



MEMO

TO: BCCSL Members
RE: SCHEDULE UPDATES

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

BCCSL Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a few scheduling items.

As you surely know, the Provincial Health Officer issued a recent health order that is in place until November 23: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-vch-fh.pdf>

Relating to the soccer in general, ViaSport has released the guidelines for sport to occur: <https://www.viasport.ca/news/lower-mainland-and-fraser-valley-restrictions>

As far as games in the BCCSL, this is the section of the order that specifically changes the way our schedule was built:

“No person may travel to or from the affected area or between the regions of the Fraser Health Authority and the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for any sport related activity, including practice, training, games or tournaments, unless they are an identified by Canadian Sports Institute Pacific as a high performance athlete affiliated with an accredited provincial or national sports organization and are already training in the affected area and subject to the safety guidelines of their provincial sports organization.”

Our league scheduler has been working tirelessly to adjust schedules, removing all cross-over games between the health regions, and ensuring that clubs/teams who wish to play can indeed continue playing. Obviously with limited opponents to play in a condensed region, the schedule isn't ideal, and this is the 4th round of “re-cohorting” within two months to keep teams playing within the shifting guidelines that we are living within.

We also realize that some clubs and teams have made the decision not to play within this two week period, or for longer. If you know that your team isn't ready or willing to play a scheduled game, please ensure that your club and district scheduling reps know, and that your opponent is notified. This will ensure that all parties can be notified, such as local field and referee schedulers as games may have been scheduled.

There may be cases where, due to the limited number of teams in a level/age within these restrictions, that a mini-cohort has two teams leftover. In this case, we will have them play against each other in the next two weeks. In those cases, we will hope the PHO order ends on Nov 23, and we can schedule those teams with other teams once again. And a reminder, if you played last weekend and are now against a new opponent in a new cohort, your team must quarantine one weekend before playing a new opponent.

We thank you for your patience during this trying time, and hope you are staying safe.

Regards,

Matt Holbrook / BCCSL General Manager