



## **BC Coastal Soccer League assumes operations of the 2020 and 2021 Coastal Cup**

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The annual Coastal Cup is one of British Columbia’s most prestigious youth soccer events, and the BC Coastal Soccer League is excited to announce it will be running the competition for at least the next 2 seasons. As part of the 2-year agreement with BC Soccer, a new Coastal Cup committee will be formed comprised of BCCSL staff and board along with a BC Soccer representative. The BCCSL will manage the draw, scheduling, communications and overall operations of the competition while BC Soccer will retain jurisdiction over the rules, regulations, format and judicial matters.

The Coastal Cup has a long and rich history in BC, with teams from across the lower mainland and Vancouver Island competing in this month-long competition. Boys and girls teams from the U13-U18 age categories compete with the winning teams going on to represent their age category and district at the BC Soccer Provincial Championships.

Joe Basic, BCCSL Chair, noted, *“this is an important step for the BCCSL to further streamline youth soccer leagues and competitions, and we look forward to working with BC Soccer and community stakeholders to maintain the prestige and integrity of the Coastal Cup”*.

BC Soccer Youth Competitions Committee Chair and Vice President Youth Rob Lennox expects a smooth transition in operations: *“I have no doubt that the Coastal Cup will continue to be one of the most anticipated competitions in the Youth Calendar and I look forward to supporting the BCCSL in their efforts.”*

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### **About the BC Coastal Soccer League**

The BC Coastal Soccer League (BCCSL) was fully launched for the 2018-19 season and amalgamated the former youth leagues that operated in the Lower Mainland. Those leagues were BCCSL Boys, Metro/Select League (MSL) and BC Coastal Girls Soccer League (BCCGSL). It comprises approximately 21,000 youth and all 8 Lower Mainland districts. The League provides, facilitates and supports playing environments for males and females in the Under 11 and 12 Divisions 1-2, and Under 13 to Under 18 age categories consisting of Metro to Division 3. The League works closely with BC Soccer and the BC Soccer Premier League to help develop the game and actively promote players while ensuring the ongoing integrity of each level of play.

### **About BC Soccer**

BC Soccer is the provincial sport governing body with the mission to govern, promote and develop the game of soccer in British Columbia in a professional and progressive manner. Established in 1907, BC Soccer is the largest provincial sports organization (PSO) in BC and the third largest soccer-specific PSO in Canada with over 150,000 participants. As a professional not-for-profit society and a member of Canada Soccer, BC Soccer is committed to providing the widest opportunities for existing and potential participants, as well as provide support in the most effective and appropriate way for current players, parents, volunteers, member clubs, leagues, and districts.

BC Soccer is comprised of more than 120,000 registered players, over 2,200 registered referees, and thousands of volunteer coaches, administrators, and soccer leaders. Working with its 40 member Youth Districts and 11 Adult Leagues as well as their affiliate member clubs, BC Soccer operates under the guiding principles of Professional Leadership, Passionate Service and Progressive Collaboration. In managing its relationships throughout the larger soccer community, BC Soccer's vision is to ensure every British Columbian has the opportunity to be involved in soccer as part of a lifelong commitment to an active, healthy and involved lifestyle.