



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA Policy for Recommending Associate Membership with BC Soccer

Applicants seeking UISA District recommendation for "Associate Membership" with BC Soccer for the first time must apply using the appropriate form from BC Soccer that lists their organizational information. Applicants must first be recommended by **at least three UISA members in good standing** (at least one in the club catchment area of the business programming or in all catchment areas for businesses with more than one programming location), and then the application should be forwarded to the UISA board for consideration and possible approval.

Approval of the UISA board is conditional on the applicant's continuing to operate within the business parameters (location, services provided) committed to in their application. Change in operating parameters of the associate member's business (including new programming location, programs offered for a new age group or new programming not described in the original application) will result in withdrawal of Upper Island support for the Associate Member. The operator may then choose to submit a new application that accurately represents their current business parameters.

Applicants must also meet the requirements for "Associate Membership" as stated in the membership section of the **BC Soccer Constitution** as stated below: To be eligible to become an Associate Member, an organization must: (i) have similar objectives to the Society; and (ii) eligible organizations include but are not limited to affiliated Adult Leagues (indoor and outdoor), schools, college and university leagues, and referees', coaches' and trainers' associations. (b) An organization wishing to become an Associate Member must present a membership application form to the Society. The application shall be reviewed by the Society's Membership Committee for completeness and the applicant's alignment with the objectives of the Society. Applications that pass the Membership Committee's scrutiny shall be sent to the Board for approval. (c) Associate Members must make an application for membership renewal with the Society annually, in line with the Society's fiscal year, in a form provided by the Society.

Applications for "Associate Membership" or renewals thereof must be approved by a majority vote of the UISA District Executive.

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