccer regulations for the duration of games and extra time periods for all Interior Cup games:

Division	Regulation Time	Extra Time
Under-18 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-17 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-16 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-15 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-14 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-13 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes

In the event that the teams are still tied at the end of extra time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

ii. Draw/Schedule

- 1. Each Regional Organizing Committee will organize a regional play down draw and establish a play down game schedule. Regions can decide the play-down format at their regional cup draw meeting.
- 2. Columbia Kootenay Region
  - a. If the above procedure cannot produce a mutually agreeable schedule, then qualifications will proceed as below.
  - b. The Columbia / Kootenay Region play downs will take place on the second weekend of June using a tournament format. If a U18 team has a formal graduation during the second weekend in June, play down games must be scheduled during an alternate weekend.
  - c. The location of the games will be on a rotational basis set by the participating districts by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each season.
  - d. Given that there are sometimes limited teams in a particular age group, districts may agree on another format. If there is no agreement by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each season, then the play downs will occur as in 6) d. i.1.a.and b.
- 3. Thompson Okanagan Region
  - a. The Thompson Okanagan Region will use a single

knock-out format tournament to be held by the end of the 3rd weekend of June to determine their representative for the BCSA (B) Cup. League standings to the beginning of the 3rd weekend in June will be used to determine seedings.

4. Districts in each region will send a representative to the draw meeting.
5. It is the districts responsibility to check with BC Soccer to confirm their teams are registered for the regional draw.
6. Team not entered at the draw will not be allowed in at a later date.
7. Districts not represented at the regional draw will forfeit their right to changes to the play down schedule once published.

### **c. Round Robin Tie-Breaking/Round Robin Results Calculations**

1. 3 points shall be awarded for a win, 1 for a tie, and none for a loss.
2. At the end of the round robin the teams shall be ranked based on the number of points awarded that round robin. (Highest points being first, lowest being last.)
3. If two teams are tied on points ties shall be broken according to subsection 5 below, and in the order specified.
4. If more than two teams are tied on points, ties shall be broken according to subsection 5 below in the order specified until one team is no longer tied, at which time, the time breaking sequence will be applied from the beginning to the remaining tied teams.
5. Ties shall be broken in the following sequence:
  - a. Previous Match Results – The winner of the match between the two teams tied on points shall be awarded the higher position. (Not applicable if 3 or more teams are tied.)
  - b. Goal Difference – Goal Difference shall be calculated by subtracting the goals conceded from goals scored. A maximum difference of five (5) goals shall be awarded in each game. The total goal difference calculated for all games played in the initial round robin or complete round robin shall be used.
  - c. Goals Against. Total number of goals conceded in the round robin shall be calculated and the team with the lowest number conceded shall be awarded the higher standing.
  - d. Goals for – The total number of goals scored on all opponents during the round robin to a maximum of five (5) goals per games shall be totalled, the team with the higher number shall be awarded the higher standing.
6. In the event a tie cannot be broken using the rules above penalty shots shall be taken as follows:
  - a. Two (2) teams tied - As per FIFA Laws of the Game. Each team names its five (5) initial shooters and the team scoring the most goals is declared the winner. If, after the initial five (5) shooters, the teams remain tied, then penalty kicks continue (using different players from an eleven (11) player roster with no player

shooting a second time until all eleven players have shot once) until one team has scored one (1) more goal and an equal number of shots have been taken.

b. Three (3) teams tied - Each team is designated A, B, or C. Three (3) mini games shall be played (A vs. B, C vs. B, C vs. A) consisting of five (5) penalty kicks from each team. The standings after these three (3) mini games shall be determined by the criteria as follows:

i. Most points wins; three (3) points awarded for a win; one (1) point for tie.

ii. Previous match results as per 7) c. 5. above but from the mini game just played.

iii. Goal difference as calculated from the total mini games involving each team.

iv. Repeat mini game process until standings are determined.

c. Four (4) teams tied - Each team is designated A, B, C, or D. Six (6) mini games shall be played (A vs. B, C vs. D, A vs. C, B vs. D, A vs. D, and C vs. B) to decide the final standings as in the three (3) teams case above.

#### **d. Scheduling Requirements**

- i. If games are to be played on an artificial field, teams must be notified prior to the scheduled game.
- ii. Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled play down game must give the regional coordinator a minimum 48 hours' notice, in writing, stating the causes for such.
- iii. Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled play down game without just cause shall forfeit the game to its opponents.
- iv. Failure to fulfill a commitment (scheduled game) in this competition can result in disciplinary action being taken by the Provincial Board.
- v. Regional play down games will have priority over all other competitions and tournaments.
- vi. In the event of inclement weather, the home district scheduler is responsible for informing participating teams whether any field is playable or not. If inclement weather should necessitate grounds and/or playing date changes, it is the prerogative of the home scheduler, to schedule such changes.
- vii. Rescheduling: In the event of a successful protest, or due to inclement weather, the home district scheduler may need to schedule games during a recognized holiday period. While every effort will be made to avoid the need to schedule games during this time, this may be necessary to meet scheduling deadlines. Failure on the part of any team to meet a scheduled regional play down game commitment can result in forfeiture of the game.

#### **e. Official Match Report**

- i. Each team shall be required to complete a BC Soccer Official Match Report and submit the form to the referee before half time of each

- game.
- ii. The Match Report is the official record of each play down game, and each team shall be entitled to receive a copy of the completed form when it has been duly signed by the referee.
- iii. Match Report forms will be supplied to district schedulers prior to the start of Interior play downs.
- iv. It will be the scheduler's duty to ensure the teams within their district receive the blank form to take to each home game.
- v. It is the home team's responsibility to ensure the form is available at each game, and to ensure it has been given to the referee before half-time.
- vi. It is the head referee's responsibility to forward a copy of the form to the home team's district scheduler and to the BC Soccer office within 24 hours of each game.
- vii. It is the head referee's responsibility to submit a game report, including all discipline, to the BC Soccer online reporting system.

**f. Match Officials**

- i. The home team's district scheduler is responsible for assigning the referees for all play down games.
- ii. No person shall officiate as a referee in any competition under the sanction or jurisdiction of the Association who is not on the official list of the Association, but if for unforeseen circumstances a referee on the official list is unable to act, the teams affected shall agree on some other person in the emergency as per BC Soccer Rules & Regulations Rule 18 d.
- iii. Use of unregistered referees will result in a district fine.
- iv. If a referee fails to attend the game, it must be rescheduled, unless both coaches agree to a replacement referee and indicated such agreement by signing the game sheet prior to the commencement of the game. Such signatures will avoid any protest resulting from this section.
- v. In the case of registered referee assistants not available, each side will appoint a person to run the line. Acceptance of non-registered officials must be noted on the game report and initialed by both coaches. This signature represents the agreement of all parties to these persons and will avoid any protest based on this section.
- vi. The Referee Scheduler will request region approved referees and assistants for inter-district games.
- vii. Referees must be a minimum of 2 years older than the players and must have at least 2 years experience with a Youth or District classification or higher.
- viii. Referee assistants must be the same age or older than the players and hold a Youth or District classification or higher.
- ix. No referee or assistant may officiate a game in which an immediate relative is participating. If a referee has been assigned to a game with a relative playing he/she should refuse to do the game.
- x. If the referee is not able to finish officiating a game, the first assistant referee will take over. The first assistant must be the same age or older than the players.
- xi. The referee shall explain to both teams any extraordinary play off rules prior to the game, so that there is no question as to the duration of the

game, the size of the ball to be used, substitution rules, overtime regulations, and what happens in the event penalty-kicks will be used to decide the winner.

**g. Results**

- i. The head referee is responsible for submitting the results to the online reporting system and submit the Official Match Report to the Regional Coordinator within 24 hours of the finish of each game.
- ii. It is the responsibility of the Regional Coordinator to submit the result to the BC Soccer office within 24 hours of the finish of the play down competition.

**7) Discipline**

- a. Rule infractions will be dealt with by the BC Soccer Discipline Committee.
- b. While a Complaint/Misconduct Report is usually registered by a Game Official, a complaint may also originate from a member of the BC Soccer committee managing the event. A written summary of the incident shall be completed and kept on file along with other documents relating to the infraction.
- c. As time is of the essence in adjudicating these matters, a Disciplinary Hearing will be conducted as soon as possible at an appropriate location at, or near the competition venue. Appropriate records should be maintained as to the names of the members constituting the committee and persons attending the hearing.
- d. While the Chair of the Discipline Committee will render a verbal decision, the decision shall be put in writing with copies being distributed to the parties concerned.
- e. Within 30 days of completion of the competition, the home district of an individual or team that has been assessed a penalty at the competition shall be advised, in writing, of the circumstances that led to the penalty being assessed. This shall include a complete summary of cards issued or individuals ejected from games in case any carry over penalties should be served within the district.
- f. Qualification games protests can be subject to appeal.
- g. Appeals of a decision can be directed to the BC Soccer Appeals Committee. Please visit [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) for information regarding appeals.
- h. Red Cards
  - i. Red cards will carry over to Provincial Championships with a player having to adhere to the game suspensions levied by the Discipline Committee.
- i. Cautions
  - i. Yellow cards will NOT be carried over to Championship games.
  - ii. *A player who accumulates two (2) cautions (yellow cards) during provincial cup play, shall automatically be suspended without hearing and without appeal from the player's next provincial cup game. Provincial Cup for youth teams is defined as all "A" Cup competition and "B" Cup competition beyond district qualification (inter-district), (see Rule 25 – Rules for Provincial Cup Play – Youth).*

**8) Administration of the Competition**

**a. Travel Assistance**

- i. No travel assistance is provided for the Interior Playdown Competitions.
- b. Medals**
  - i. BC Soccer will supply regional medals, to be presented at the final regional play down game in both the A and B Regional finals. It is each region's responsibility to advise BC Soccer of the age groups and number of gold and silver medals they will require.
  - ii. Medals will be presented as follows:
    - 1. If only one team has entered from a region no medal will be given out.
    - 2. If two teams are playing off, BC Soccer will supply a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal only
    - 3. If three or more teams are playing off, BC Soccer will supply 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals only
- c. Protests**
  - i. The protest fee for any game is \$250.00. Protests must be filed in accordance with the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations - Rule 12 (Protests). In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.
  - ii. The grounds upon which the protest is based must be included in a written submission, which must be forwarded to the Provincial Representative in attendance within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the match being protested. The fee must accompany the protest.
  - iii. The protest must contain the details of the protest, including the rule that was allegedly breached, and the evidence to support that claim. Protests can only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of FIFA Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of the Competition Rules and Regulations. (Rule 12.a.)
- d. BC Soccer Code of Conduct**
  - i. All participants at the Interior Cup Championships are expected to:
    - 1. Act as ambassadors for their local clubs, districts and leagues
    - 2. Participate in the Championships in the spirit of fair play, co-operation and respect for others at all times
    - 3. Comply with rulings by officials, coaches, managers, or any other person in a position of authority or responsibility
    - 4. Respect the rules of the sport, the British Columbia Soccer Association Competitions Rules and the BC Soccer Code of Conduct
    - 5. Perform to their best ability in every competition and accept with pride the result their effort brings
    - 6. Respect their opponents and the directions and decisions of competitive and other officials
    - 7. Be gracious in victory and defeat
    - 8. Respect the rights of the residents of the Host Association and members from other clubs, districts, and leagues
    - 9. Regard participation in the Interior Cup Championships as a privilege
    - 10. Conduct themselves in accordance with the BC Soccer Code of Conduct to ensure that the Championships take place in a safe



- environment, free from harassment and discrimination for all members
11. Respect the Clean Air policy and ban on smoking at Championship venues and facilities
  12. Be punctual for all official functions and activities
- ii. Participants will **NOT**:
1. Verbally or physically abuse other members of their team or participants in the Interior Cup Championships
  2. Show disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures
  3. Breach any of the Interior Cup Rules and Regulations
  4. Abuse, damage or destroy facilities or equipment
  5. Breach the requirements of the British Columbia Soccer Association Harassment Policy
  6. Indulge in any other unreasonable conduct which brings the British Columbia Soccer Association into disrepute, including but not limited to, activities which disturb or disrupt the peace, infractions of municipal, provincial or federal laws, the abusive use of alcohol, the non-medical use of drugs, tobacco, or the use of alcohol by minors.

## 9) Provincial Championships

- a. The format for the 2013 Provincial A Championships will be a four team round robin competition
- i. The 4 qualifying teams for the Provincial A Championships from U13-U18 are:
    1. Coastal Cup Winner
    2. Regular Season League Winner
    3. Vancouver Island Champion
    4. Interior Champion
  - ii. If the league winner is the same as the Coastal Cup winner then a berth will be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in the league.
  - iii. If an island team wins the Coastal Cup then a berth will be awarded to the runner up in Coastal Cup.
- b. **Provincial B Cup U13 – U18**
- i. The 8 qualifying teams for the Provincial B Championship from U13 through U18 are:
    1. First Place Coastal B Cup
    2. Second Place Coastal B Cup
    3. First Place Vancouver Island/Powell River
    4. First Place Thompson Okanagan
    5. First Place Columbia Kootenay
    6. First Place Cariboo North Region
    7. First Place North Coast Region
    8. Host District Berth
      - a. Host District Berth to be awarded as follows:
        - i. Host district will receive one berth for each age

group they host, berths must be declared by the host district before January 15<sup>th</sup>

- ii. If the host district team is the regional winner the host berth will go to the second place team in the same region.
- iii. If the host district does not have a team in that age group the berth will go to the second place team in the same region.
- iv. If there is no team in the host age group from within the region, the Competition Committee will award the berth to another region.

## Appendix: Schedule of Fines

This section provides an outline of some general infractions that may be dealt with by the Interior Cup Competition Committee, made up of no less than 3 persons or an adjudicating body appointed by the committee. This section does not cover all instances in which a fine may be assessed or a bond imposed upon a player, team, team official or spectator for a violation of the Interior Cup Rules and Regulations

Fines will be deducted from the Performance Bond posted by each team's district.

- 1) **Team fails to appear for a scheduled game without just cause.**  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$750.00 fine, plus field and game official costs
- 2) **Team drops out of the competition after declaring.**  
Penalty: Once a team commits to competing in an out of district competition, they are committed to Provincial Cup for that season. Teams that withdraw past that point will forfeit their entire performance bond and a hearing will be held to determine their cup eligibility for the following season
- 3) **Team withdraws from Provincial Championships 21 days, or less, prior to the competition.**  
Penalty: \$ 500 fine and the team may be excluded from attending further competitions.
- 4) **Failure to return a trophy by the deadline.**  
Penalty: \$100.00
- 5) **Failure to return a trophy.**  
Penalty: \$500.00
- 6) **Team fails to commence a game or withdraws from the game after it has started unless so directed by the Referee.**  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$250.00 fine plus field and game official costs
- 7) **Team or teams held to be at fault for abandonment of a game.**  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$250.00 fine plus field and game official costs
- 8) **If requested by referee – lack of spectator control by team official(s) including failure to address the referee, harassment of referee, persistent criticism of the referee or disputing calls of the referee by team officials, players or spectators.**  
Penalty: \$100.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition
- 9) **If requested by referee – failure to identify spectator(s) responsible for misconduct towards a referee or linesperson.**  
Penalty: \$100.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition
- 10) **Player/team official, while under suspension and attending a game as a spectator, behaves in a manner that brings the game into disrepute.**  
Penalty: \$300.00 fine and suspended from attendance at the game sites

**11) Team fails to attend a required ceremony.**

Penalty: \$500.00 fine and team may be excluded from attending further competitions

**12) Team fails to fulfill Provincial Championships commitment.**

Penalty: \$1000.00