



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIA – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, December 7, 2015

Crown Isle, Courtenay-- 6:30 pm

Present: Kevin Cowie, Carl Neibel, Mark Purcell, Brad Nixon, Sean Arbour,

Guest: Christine Carson, UIA Administrator

Regrets: Tim Richards

1) **Additions/Adoption of Agenda -**

MOTION: To accept the agenda as circulated & amended

Mark/Sean

CARRIED

2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting November 9, 2015**

MOTION: To accept the November 9, 2015 minutes as circulated & amended.

Brad/Mark

CARRIED

3) **Correspondence:**

Nov 10- from BCSA– Canada vs Honduras tickets - forwarded to UIA minutes email list
Nov 12

Nov 20 – from BCSA– Board vacancy, request for candidates – forwarded to UIA exec
Nov 20

Nov 24 - from BCSA –Updates, deadlines, reminders and new initiatives– forwarded to
UIA exec Nov 25, Youth to Adult transition info forwarded to TDs Nov 25

Nov 26 –from BC Registries and Online Services- BC Societies Survey 2015 – forwarded
to exec Nov 27

Nov 27 – from Andrew Haines, BCSA – Information on Futsal and grassroots festivals,
retreat line workshop, summer games – forwarded to clubs, TDS Dec 6

Dec 1 – from York University Men’s Soccer – recruiting showcase – forwarded to TDs Dec
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4) **Old Business:**

a) **Meeting dates and locations** see list below.

b) **Insulin pump, medic alert bracelet and other personal medical equipment** –
review info from CSA. UIA has recommended that all safety policies (equipment,
concussion, severe weather) be presented in a clear grouping on the BCSA website, to
make them easy to find. See Appendix 1 for helpful information document circulated
to all clubs and discussed at UIA GM on Nov 21.

c) **U13s and B-cup** – subject dealt with at UIA special meeting and written feedback
sent to member clubs and Tier 3 steering committee members.

5) **New Business:**

a) **Island Invitational** – review of hosts and playdown formats, set hosts for U13s: Mid
Isle for girls, Campbell River for boys. Discuss scheduling challenges for 7 team
pool. Draw for pools to be done at January GM. Christine to produce schedule
bracket for playdowns.

- b) **Year-end jamborees for UISA league** – would like to program for all ages, including Super8 teams not involved in Island Invitational.
 - c) **AVYSA update** – Kevin has been in touch with the club - discussion of the situation.
MOTION: UISA to donate \$200 to AVYSA in support of their administrator.
Sean/Carl **CARRIED**
 - d) **Mini World Cup** –registration open! AVYSA is hosting in 2016 – MWC weekend will be April 30/May 1. Registration form posted on the UISA website.
 - e) **Report from Tier 3 steering committee – Carl** – issue of U13s playing Super8 addressed in writing by UISA board. Permit forms and rules need to be revised – carried over from November Tier 3 SC meeting, to be raised at January Tier 3 SC meeting. Discuss feedback on Super8 initiative to date – discuss continuing with this format. Discuss 3 year plan.
 - f) **Report from Riptide and Storm Steering committees Carl** – Storm will go with one U18 team per gender for 2016-17. However, concerned about players not picked having a good place to play – what are prospects for Tier 3 next year? Teams doing well in standings, except U15B who are struggling. **Sean** – Riptide introducing analysis software to players and families via online demo. Riptide website running very well. Riptide teams all doing well in standings. Investment in coaching and training program for both Riptide and Storm appears to be working well. Discuss enhancing coaching even more in the future. VISA academy will become Riptide academy in the spring. Discuss VIPL for next year.
 - g) **BC Societies Survey** - board to follow up
- 6) **Treasurer’s Report:** no report
- 7) **Registrar’s Report:** Registration late but progressing.
- 8) **Administrator’s Report:** UISA website improvements
- a) **League play:**
 - i. **BCSPL Update:** Currently on break. A few players moving in/out of BCSPL in the New Year to/from VIPL.
 - ii. **VIPL Update:** Last regular league games before Christmas to be played next weekend. After a few weekends of bad weather, make-up game dates filling up quickly.
 - iii. **UISA League Update:** Boys and Girls Super8 have both enjoyed a jamboree event, with 2 more to come after Christmas. The girls jamboree was attended by several BCSA grassroots personnel, who did an evaluation of the event and will send up feedback.
- 9) **Provincial Cup, Coastal and Island Cup play:** see old and new business items above
Special permission for U14B, U14G, U15G, U16B, U16G, U18B and U18G to participate in B-cup received from BCSA Nov 25.
- 10) **Technical Committee:**
- 11) **Discipline/Officials:**

Appeal to BCSA of district level decision re: Riptide Steering committee response to breach of code of conduct. BCSA has requested documentation from UISA.
Concern re: knee brace causing injury submitted. CSA memo in appendix 1 addresses concerns raised.

Tier 3 player without permit identified on game sheets. Followup letter sent to team and home club, and the team is now in compliance with UISA permit policy.

AOB:

MOTION: to adjourn meeting.

Carl/Brad

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting:

Monday, December 7, 2015 – Courtenay dinner meeting – 6:30 pm

Monday January 11, 2016 – via remote link – 7:00 PM

Monday, February 1, 2016 – via remote link – 7:00 pm

Monday, March 7, 2016 – Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville

Monday April 4, 2016 - via remote link – 7:00 pm

UISA General Meeting dates:

Saturday, January 16, 2016 at CVUSC clubhouse, Courtenay – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 1:30 pm

UISA Tier 3 Steering Committee meeting dates:

Saturday, January 16, 2015 at CVUSC clubhouse, Courtenay – 11:00 am

Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00 am

UISA Annual General Meeting date:

Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 12:30 pm

Appendix 1: CSA Memo on Player Personal Equipment

CSA Policy on Law 4 / 2005

MEMORANDUM 2005

Law 4

Player's Equipment, Including the Use of Non-compulsory Equipment

Introduction

This memo summarizes CSA policies designed to reduce inconsistencies in rulings over player's equipment. All referees are expected to follow these policies in all matches played under the direct supervision of the CSA. Other criteria may apply in A-league games or international (FIFA) competitions and referees must be guided accordingly.

The CSA strongly recommends that Provincial/Territorial Associations adopt these principles to help to even further reduce the possibility of inconsistencies in the application of this law.

Background

The Laws of the Game stipulate that:

- "A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player" (Law 4)
- Modern protective equipment such as headgear, facemasks, knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight, padded material are not considered dangerous and are therefore permitted. (FIFA)
- New technology has made sports spectacles much safer, both for the players themselves and for other players. Referees should show tolerance when authorising their use. This applies particularly to younger players." (FIFA)
- It is the referee's responsibility to inspect players compulsory and non-compulsory equipment before each and every match, as well as that of substitutes when they first enter the field of play to take part in a match. (Law 5)

Source: CSA

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CSA Policy on Law 4 / 2005

Specific Concerns

1. Jewellery

- No item of jewellery of any sort will be allowed on the field of play, even if it is 'taped'. i.e. covered.
- Game officials must set an example by removing all personal jewellery before entering the field of play (watches are obviously allowed for game officials).
- The rule of thumb should be 'if it can be seen, it's a problem'.
- **Earrings:** no earrings of any kind are acceptable. The practice of taping is no longer acceptable.
- **Facial rings:** any kind of jewellery around the eyes, nose or any other part of the face must be removed.
- **Bracelets:** all bracelets (including metal, rope, fabric ...) must be removed.
- **Medic Alert bracelets:** may be worn but must be covered or padded in order to be safe for all players.
- **Necklaces:** all necklaces must be removed.
- **Body piercing;** any body piercing not visible to the referee is not of concern. Should the piercing become visible the referee will ensure it is removed.
- **Watches:** players are not allowed to wear any kind of watches.
- **Beaded Hair:** if a player is wearing hair beads the hair must be tied in a bun or covered by a hair net. Loose beaded hair is not to be allowed.
- **Wedding rings:** must be removed. The sole exception is a smooth wedding band which the referee is convinced cannot be removed, and which poses no danger to any player. It is recommended that teams advise players to have such rings removed before reporting for the match. If exceptionally cannot be removed, it must be adequately padded.

2. Headwear

- **Hats:** no hats are allowed on the field of play, except for goalkeepers using one as an eye

shade.

- **Bandanas:** no bandanas are allowed.
- **Sweat bands:** no sweat bands are allowed.
- **Head protectors:** only those permitted by FIFA are allowed.
- **Spectacles:** are allowed if they are sports spectacles and are safe for the players themselves and for other players. Materials such as metal or glass are not accepted. (See picture source: FIFA).

3. Orthopaedic supports, e.g. knee braces

- FIFA Circular 863 states that the vast majority of commercially manufactured supports are safe to use. These items pose less of a hazard than players accidentally banging heads, for instance.
- The major concern is not the 'hardness' of the equipment alone, rather it should be whether any part of it can cut or wound another player.
- Any support must be safe for all players, and adequately padded if necessary.

4. Casts

- Players wearing a soft cast will be permitted to play if the cast does not present a danger to him/herself or any other player.
- All casts must be adequately padded.
- The referee (or a Supervisor of Officials if one has been appointed to the match) will make the final decision as to the acceptability of any cast.
- Any player who uses a cast with the intent to intimidate or injure an opponent shall be cautioned or sent off immediately.

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5. Footwear

- Referees are also to incorporate a footwear inspection into the pre-match safety check of players' equipment.
- Poorly maintained studs or blades on the sole of the boot can constitute a danger.
- When inspecting footwear, officials are to be alert to the possibility of the edge of the blades or studs developing rough areas on either the plastic or metal used in their construction.
- These burrs can become very sharp and have been the cause of lacerations to opponents.
- A referee who is concerned over the condition of blades or studs should refuse their use until such time as the unsafe condition has been removed.

6. Jerseys

- All jerseys must have sleeves.
- The players may not roll the sleeves up or tie them at the shoulder level.
- A player who removes his/her jersey to celebrate a goal will receive a caution for unsporting behaviour.

Disciplinary actions

- ☐ **The player(s) will be instructed to remove the dangerous item.**
- ☐ **A player who, after having been told to remove jewellery, wears it again will receive a caution.**
- ☐ **If play is stopped to administer a caution the restart shall be an indirect free kick taken from the place where the ball was located when play was stopped.**

Conclusion

It is hoped that this approach will help everyone to make sure that all players are able to take part in the game while paying due attention to their own safety and that of their opponents. Again provinces/territories are encouraged to consider adopting these items as local policy to generate even more consistency across the country.

Distribution

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