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**Island Cup**

**Competition Rules & Regulations**



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**1) Introduction**

The Island Cup Competition is the regional competition for the two Vancouver Island Districts. The Vancouver Island region consists of:

Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA)

Upper Island Soccer Association (UISA)

For the 2022-2023 season, the operations of the Island Cup will be managed by a joint committee known as the Regional Organizing Committee (ROC)) formed with members of both LISA & UISA. The committee shall have an equal number of representatives from both associations who will be able to assist with the operation and management of the competition. The Regional Organizing Committee will also have a representative from the BC Soccer Association as a sitting member.

Regional competitions and qualifications fall within the jurisdiction of BC Soccer and can be delegated to a Regional Organizing Committee (ROC).

a. **Application**

i. These rules shall apply to the Island Cup Competition.

b. **Management of Competitions**

i. The Regional Organizing Committee and BC Soccer shall control the operation of these competitions.

ii. The Regional Organizing Committee and BC Soccer shall have the authority to order any game replayed or played to a finish.

c. **BC Soccer Constitution/Rules and Regulations Precedence**

i. In the event of any discrepancy between this document and the Rules and Regulations of BC Soccer, the documented BC Soccer Rules and Regulations shall have precedence.

ii. All games shall be played under the Island Cup Competition Rules and Regulations and the BC Soccer Youth Provincial Championships Rules and Regulations.

iii. If not specified in these rules & regulations, competition will follow rules for B Cup in the BC Soccer Youth Provincial Championship Rules & Regulations.

d. **BC Soccer Competitions Committee**

i. Within the constraints of 1) c. i., BC Soccer, through its Competitions Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for, as are necessary to achieve the objectives of BC Soccer. Such changes shall be communicated to all effected teams and their Districts prior to the commencement of the competition so altered.

e. **Risk Management and Conduct**

i. Participants must adhere to BC Soccer’s Criminal Record Check Policy, the Judicial Code & Policies of BC Soccer, and BC Soccer’s Code of Conduct.

ii. One (1) Team Official must be the same gender as the team. This team official must be present on the bench and in the changing rooms.

iii. All interactions between adults and youth shall follow the standards set by the “Coaching Association of Canada’s Rule of Two”

**2) Hosting Requirements & Responsibilities**

**a.** **Dates & Location**

i. The Island Cup shall be held on two weekends across the different host communities after the completion of Tier 3 & 4 play and before the commencement of Tier 2 competition.

ii. The first games of the competition will be played between the two teams that are from the same district. These games will be played on a date prior to the weekend of the Island Cup Final.

iii. Host locations for each district & dates of the competition are to be announced by December 1st of the current playing season.

iv. UISA & LISA will each be responsible for selecting a host location for the age groups they are responsible for. Hosting will be split by age groups with LISA hosting U14 / U16 / U18 and UISA hosting U15 & U17.

v. Any deviation from the split of age groups shall be determined and announced by December 1st.

**b**.  **Hosting** **Obligations**

i. The host must provide the following:

1. Provide team benches at each field and adequate covers for each of the benches.
2. At each field provide a tent for officials and match liaisons. Each tent should have seats and a table.
3. Provide a tournament headquarters and with tent and presentation area.
4. Provide onsite First Aid.
5. Appoint a referee scheduler who shall be responsible for scheduling a referee and two (2) referee assistants for each game.
6. Pay match officials for each game.
7. Provide 3 suitable game balls for each game.
8. Work with the Regional Organizing Committee to organize medal and trophy presentations.

**3) Team Eligibility**

**a**.  **Declaration / Entry Deadlines**

i. The Island Cup shall be open to any affiliated Tier 3 or Tier 4 level youth team as declared on entry forms submitted by January 15th in the current coastal playing season provided the team, or teams, have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues.

ii. The Regional Organizing Committee will use the declaration information supplied by January 15th from the island districts to establish the declaration of teams entering the Island Cup. This list will be confirmed with LISA & UISA before the prior to the start of the competition.

iii. Each district shall be responsible for determining which teams shall represent them at the Island Cup.

**4) Player Eligibility**

**a. Registration**

 i. Players must be registered or reinstated as a youth from adult player or transferred to a team seven days prior to taking part in that team’s qualification or Island Cup games, as per the transfer and reinstatement rules outlined in the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations. Players must also have played at least one league game with that team before playing in District play down or Island Cup games.

 ii. All players must be registered seven (7) days before taking part in the Island Cup.

**b. ID Cards**

 i. All players playing in the Island Cup must have a current BC Soccer Photo Identification Card

 ii. Online ID cards will be acceptable as will hard copies of ID cards.

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**5) Team Rules**

a. **Roster**

i. Teams must consist of a minimum of 14 registered players.

ii. Youth teams shall not be permitted to register more than the maximum allowed players for their age division at any given time.

iii. The maximum roster size shall be twenty (20) players.

iv. Teams must supply a completed “Official Team Roster for Island Cup” to their respective Association before their first game of the competition. This will include a team roster and a list of the team officials with the Head Coach’s coaching certification.

b. **Team Officials**

i. Teams must be compliant with BC Soccer’s Rules & Regulations’ coach certification requirements**.**

ii. A maximum of five team officials may be listed on the team roster.

iii. Only team officials listed on the Official Team Roster are eligible to be seated on the team bench and team technical area during the game.

iv. All team officials must have a current BC Soccer Photo Identification Card.

c. **Player Pickups**

i. Player pickups may be used for Island Cup.

ii. Player pickups may only be used to allow teams to have enough players to compete. It is not designed to allow teams to strengthen their roster by dropping players to pick up stronger players. Any team proven to abuse this privilege will be subject to discipline.

iii. A team may pick up BC Soccer registered players to bring their roster up to the number of players on the team’s affiliation form for the current season, or up to a maximum of 16 players.

iv. Players may be picked up from teams playing at a lower calibre of play at the same or lower age, OR the same or lower calibre of play at a lower age level. For Island Cup permit purposes, the ‘calibre of play’ is based on the division a team was playing on December 1st. In number-based leagues, all ‘Tier 1’ divisions are considered one calibre, all ‘Tier 2’ is one calibre, all ‘Tier 3’ is one calibre, and all ‘Tier 4’ is considered one calibre etc.

v. Teams may only pick up players whose own team has already been eliminated from or did not qualify for Island Cup play.

vi. Island Cup teams may only pick up players registered with other teams from within their club. The only exception is if a club does not operate any other team in a lower calibre at the age/gender, the club, with district approval, can apply for permission from the Regional Organizing Committee to be allowed to pick up from teams of another club in its district.

vii. Out of district players, suspended players and players registered to U12 or younger teams may not be picked up.

viii. Pick ups are only valid if they have received district approval. Completed pick up forms must be submitted to the Regional Organizing Committee no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the first match.

d. **Uniforms**

i. Teams participating in Island Cup are required to have two complete sets of uniforms of different colors for all Cup games to avoid colour conflict. The team listed as the home team will be required to change uniforms in the case of a colour conflict.

**6) Game Rules**

a. **Field**

i. The minimumdimensions for all games shall be the FIFA minimum standard: 90 metres by 45 metres. Fields larger than the minimum are recommended for older age groups.

b. **Ball Size**

i. A regulation Size 5 soccer ball shall be used in all games Under 14 through Under 18.

c. **Duration of Play**

i. All games will be played to regulation time.

**Divisions Regulation Time Extra Time**

U17 and U18 2 halves of 45 minutes N/A

U15 and U16 2 halves of 40 minutes N/A

U14 2 halves of 40 minutes N/A

iii. In the event that the teams are still tied at the end of regulation time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA/IFAB Laws of the Game.

d. **Substitutions**

i. Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed in all Island Cup games.

ii. Substitutions shall be made during a stoppage in the game, with the referee's consent.

**7) Competition Rules**

**a.** **Format**

i. Two teams each from UISA and LISA will compete in each grouping across the U14 – U18 age groups

ii. single elimination tournament with the winner of each game

**c.** **Scheduling**

i. The scheduling of games, fields and referees for all Island Cup games is the responsibility of the District hosting the age group / gender that each association is hosting. Field information and game times shall be given to the Regional Organizing Committee for posting on the Island Cup website as early as possible, but at a minimum no later than one week prior to the start of the competition.

ii. Each association will host one game between the two qualifying teams from their respective districts prior to the weekend of the Island Cup Final. The 2 qualifying teams from UISA will play against each other and the 2 LISA qualifying teams will play against each other in their respective districts whether or not the Association is hosting that age group.

iii. Home teams for each game will be determined by random draw prior to the start of the competition. The host association or club may only earn home team status through random draw.

iv. Teams must fulfill their commitment to the competition once they have qualified and confirmed their entry.

v. If any teams are unable to fulfill their obligation to the competition, written notice must be given at least 4 weeks prior to the start of the Island Cup.

vi. If any teams do withdraw from the competition, it is the responsibility of the Association from which the club resides to find a suitable replacement team to enter the tournament.

vii. If no replacement teams from the District that withdrew from the Island Cup are available to enter into the competition, replacement teams may enter from the other District.

viii. Failure to fulfill a commitment (scheduled game) in this competition shall result in disciplinary action.

**d. Official Team Roster**

1. Each team must provide two completed copies of the Island Cup Official Team Roster, one for the referee and one for their opponent, before each game. This form will be made available at minimum one week prior to the start of the competition.
2. Each team must get and keep the copy of their opponent’s team roster for each game.

**e.** **Match Officials**

i. The district hosting the competition is solely responsible for assigning the referees for all games for the Island Cup.

ii. No person shall officiate as a referee in any competition under the sanction or jurisdiction of the Association who is not on the official list of the Association, but if for unforeseen circumstances a referee on the official list is unable to act, the teams affected shall agree on some other person in the emergency. See BC Soccer Rules & Regulations. Rule 16 d

iii. Use of unregistered referees will result in a fine to the district. See page 13.

iv. If a referee fails to attend the game shall be rescheduled, except if both coaches agree to a replacement referee and indicated such agreement by signing the game sheet prior to the commencement of the game. Such signatures will obviate any protest resulting from this section

v. In the case of registered referee assistants not being available, each side will appoint a person to run the line. Acceptance of non-registered officials must be noted on the team lists and initialled by both coaches. This signature represents the agreement of all parties to these persons and will prevent any protest based on this section.

vi. Centre Referees must be a minimum of 2 years older than the players and must have at least 2 years’ experience as a Youth or higher level referee. Referee assistants must be the same age or older than the players and hold a Youth level referee certification or higher.

vii. No Referee or assistant may officiate a game in which an immediate relative is participating. If a referee has been assigned to a game with a relative playing/team official, he/she should refuse to accept the game.

viii. If the Referee is not able to finish officiating a game the first assistant referee will take over. The first assistant must be the same age or older than the players.

ix. If not already done so the Referee shall explain to both teams any extraordinary play off rules prior to the game, so that there is no question as to the duration of the game, the size of the ball to be used, substitution rules, overtime regulations, and what happens in the event penalty-kicks will be used to decide the winner.

f. **Reporting Scores**

i. Both teams are responsible for reporting the score to the Island Cup Scheduler / Representative who will be present at the competition within one hour of the completion of the game.

g. **Medal Ceremony**

i. Teams competing in the Championship Final game will be awarded their respective medals upon completion of the game. It is the expectation that the teams will remain until such time that the medals can be presented after the game.

**8) Discipline**

a. All rule infractions will be dealt with by the respective host District’s Discipline Committee.

b. While a Complaint/Misconduct Report is usually registered by a Game Official, a complaint may also originate from a member of Association managing the event. A written summary of the incident shall be completed and kept on file along with other documents relating to the infraction.

c. As time is of the essence in adjudicating these matters, a Disciplinary Hearing will be conducted as soon as possible at an appropriate location at, or near the competition venue. Appropriate records should be maintained as to the names of the members constituting the Committee and persons attending the hearing.

d. While the Chair of the Discipline Committee can render a verbal decision, the decision shall be confirmed in writing with copies being distributed to the parties concerned.

e. Within 30 days of completion of the competition, the home district of an individual or team that has been assessed a penalty at the competition shall be advised, in writing, of the circumstances that led to the penalty being assessed. This shall include a complete summary of cards issued or individuals ejected from games in case any carry over penalties should be served within the district.

f. Appeals of a decision can be directed to BC Soccer Appeals Committee. Please visit www.bcsoccer.net for information regarding appeals.

g. Red Cards will carry over to Provincial Championships with a player having to adhere to the game suspensions levied by the Discipline Committee.

h. Cautions

i. Yellow cards will NOT be carried over to Provincial Championship games.

ii. Players receiving a second yellow card during the Island Cup Competition will have a one-game automatic suspension from the first competition.

**9) Administration of the Competition**

a. **Travel Assistance:** No travel assistance is provided for the Island Cup competition.

b. **Medals:** Regional Organizing Committee & BC Soccer will supply gold and silver medals to be presented upon completion of the final games for each age group.

c. **Protests**

i. The protest fee for any game is $250.00. Protests must be written and filed in accordance with BC Soccer Rules and Regulations - Rule 11 (Protests), except subject to the timelines in para ii following. In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.

ii. Protests of Island Cup games must be submitted within 1 hour of the end of the game to an official representative of the host Association of the competition. Protests of Final Games must be submitted within 30 minutes of the end of the game to the Island Cup Competitions Committee HQ on-site. See BCSA Rule 11 re fee submission requirements.

1. The protest must contain the grounds upon which the protest is based, including the rule that was allegedly breached, and the evidence to support that claim. Protests can only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of FIFA Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of the Competition Rules and Regulations. (Rule 11.a)
2. The Island Cup Protest Committee (which will have at least three people) will provide its written ruling as soon as practicable to try to prevent delay in further rounds of play.

d. **BC Soccer Code of Conduct**

i. All participants in the Island Cup will follow the BC Soccer Youth Provincial Competition Code of Conduct.

ii. All officials of teams in the Island Cup Finals are required to sign this Code of Conduct on behalf of themselves and their team before the competition begins.

iii. All teams, team officials, parents and supporters should make themselves aware of the Schedule of Fines (appended) which apply during Island Cup.

e. **Trophies**

i. Trophies presented to teams at the Island Cup Championship are the property of Regional Organizing Committee and are held by the championship team for a limited time only.

ii. The championship team shall complete the Trophy Receipt Form before it is permitted to leave with the trophy.

iii. The championship team is responsible for returning the trophy to the Regional Organizing Committee by January 15th of the following year.

**Appendix: Schedule of Fines**

This section provides an outline of general infractions that may be dealt with by the Island Cup Competition Committee made up of not less than 3 persons or an adjudicating body appointed by the committee. This section does not cover all instances in which a fine may be assessed or a bond imposed upon a player, team, team official or spectator for a violation of the Island Cup Rules and Regulations. Fines will be deducted from the Performance Bond posted by each team’s district.

**1) Team fails to appear for a scheduled game without just cause**

 Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, $500 fine, plus field and game official costs, and may be suspended from further participation in the competition in that season and future years.

**2) Not Fully Completing Roster Form**

 Penalty: $50 fine, and game outcome subject to review by Island Cup/BCSA Committee

**3) If after warnings by the referee – lack of spectator control by team official(s) including failure to address the referee, harassment of referee, persistent criticism of the referee or disputing calls of the referee by team officials, players or spectators**

 Penalty: $2,500 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition.

**4) If requested by referee – failure to identify spectator(s) responsible for misconduct towards a referee or linesperson**

 Penalty: $2,500 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition

**5) Player/team official, while under suspension and attending a game as a spectator, behaves in a manner that brings the game into disrepute**

 Penalty: $2,500 fine and suspended from attendance at the game sites

**6) Extremely bad behaviour by a team, player, team official, or spectator**

 Penalty: Up to $2,500 and/or risk of immediate expulsion from the competition and a review of that team’s eligibility to compete in future years.

**7) Team or teams held to be at fault for abandonment of a game**

 Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, $500 fine plus field and game official costs

**8) Team fails to attend a required closing ceremony**

 Penalty: $500 fine and team may be excluded from attending further competitions

**9) Team fails to fulfill Provincial Championships commitment**

 Penalty: $2,500 fine and eligibility for next season will be reviewed.

**10) Failure to return, loss or damage of a trophy**

 Penalty: To be determined by Regional Organizing Committee

**11) Appointment of an unregistered referee for any Island Cup game.**

 Penalty: $200 fine to the scheduling body (district and or league).