



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 two clubs (one in the catchment area of the business location, or in both catchment areas for businesses with more than one location), and then the application should be forwarded to the UISA board for consideration and possible approval.

Applicants must also meet the requirements for “Associate Membership” as stated in the membership section of the **BC Soccer Constitution** as stated below:

2) Associate Members shall have a voice but no vote at General Meetings of BC Soccer and shall be organizations, whether incorporated or not, which have similar objectives to BC Soccer. Associate Members may only receive services of BC Soccer if approved by the Board. Organizations may include but are not limited to affiliated Adult Leagues (indoor and outdoor), school, college and university leagues, and referees’, coaches’ and trainers’ associations.

a) An organization wishing to become an Associate Member, must present a membership application form to BC Soccer signed by signing officers of 3 existing Active Members of BC Soccer who are operating within the geographic area of the applicant. The application shall be reviewed by BC Soccer’s Membership Committee for completeness and applicants alignment with the objectives of BC Soccer. Applications that pass the Membership Committees scrutiny shall be sent to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may then grant conditional approval of an Associate Members application subject to final approval by the membership at the Association’s next General Meeting.

b) Associate Members shall make application for membership renewal with BC Soccer annually on or before March 30 of the current year on a form to be provided by BC Soccer.

c) The Board of Directors may admit an organization as an Associate Member for a short term of 30 days where that admission is of benefit to the members of BC Soccer and that short term admission supports the objectives of BC Soccer.

d) Limited Associate Membership may be granted subject to Article 3(2) b) and 3(2) c) to For Profit Soccer Academies and Schools for the sole purpose of granting permission to attend individual events sanctioned by recognized governing bodies if requested and subject to all rules and regulations of BC Soccer.

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

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