



MEMO

TO: BCCSL Member Districts, Clubs and Teams
RE: Cancellation of the September 18-20 weekend due to Air Quality

September 16, 2020

BCCSL Clubs,

Due to the fact that we have had some challenges with air quality for the past 5-6 days with more in the forecast over the weekend, the decision has been made to delay the start of the season to the September 25th-27th weekend. For more information on BC Soccer's policy regarding air quality, please go to:

<https://www.bcsoccer.net/files/MemberService/BestPracticeGuides/Air%20Quality%20Guideline%20BC%20Soccer%20Updated.pdf>

This year has been full of challenges so we want to ensure:

- Player safety will always be our first concern
- Smokey conditions are very hard to predict accurately
- We want to give families as much warning as is reasonably possible
- We want the players' first game this season to be fun and not defined by poor air quality

How does this impact the scheduling and the start to a delayed season? Here are the impacts and timelines we are working under:

- **September 16** – all games from the Sept 18-20 weekend are cancelled due to the air quality advisories. These games won't be made up or added back into the schedule
- **September 25-27** – becomes the opening weekend of the 2020-21 season
- **October 3** – deadline for districts to submit their additional teams that will begin play on the October 16-18 weekend
- **October 10** – schedule will be released on the website for all games starting after Thanksgiving

Please note that due to the possible re-tiering required on the Thanksgiving weekend, and also adding in the late joining clubs, ALL teams must quarantine from game play on the Thanksgiving weekend (that means no game play after October 4th while we create new cohorts to start on the October 16-18 weekend).

Thanks for your understanding as we continue to work through the start up of the season.

Joe Basic
BCCSL Chair

c/o the BCCSL Board of Directors