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VYSA District Preseason Info 2015-2016

Your guide to a successful soccer season.

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VYSA DISTRICT PRESEASON INFO 2015-16

The purpose of this society is to foster, develop and govern the game of soccer among youth within the City of Vancouver and U.B.C. Endowment Lands. This society will oversee and insure that teams are registered and entered into leagues while following all rules, regulations and guidelines that CSA, BCSA and the individual leagues require.

A recognized club is a community-based organization that organizes, equips and operates not fewer than four youth aged soccer teams in Under 13 through Under 18 which will affiliate with V.Y.S.A. A minimum of 44 players (11 per team) is required to be eligible for club status. All teams must affiliate, complete and file forms supplied by the society each year, and pay fees by a date set by the Directors.

Recognized clubs in V.Y.S.A. are below.

Please use only the abbreviations noted as they are the ones submitted to BCSA and also accepted by the various leagues:

- Italian Canadian Sports Federation..... **ICSF**
- Kensington-Little Mountain Soccer Association..... **KLM**
- Killarney Youth Soccer Association..... **KIL**
- Marpole Soccer Club Society **MAR**
- Vancouver Athletic Football Club **VAFC**
- Vancouver Football Club..... **Van FC**
- Vancouver United Football Club..... **VUFC**

[What VYSA provides for recognized clubs?](#)

Every VYSA Club must have their financial statements reviewed at a minimum of every 2 years by an external independent review committee consisting of not less than 3 persons.

Anyone who applies to form a new club to join VYSA must show, by means of written rosters, that they are not depleting an existing club in order to form these teams and that they do not have more than the allowed number of Out of District players per team. They must be able to add registered referees to the VYSA pool of game officials.

After agreeing to meet all of the conditions that all member clubs must meet as set out in this document, BCSA Rules and Regulations, as well as any of those required by the individual leagues, they may put forward a proposal to the VYSA Secretary no later than April 30. The opinion of the existing member clubs will be taken into consideration prior to the VYSA board voting on a motion to accept or reject a new club in Vancouver. This does not apply to existing clubs who have amalgamated.

AFFILIATION FEES 2015-16

Under 17, 18	Gold, Silver, Bronze	\$1,290
Under 15, 16	Gold, Silver, Bronze	\$1,240
Under 13, 14	Gold, Silver, Bronze	\$1,190
Under 11, 12	Gold, Silver, Bronze	\$ 690
Van FC U13, 14, 15, 16	(includes ARs)	\$1,180
Van FC U18	(includes ARs)	\$1,230
Mini		\$21 per player

All cheques should be made payable to V.Y.S.A. When making payments to VYSA for any reason, please make a note on each cheque indicating what the payment covers.

REFEREE FEES

As passed by the Club Chairs at previous VYSA meetings, clubs may pay less but not more than:

U17 – 18	All levels	\$60.00
U15 – 16	All levels	\$55.00
U13 - 14	All levels	\$50.00
U11 – 12	All levels	\$25.00
Mini		\$15.00
Assistant Referees	U17/U18	\$30.00
Assistant Referees	U15/U16	\$27.50

Referees for all mini through U12 home games will be assigned and paid by the individual clubs. Assistant Referees for all league and cup games will be assigned and paid by the home club . **New for 15-16 : clubs will also assign ARs for U15 4D League Cup home games.** ARs will be assigned by VYSA only for Vancouver FC home games as well as “A” and “B” Cup games at the Regional level Coastal Cup play.

Referees are a valuable and very necessary resource for the District. Team officials are ultimately responsible for the behavior of their players, parents and spectators. Reports of abusive behavior towards game officials will not be tolerated by the VYSA Board and will be dealt with quickly. The VYSA Ref in Chief will be in touch with clubs with procedures for their inhouse game officials to follow when they have problems.

Divisional (U11 to U18) Team Registration is based on 15 players per team. The District Registrar will keep a total of how many players are signed on each team and will bill the club in February for any numbers above that. i.e. Club X registers 10 teams making a total of 150 players. By the end of the season, they have added 20 new registrations. Their extra billing would be 20 X \$32 (BCSA player registration fee) = \$640. There is no deduction for teams registering fewer than 15 or for players who are registered as of October 1 and then quit.

All fees include C.S.A and B.C.S.A. individual player fees, referee fees for U13 to U18 (based on 10 home games per team at the rates on Page 2) , V.Y.S.A. overhead costs (meeting expenses, honoraria, supplies, scholarships, Van FC subsidy, paid appointees, etc \$170 per team) , 4District and BCCGSL league and cup fees. These fees are due by June 23 with the Intent to Play spreadsheets for all U11 to U18 teams wanting to play in 4D or BCCGSL. Entry deadlines for mini and non 4D or BCCGSL levels of play are noted later in this document, but the fees paid for those age groups are the same.

Clubs folding teams after affiliating will be refunded the fee less the \$170 V.Y.S.A. overhead and at least a \$100 4District or BCCGSL fine. Teams folding after 3 games receive no refund.

AGE CATEGORIES

Players may play up an age group if their club policy allows for it. Girls’ teams only - each team must have, at minimum, two thirds of the players of the applicable birth year registered on the team. Players are not allowed to play down in a younger age group unless they have been approved via the process organized by BCSA. This applies to both boys and girls at all age and skill levels.

Under 18	born in 1998 or later
Under 17	born in 1999 or later
Under 16	born in 2000 or later
Under 15	born in 2001 or later
Under 14	born in 2002 or later
Under 13	born in 2003 or later
Under 12	born in 2004 or later
Under 11	born in 2005 or later
Under 10	born in 2006 or later
Under 9	born in 2007 or later
Under 8	born in 2008 or later
Under 7	born in 2009 or later
Under 6	born in 2010 or later

INSURANCE

By ensuring that all participants are properly registered and therefore insured, VYSA is enforcing registration rules that protect not only the players, but also the team officials, club Board members and employees. In order to be eligible and insured, all players and team officials must be registered with the District **at least 24 hours before** their first game, camp or academy session. All players and team officials registered with VYSA are insured under BCSA's policy with All Sport Insurance provided they are participating in BC Soccer sanctioned or authorized events only. Details can be obtained from All Sport Insurance at 604-737-3018. Teams planning to play outside of the Province must apply to BCSA and submit the required application to travel and fees. www.bcsoccer.net

LEAGUES

UNDER 13 TO UNDER 18

VYSA will affiliate teams that have been formed through a process of open evaluations. VYSA may decline to affiliate teams formed who do not ensure their membership is a benefit to the District and who are not aligned with the District's objectives. These new applications must be presented to the VYSA prior to June 1 of any given year and will be presented to the VYSA for a vote prior to the team affiliation deadline. VYSA is under no obligation to provide special dispensation for any team which it decides does not conform with this policy. Teams may be entered into the following leagues:

Metro-Select League — Vancouver FC enters these teams on behalf of VYSA

These are the more skilled, elite players selected through District-wide, open evaluations by the appointed team officials and committees. This level of play takes more commitment and may require travel to the Island. After receiving permission to affiliate the approved teams with their respective leagues, the Vancouver FC Registrar is responsible for gathering and submitting all information required by VYSA, BCSA and the respective leagues. This league may have player rules that differ from other leagues. The Vancouver FC Reps will ensure that their teams are aware of these.

4 District Boys and BC Coastal Girls Soccer Leagues

Teams in U13 to U18 will be placed in groupings based on their 2014-15 standings and the team roster form submitted June 23. Comparison of the team rosters and player movement from all Districts involved is important to make fair league groupings. Boys' U13 to U18 teams will be placed in Gold, Silver or Bronze groupings in the 4District Soccer League. Girls' teams will be placed in Div. 1, 2, or 3 in the BC Coastal Girls' Soccer League. (Boys' U11 Gold and all boys' U12 teams play in 4D but only girls' U12 Div. 1 teams are entered into BCCGSL.)

There may be restructuring in 4D and BCCGSL based on their performance in games played to a point established by each league. Moves are made in order to keep the playing level competitive for all within the group and will be done according to the procedures agreed upon by all Districts participating in the respective leagues and via the method approved by the various leagues. In-house and interlocking leagues may be restructured 2 or 3 times if uneven levels of competition require it.

If you have a boys' team in your club that is near the top or the bottom of their group and it appears they could be moved up or down, please let the VYSA Scheduler know by **September 30** of any reason why your club feels that it should or should not happen. Girls' requests should go to the VYSA Rep to BCCGSL. It is incumbent that the club get this input from their teams and pass it along before the rescheduling meetings. Input is to be through the club, not from each individual team. The more information the Scheduling Committee has, the easier it is to make decisions and put teams into a competitive grouping. Placement of teams is made by the 4D Scheduling Committee and the BCCGSL Scheduler.

League rules and policies for teams playing in 4D and BCCGSL will be communicated to the clubs/teams in August. BCCGSL info can be found at www.bccgsl.ca and 4D information is at www.4districtsoccer.com and www.bcsoccercentral.com. League rules and policies for U11 and U12 in-house leagues will be emailed directly to the team officials and will also be found at www.vysa.ca.

Registration Numbers

Number of registered players per team on the ITP/Preliminary Registrations in order to be eligible for affiliation are:

U6	min 3
U7 & U8	min 4
U9 & U10	min 7
U11 & U12	min 8
U13 to U16	min 11 max 18
U17 & U18	min 11 max 20

VYSA INTENT TO PLAY/PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION JUNE 23

BOYS - 4D U11 GOLD, U12 TO U18 ALL LEVELS
GIRLS - BCCGSL U12 Div.1 , U13 TO U18 ALL LEVELS

The purpose of team affiliation is to show intent to play so VYSA knows how many viable teams in the various age groups we will enter into 4D and BCCGSL leagues.

Each U11 boys' Gold and U12-U18 team wishing to play in Vancouver in 4D or girls' U12 Div. 1 and U13 to U18 BCCGSL must submit (with fees) to the VYSA Scheduler at 255 East 26th Avenue, V5V 2H2, by June 23, a V.Y.S.A. Intent to Play/Preliminary Registration spreadsheet. **Eleven players and at least two team officials who will definitely be on the team and have on record a cleared CRC must be listed for 4D and BCCGSL teams.** The minimum for U11 and U12 teams is 8 players. At least one team official must be of the same gender as the players on the team. All required information must be included. This includes a team name. Team A, B, or C is not acceptable. Teams without names on the affiliations will be given a name by the district. They will have to use this name on all other forms, schedules, I.D. cards, etc. for the rest of the season. There will be no exceptions.

Teams using the same name as another team within the club MUST include the birth year as part of the team name every year i.e. KIL 98 United, KIL 2000United. VYSA will not accept team name changes after June 23 for teams in U11 to U18 playing in BCCGSL or 4D.

Policy at 4D is that teams who wish to have more than 3 former MSL or BCSPL players on their roster MUST submit the request, including the names and former teams of these players, to the VYSA Board by the last week in May. VYSA will then forward this request to 4D, if approved, for their June meeting. The same process must be followed at any time before or during the season if adding a former MSL or BCSPL player will put a team over the limit of 3. Failure of a team to declare more than 3 players formerly from those leagues may result in penalties, fines or forfeiture of games.

Clubs wishing to enter a team in 4D at the U11 Gold level that is comprised of U10-aged players, must also apply to VYSA by the last week in May.

Please make sure that the names of the team officials will be the ones who will be with that team in September. It is this list that is used for the website. Making changes after everything is published is not always simple. **Team officials who choose to register with more than one team will not have requests granted to change scheduled games to accommodate their extra commitment to second or subsequent teams.** Make sure your team officials are aware of this policy.

A maximum of 5 team officials may be registered per team but only 3 officials per team will be allowed voting privileges at the VYSA AGM. The CSA states that at least one team official must be of the same gender as players on the team.

As the scheduling process begins immediately upon receipt of the Intent to Play/Preliminary Registration info, late teams may be accepted if they eliminate a "bye" in a league grouping. The scheduling committees determine league groupings for U13 to U18 based on last year's standings. It is not good enough to just fill in the names of last year's players. Fill in all required information and give an honest opinion of where the team would best compete. Please read the Performance Bond Fines at the end of this document regarding improperly filled out "paperwork". This includes electronic submissions.

If the 2014-15 standings do not appear to support a change in level of play for the 15-16 season, teams wishing to enter a different level of play from last season must show a dramatic change of players from the previous season on

their roster forms. Do not project that a team may exist unless there are at least the minimum number of registered players and team officials by June 23.

PLAYER REGISTRATION U11 – U18

Please see paragraph regarding registration and insurance on Page 4.

Registering with the club has nothing to do with being registered with VYSA/BCSA. All players and team officials must be registered with the Vancouver District Registrar each year **at least 24 hours before** their first league game, camp or academy session. New participants may be added up to 24 hours before the last league game of the season. These are BC Soccer Rules of Registration. Registration of players with the Vancouver District Registrar is done through the **Club Registrars only**.

Players in U11, new players in U12-U18 coming into V.Y.S.A. and players who have not registered with VYSA for two or more seasons must provide, in English, a legible copy of a birth certificate or passport. A properly completed “Club Confirmation of Age and Eligibility” form will be accepted by VYSA if there are parents who refuse to provide an actual copy of a POA to the District. Please keep in mind that this form is not meant to replace all copies of POAs to the District. As long as the issuer, the player’s name and DOB are clear, a POA with the registration numbers blacked out has always been acceptable. BC Care Cards are not accepted as they do not include the player’s place of birth/citizenship.

If the player’s POA doesn’t show they were born in Canada, you will need to ask them to provide a Permanent Resident card that was issued 5 or more years ago or some other form of government-issued documentation showing they have resided continuously in Canada for the past 5 years. If that can’t be provided, then they require an International Transfer.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

It is the club’s responsibility to make sure that any players 10 and older who are not Canadian citizens and are registering in Canada for the first time, have permission to do so from their previous country of residence. Information is included in the Club Registrar’s Info of the Intent to Play/Preliminary Registration spreadsheet. DO NOT include players who have not applied for an International Transfer. If a player is registering to play soccer in Canada for the first time and is over the age of 10, a copy of their Landed Immigrant Status that was dated before they turned the age of 10 is acceptable.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK (CRC)

BCSA rules state that every team official, referee, volunteer, coordinator, employee, or director with an affiliated BC Soccer organization, aged 19 and over, as well as anyone who in their duty with the club is responsible to handle financials of any kind, must have on file the results of a Criminal Record Check BEFORE the start of the season. It is the responsibility of the Club Risk Management Officer and the Club Registrar to ensure that only team officials who have a valid and current CRC are registered with VYSA. It must be valid for the duration of the current season and extend into July to cover any subsequent Cup play.

OUT OF DISTRICT PLAYERS (OOD)

It is B.C.S.A. policy that youth teams in U13 to U18 have no more than 5 players who reside in other Districts. It is V.Y.S.A.’s intention that players who reside in Vancouver will fill our rosters. This policy should not be misconstrued as encouraging out of district players to come here. VYSA has the right to refuse players from other districts if we feel there are Vancouver players who can fill the rosters. O.O.D. permission is compulsory for all players EACH YEAR.

It is the club’s responsibility to see that the OOD players are correctly listed on the registration spreadsheets and sent to the V.Y.S.A. Registrar who will then contact the releasing districts for OOD approval. It is also the responsibility of the team officials/club to inform the V.Y.S.A. Registrar if players move out of the district of Vancouver after the June 23 Intent to Play/Preliminary Registration form has been submitted. If players moving after this date means that a team now has 6 or more O.O.D. players, after a review, players could be allowed to stay with the team for the duration of the season, but the maximum of 5 would still apply the following season. A committee will be struck to check into player’s residency if questioned. It is V.Y.S.A. policy not to accept affidavits. While there are no limits to

the number of OOD players on a team in U6 to U12, there is no grandfathering of all OOD players once they get to U13.

TEAM TRAVEL FOR LEAGUE GAMES

All teams on the published schedules are entitled to full participation in the league. Neither VYSA nor the Leagues will accept attempted forfeits of any away games because teams do not want to travel. In the event that any team notifies the league of its intention not to travel for these games, it will be told that its notice is not accepted and that they are expected at the time and place determined by the Scheduler, where the home team and game official will be present. Any team not turning up to such a game will then be subject to the penalties “team failing, without just cause, to play opposition when game officials are present” i.e. a \$100 fine, plus game official costs, and a possible withdrawal of services.

TEAMS TRAVELING OUT OF PROVINCE

All players and team officials who are travelling outside of BC must get approval by both the District and BCSA in order for insurance to be valid. The travel application can be found at www.bcsoccer.net.

BCSA PHOTO I.D.

B.C.S.A. photo I.D. is compulsory for all players and team officials in 4D U11 Gold and U12 to U18 Gold, Silver and Bronze. BCSA photo ID is also compulsory for all U12 Div. 1 as well as U13 to U18 Div. 1-3 in BCCGSL by September 30. ID cards are not required for boys’ in-house U11 or for U11/U12 girls’ in-house. Instructions for Photo ID cards will be included on the copy of the roster validated by the VYSA Registrar. Although the BCSA deadline is midnight of Sept. 30, in order to prevent backlogs for processing that may prevent a team from getting their cards back by then, there will be a deadline noted on the validated team list that must be kept.

Team names on the ID cards MUST be the same as on the validated team list provided by VYSA for Photo ID purposes.

I.D. cards must be completed, validated, laminated by the VYSA Registrar and ready by midnight September 30 to present from October 1 onward. Referees will be instructed that any players without valid B.C. Photo I.D. cards for games Oct. 1 and after are not eligible to play. Teams that have not had their cards validated for the season will forfeit all games until their cards are done. These games cannot be made up. The September 30 deadline applies even if a team has no games scheduled until after Thanksgiving. Fines begin October 1 for teams/clubs that have not met that deadline.

PROVINCIAL and BCSA CUP U13 to U18

Provincial “A” Cup

Metro-Select Teams are in Provincial Cup “A”. Coastal Cup rounds of “A” play begin at the end of the regular playing season. Coastal “A” Cup finals are generally in April or early May. The Provincial Cup Tournament is in early July. Strong Gold teams who are eligible for “B” Cup play may choose to enter “A” Cup, but cannot play in both.

BCSA “B” Cup

BCSA Cup entry is indicated when filling out the VYSA Intent to Play/Preliminary Registration information in the data that comes from the Club to the VYSA Registrar June 23. Indicate entry ONLY if a team fits all of the criteria at entry time. DO NOT ENTER if your team does not have the commitment to see this competition through to completion in July or if your team does not have a coach with the minimum *Soccer for Life* coaching qualification.

Entry for Provincial and BCSA Cup play is voluntary and requires extra commitment to play on off league game days. This means teams would be required to play two games on a weekend – one league and one cup playdown.

Boys: only Gold and competitive Silver 1 teams may choose to enter BCSA Cup.

Girls: only Div. 1 and competitive Div. 2 teams may choose to enter.

The in-house portion of the BCSA playdowns will be via a blind draw. There is no seeding.

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A list of teams who have indicated BCSA Cup entry will be circulated to the clubs by mid-October. There will be a deadline of one week for the clubs to make sure that all of their teams seeking entry have done so and have the qualified team officials required. Draws will be done at that time and NO CHANGES will be made to accept teams after that point. First rounds of games will begin in late October. Teams who forfeit games at the in-house level of the playdowns will be fined \$350. Fines can reach \$1,000 once play expands to Coastal Cup Round of 16 and the competition is no longer run by VYSA.

Notice of games is passed on to the teams through their club chair and/or administrator from the Vancouver Scheduler. All scores are reported back to the VYSA Scheduler NOT to their 4D League Liaisons or BCCGSL Score Collectors. Protests for games at this level should be directed to the District Chair.

There will be a VYSA Representative at each age level for Coastal Cup Round of 16. Wild card berths are determined by the 4D and BCCGSL.

League and/or cup games will not be changed to accommodate a team official who is coaching or managing two teams and finds themselves in a game day conflict.

LEAGUE CUPS

All teams in U13 to U18 are automatically entered into whatever league round robin or cup is available and they are part of the league commitment.

VYSA INTENT TO PLAY/PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION AUGUST 15

BOYS – U11 IN-HOUSE SILVER AND BRONZE
GIRLS – ALL IN-HOUSE U11, U12 SILVER A AND SILVER B

Clubs must show intent to play and indicate which of the in-house levels they wish to be entered in by August 15 by means of submitting a completed Intent to Play/Preliminary spreadsheet including club and team name, level of play, the names of 2 team officials with their phone numbers and email address, field and times available. The cheque can be mailed to or dropped off at 255 East 26th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5V 2H2. No team name changes will be accepted after August 15.

Clubs are expected to create teams at these levels of play through fair evaluations, in-club scouting, and camps - not via a competition format. Exhibition games within your club or against teams in other clubs are encouraged to help make the decision of team entry level.

Promotion and relegation may occur one or more times during the season based on results at the time.

A guide specifically for 8 aside play will be distributed to the clubs and registered team officials in late August. There will also be a pre-season meeting for all 8 aside team officials early in September. Notice of the date and location will be given well in advance. Each team must have a rep present. The boys' and girls' 8 aside VYSA Schedulers are included at the end of this document.

INTRA-CLUB/PLAYING UP PERMITS

These permits are game-specific to enable a player to play for a different team as an important development tool. It allows a player to be given experience or exposure to a higher level of soccer on an occasional or gradual basis.

The use of permitted players can only be considered to replace ill or injured players. A permitted player cannot be used at the expense of a player on the obtaining team who is able to play. Permits will not be granted if it means the player's league team may be short of players for their scheduled game. Please make sure your team officials are aware of this rule.

Teams are allowed to dress only as many players as they have registered with the District/BCSA. i.e. A team with 17 registered players can dress no more than 17 players for a game.

Check the 4D Guide, BCCGSL Operating Manual and the VYSA 8 Aside Guide for rules and regulations specific to the use of ICPS in those leagues. They all use a different form. Metro/Select teams may get a permit for a Gold player to play on their team for a game. This is subject to many conditions – the main one being that the

Metro/Select team official must first get permission from the Gold team official and the parents before approaching the player.

MINI TEAMS

Clubs shall form teams from all registrants each year in a manner which is "non selective". All games are to be played with an emphasis on fun, sportsmanship, development, education and respect for teammates, opponents, and referees and shall be non results oriented. This means that the VYSA mini leagues will not be tiered. Play begins in September the weekend after 4D and BCCGSL play commences for clubs/teams participating in the VYSA-scheduled mini leagues and ends the same weekend as 4D and BCCGSL. Clubs who choose to run in-house leagues may have different starting dates and will not need to follow the next set of instructions for VYSA Mini Leagues although the BCSA Officials Rules must be followed.

VYSA MINI LEAGUE INTENT TO PLAY

Clubs wishing to participate in a VYSA mini league, either boys or girls, must submit to the Scheduler, by no later than the first Wednesday after Labour Day, the information required in the format requested in order to begin the scheduling process. This will include team name, age group and the name, phone number and email address of at least one team official. Also included must be the grass and gravel fields to be used along with the times that are available for play. This information will be passed along to the Mini Scheduler. Each club's information for both the boys' and girls' mini teams must come all in one document but is to be divided into boys and girls. This does not apply to clubs running their own mini programs. VYSA schedules U8, U9, U10 only. VYSA scheduled Mini League games begin September 20 and finish February 21.

MINI TEAM REGISTRATION

U6 – minimum of 3
U7, U8 – minimum of 4
U9 , U10 – minimum of 7

Mini team registration (not to be confused with mini team Intent to Play) must be sent to the V.Y.S.A. Registrar by September 18 in the format requested along with a cheque for \$21 per player. Clubs must be sure ALL required information is completed (including city in the address). For information on players who wish to play down in a younger age group, please go to www.bcsoccer.net for their policy. Each team official must have a Criminal Record Check on file before their name can be included on the team registration. All teams must have at least one registered team official of the same sex as the players. Fines will be levied for improperly filled out information. In order to be eligible and insured, all players and team officials must be registered with the District at least 24 hours before their first league game, camp or academy session.

FIELD CONDITIONS

All fields are subject to closure. In Vancouver, grass fields are closed from noon Friday until the next Friday at noon, including turf fields unless otherwise noted on the website. Field closure information can be found at <http://www.vancouverparks.ca> under "Recreation" "Playing Fields" then "Playing Field Status for Weekend Play" on Friday afternoon. Don't forget to refresh it each time to get the most up to date information. Please note that severe weather (frost, snow) may result in the closure of turf fields from time to time. You can also still get the info by phoning the Field Line at 604-473-6206. Teams ignoring closures will be fined and may risk playing their remaining home games on gravel. Parks Board does have field monitors and we risk losing the permit to a field if it is played on while closed. Charges could also be levied for any damage done while playing on a closed field. You can report unauthorized field users or those who are playing on closed grass fields to 604-861-5100. School Board grass field closure number is 604-713-6000 Ext. 2666.

Dangerous conditions such as potholes, broken glass and other surface conditions should be corrected before games start.

VYSA SCHEDULING POLICY FOR LEAGUE AND CUP PLAY

Clubs will be allocated turf hours based on their overall percentage of teams in U11 to U18 4D and BCCGSL that they register with VYSA for the current season. Clubs will be scheduled as close as possible to their catchment areas. It will be up to the individual clubs to decide which age groups and levels of play they want to have scheduled during their specific allocated times for the season. This information can be noted on the Intent to Play/Prelim Reg. spreadsheet when submitted by the clubs to VYSA at the June 23 (4D and BCCGSL) and Aug 15 (in-house U11 and U12) deadlines.

As Van FC and Fusion FC will receive the game times they require, their numbers will not be included in the aggregate number of registered teams. The time slots at Livingstone set aside for Van FC will not be included in the overall total inventory of turf time available.

Teams will be paired for all available turf times for both 8 aside and 11 aside games. All other teams will be given paired grass/gravel allocations. These assignments for the season will change only if league section restructuring causes any pairings to be broken. Clubs may rent private turf fields at their own expense for their teams. They will also be responsible for securing those private fields for post-season cup play in advance if they want their teams to have home games on the same fields on which they play their league games.

Moves from grass/gravel to turf will only be made only if:

1. A bye or league approved game cancellation creates an unused turf time slot.
2. The scheduled opposition requires a later start to accommodate travel time.

Moves will be made from turf to grass/gravel on weekends when Fusion FC has scheduled home games. Occasionally, grass fields with all-weather alternates will be used for these moves during the BCPSL mini season from September to mid-November.

As much as possible, teams will be given assignments close to their club's catchment area, but pairings (both turf and grass) will also be done with the following priorities:

1. Younger teams get the earlier times
2. Two teams paired in the same league section
3. Two teams with the same game length
4. Two teams with different game lengths will be paired as the last game of the day.

On Saturdays, Trillium East and West may be used for 8 aside games. Using 8:00 a.m. to noon will accommodate 12 pairings (24 teams).

On Sundays, Trillium East and West are available only from 8:30 until 10:00 (four 8 aside pairings).

Teams in 8 aside sections, with the smallest number of opponents coming from other Districts, will have the 8:00 a.m. assignments.

It is the clubs' responsibility to ensure, well in advance of the mid-July scheduling process, if a team in any league or age group does not want a permanent turf assignment.

Within reason, the Scheduler will look at special requests from clubs but not all requests can be granted.

Fields with changing rooms-The lock code is distributed on a need to know basis only. It is not to be shared or passed on. Teams, players and officials are not to let anyone in to the change rooms they do not know personally. Do not leave anything in the change rooms, even when locked, thinking that it's safe to do so.

BCSA HARASSMENT POLICY

Harassment is defined as comments, conduct or gestures made by anyone which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, malicious, threatening, degrading or offensive and directed towards an individual or group VYSA has a zero tolerance harassment policy. Harassment is a form of discrimination that can result in the expulsion from membership of those found guilty.

VYSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This meeting is generally held in early May at 7 p.m. Notice of the AGM is communicated to all members of record. Check the VYSA website for the exact date. Notice to a recognized club constitutes notice to all registered club team officials, club secretary and club chair. Notice to the Referee-in-Chief constitutes notice to all registered referees. To be eligible for V.Y.S.A. membership, your name must be submitted by your member club as a coach or manager by March 1 in order to vote at the AGM that year. No proxy votes are allowed and each member present may cast only a single vote. Any club in financial arrears to the District will lose all voting privileges.

VYSA SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1 - Jacques Moon Scholarship - Boys
- 1 - Dave Howden Scholarship - Boys
- 2 - David Joseph Scholarships - Girls

The Vancouver Youth Soccer Association offers scholarships for players graduating from secondary school who plan to pursue post secondary education. Scholarships of \$1,000 each shall be awarded by the VYSA Board, two male and two female, to successful applicants who, for three or more years, have played with a team registered in the District of Vancouver and are currently playing, refereeing, coaching, or involved in administrative work in soccer under the jurisdiction of the VYSA Board.

Applications must be complete and received by no later than April 15th of each year.

Procedures: In January of each year, notices are emailed to the U18 team officials for distribution to players of graduating age who are currently registered with VYSA. The application can be found on the VYSA website www.vysa.ca.

Please note that a successful applicant must provide proof of acceptance to a recognized post-secondary institution prior to receiving their award. Players are encouraged to apply for both the VYSA and BCSA Scholarships. www.bcsoccer.net

SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS OR ACADEMIES

Clubs must let the VYSA Registrar know by February 1 if and when they are holding any Spring or Summer camps or academies. Participants who were registered with VYSA for the league season do not need to be re-registered. All other participants must be registered with VYSA at least 24 hours before taking part in any camp or academy. Those who are registering only for camps or academies still must provide a POA if they are U11 or older and meet the same criteria as players who register for league play such as ITCs, etc. For camps and academies that begin before June 1, new player fees are half of the BCSA regular season fee. For camps and academies held from June 2 onward, full BCSA player registration fees are required as that's when the new season registration starts.

HINTS AND REMINDERS

It is the responsibility of those named by the club to be the recipients of communications on behalf of your club from VYSA to make sure that everyone gets what they need to know in a timely fashion.

Be sure that your teams are aware of which Cups they are eligible to enter and that they know there is extra commitment for teams to play 2 games on some weekends for BCSA Cup play. Have them poll their team parents before entering extra cups to be sure they can get the players for those extra days. BCSA Cup commitments can take a team into mid-July and there are very strict BC Soccer rules in regard to picking up players for the July tournaments portion of the competitions.

Insist that your teams are honest about the residency of their players. Falsifying registration information may mean the suspension of the player and team officials. It is their coaching "career" and reputation at stake if found to be guilty of playing ineligible players. Make sure that team officials know if players move to another district during the season so there is no confusion re: the number of O.O.D. players per team.

Club age group coordinators are not the source of information about scheduled league or cup games. If in doubt, team officials can call the 4D Reps and Liaisons (boys), BCCGSL Reps and Scorekeepers (girls) if the websites cannot give you the information you are needing.

VYSA POLICIES, FORMS AND WEBSITES

With the exception of the V.Y.S.A Intent to Play, all other forms necessary for the season as well as all VYSA policies can be found on the V.Y.S.A. website www.vysa.ca. The BCSA website www.bcsoccer.net also has some forms as well as all Rules and Regulations governing soccer in BC. Schedules, contacts and standings will be available again on www.bcsoccercentral.com. When viewing the bcsoccercentral.com website, be sure to “refresh” each time in order to have the most up to date schedule and league information. Changes and additions are made regularly. There is also a site with info specific to 4 District at www.4districtsoccer.com and a guide for BCCGSL teams can be found at the link www.bccgsl.ca. If your questions can’t be answered by visiting any of these sites and viewing the information there, contact the V.Y.S.A. Director who is responsible for the area in question. Under 11 and U12 in-house info is at www.vysa.ca.

BCSA ARTICLE 15: ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

BC Soccer, its Members, Leagues and Clubs, players, officials and volunteers will not take disputes to ordinary courts of law, without first exhausting all available remedies as provided for by independent and duly constituted arbitration tribunals recognized under the rules of the Association, Canada Soccer, CONCACAF, or FIFA.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Check 4D, BCCGSL, VYSA and BCSA websites for more dates and details

May	Club Presidents’ meeting – 4th Monday
June 23	Intent to Play/Preliminary Registration and fees to VYSA Registrar for 4D and BCCGSL
August 15	Intent to Play/Preliminary Registration and fees to VYSA Registrar for in-house 8 aside
September 9	Intent to Play for teams entering VYSA-scheduled Mini League to VYSA Scheduler
September 11, 12, 13	League play begins for 4D and BCCGSL
September 11	All players and team officials in 4D must be registered with VYSA Registrar
September 12	All players and team officials in BCCGSL must be registered with VYSA Registrar
September 19, 20	League play begins for VYSA 8 aside boys and girls
September 18	All players and team officials in boys’ in-house 8 aside must be registered with VYSA Registrar
September 18	Mini Player and Team Official Registration and fees to VYSA Registrar
September 19	All players and team officials in girls’ in-house 8 aside must be registered with VYSA Registrar
September 19	League play begins for VYSA schedule Mini League
October	Club Presidents’ meeting – 3 rd Monday
December 11-13	Last games for 4D before Christmas
December 19-20	Make up games for BCCGSL and last games before Christmas
January 8, 9, 10	Play resumes for all leagues
January	Club Presidents’ meeting – 3 rd Monday
February 1	Clubs must let the VYSA Registrar know when they are holding Spring/Summer camps or academies
February 19, 20, 21	Last league games for 4D
February 27, 28	4D Cup and BCCGSL League Championship finals
February 27, 28	Last league games VYSA in-house and VYSA scheduled Mini League

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VYSA PERFORMANCE BOND SCHEDULE 2015-2016-subject to change

Every club must post an initial \$1,000 performance bond, payable to VYSA and, if not rolled-over from the previous season, must be in the hands of the VYSA Treasurer **not later than July 15th** of each and every season.

Throughout the season: Should the balance on hand, after deductions fall to \$300.00, immediately upon notification by the Performance Bond Person, the performance bond must be topped-up to its original (\$1,000.00) amount.

Failure to top-up within 14 days of the notification may result in a \$100.00 fine. Further non-compliance, after one reminder, may result in the withdrawal of services to the Club by means of removing the divisional teams from league and cup schedules until the bond is either received or topped-up. *Note:* these games will not be made up.

End of the season: Leftover money will only be returned if the Club requests it otherwise the Club will top-up the remainder of the performance bond by July 15th or roll it over to the next season.

OFFENSES	MINIMUM FINE
Lack of Assistant AR's U16-U18	\$60.00 per AR
Lack of Game Necessities: Unlined field. Lack of corner flags; nets; team lists, BCSA photo ID or numbered jerseys.	\$25.00 per item
Persistent Verbal Abuse of a Game Official: persistent criticism and/or disputing of calls.	\$50.00
Threat of physical abuse of a Game Official	\$500.00
Improperly filled-out forms: for example team affiliation, team workbooks, divisional & mini registration, individual player registration including missing player ID numbers, transfers and/or BCSA Photo ID	\$10.00 per team or \$10.00 per item
Lack of BCSA Photo ID (from October 1 st onwards.) Validated ID cards will not be returned until all cards, including team officials', are presented to and verified by the VYSA Photo ID Person.	\$20.00 per team for any portion of the week(s) that the team is not in compliance
Unnecessary replacement of "lost" BCSA Photo ID	\$10.00 per individual ID \$50.00 to replace whole team
Teams failing to appear for a scheduled in-district BCSA Cup game.	Forfeiture plus a \$350.00 fine
Forfeiture of any in-house cup play-down game or failure to appear once schedule has been published.	Forfeiture and/or \$350.00 fine
Clubs whose teams are proven to have falsified player address information will be charged expenses incurred, including courier fees.	
<p>Please Note: Repeat offenses may result in an escalated amount being deducted. For example: first unlined field=\$25.00, second unlined field=\$50.00.</p> <p>Also – if you disagree with a fine that has been levied you have 5 days to contact the Performance Bond Chair, thereafter, will be no further appeals.</p> <p>These fines are specific to VYSA and are not to be confused with the ability of the Leagues' to fine or withdraw services from specific teams.</p>	
<p>IMPORTANT: Clubs who miss deadlines; owe money to the District or have not provided documentation such as electronic data and its required paperwork will be informed that they are not compliant. Further non-compliance, after one reminder, may result in fines and the non-scheduling of games or withdrawal of services to the Club by means of removing the outstanding team(s) from league and cup schedules. <i>Note:</i> these games will not be made up.</p> <p><i>Please see the VYSA Policy Regarding Non-Compliance</i></p>	

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VYSA 2015-16 Board and Appointees

<u>ELECTED POSITIONS</u>			
Chair Parks & Field Liaison, U11 In-House Boys' Scheduler, U11 and U12 In-House Girls' Scheduler, , Scholarship Committee Member	Floyd Salazar	778 828 4521	floyd.salazar@gmail.com
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BCSA Summer Games Coordinator	Jaiden Simmons		j.simmons@vysa.ca
4District Rep & Scholarship Committee Member	Glyn Roberts		loc38@mac.com
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<u>APPOINTED POSITIONS</u>			
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