



MEMO

TO: BCCSL Members
RE: UPDATES

Oct 31, 2020

BCCSL Members,

We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few items:

SCHEDULES + COHORTS

As you may know, it's been a challenging season regarding the scheduling of games. While on one hand we are ecstatic to see kids on the field, we realize that with the limitations around cohort group size, and originally the geographic restrictions, this did not always create the best environment for teams. With this most recent re-grouping, we were able to fix some byes by moving many groups from 3 teams to 4. And we also were able to expand the geography for many teams to get a new mix of opponents. Is this perfect for everyone? No, of course not. But we appreciate the work from districts, clubs and teams to get kids on the field, and we are working to make further changes where possible as we move along this season. We have over 1200 teams this fall, and we are planning another re-grouping during the December break. Our plan at that point is to move remaining groups of 3 into groups of 4 where possible. More info will be communicated on that process by mid November.

SCORES + SPORTSMANSHIP

Over the last 2 years, we have reminded clubs and teams about "running up the score". We've still had reports this season of coaches encouraging more and more goals, even when their team might be up 7-0 or 8-0 at halftime. This is not in the spirit of sportsmanship, so we'd encourage coaches to administer best practices around lop-sided games. We're here to foster a love of the game for all the kids, not just the winning team!

On this topic, a 7 goal difference is only to be reported for all scores. ie: a game that ends 10-1 should get reported as 8-1.

While standings don't matter due to cohorts and no playoffs, it is still important that scores get reported as we take those into account when re-grouping any teams.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS + CUP PLAY

As previously communicated, there is no league championship play this season. We are awaiting further dialogue with BC Soccer regarding the Coastal Cup and Provincial Cup play at the end of the season.

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c/o the BCCSL Board of Directors