



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIA – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2014

CVUSC Clubhouse, Comox – 7:00 pm

Present: Sean Arbour, Kevin Cowie, Darrin McLeod, Mark Purcell, Carl Neibel (via phone)

Guests: Christine Carson, UIA Administrator

Regrets: Anna Cristante, Shannon Myers

- 1) **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** -add items g through j to new business

MOTION: To accept the agenda as circulated & amended

Mark/Carl

CARRIED

- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting June 9, 2014**

MOTION: To accept the June 9, 2014 minutes as circulated & amended.

Darrin/Carl

CARRIED

- 3) **Correspondence:**

BC Soccer Youth players U18 and beyond- forwarded to clubs June 13

BCSA – clubs must become registered societies– forwarded to clubs June 20

BC Soccer revised rules and regulations, and constitution– forwarded to clubs on June 30

BC Soccer conflict of interest template for members, anti-spam information – forwarded to clubs August 20

BCSA Grassroots development service plan – forwarded to clubs August 18

- 4) **Old Business:**

a) **Meeting dates and locations** – see end of minutes

b) **Steering committee on Tier 3 planning June meeting –Carl/Christine.** Decision to play 11 aside for U13 for next year. Committee will continue to meet quarterly, ideally just before GM. Next meeting -discuss placement of several teams, confirm all tier 3 teams, select Island Invitational playdown format.

c) **Review of UIA books** – looking for a new accountant, no response from first choice. **Action:** Mark to approach Ken Duncan.

d) **Closure of Metro club** –financial information for last year received August 18.

- 5) **New Business:**

a) **Reports from Riptide and Storm Steering Committees Carl report** – HCFC and Storm working on fields. Bill looking for support for academy practices. Only 1 coach disagreed with playing a game against Riptide in PR. Most likely for U15G and U18G. Steering committee meeting in next few weeks. U17B coach has been found. Several U18B have moved to U21. **Darrin/Sean report** – propose Riptide/Storm interfranchise event – UIA Shield - Storm committee will consider. Riptide will have 3h on Wednesday nights on the new turf field, so teams will have a practice slot there every other week. Mon night will be development night in both Campbell River and Comox for all Riptide players. U13s will also have their own once-a-month sessions with Shel. Riptide raffle successful – raised over \$5000 – the

franchise is very grateful for WestJet's support. Congratulations to all our teams who went to Provincials and did so well!

- b) **BC Soccer AGM report – Kevin/Christine report** – many housekeeping and other updates in rules –books of clubs and districts must be opened/provided for BCSA on request, all members and affiliated clubs must be registered societies, no cost for interdistrict transfers at any time, fines put in place to encourage timely submission of registration data and money. BCSA will consider some opening up possibilities for youth older than U11 to play in a small sided format and change of roster declaration date to match Jan cup declaration dates in upcoming meetings. Seminars and information re: conflict of interest, harassment also provided.
- c) **Power Up Sports software company meeting report - Christine** –met with company to gain an introduction to the product in July. No plans to consider any new software until the new year.
- d) **Sept 6-7 Soccer development weekend** - no information from clubs so far – **Action:** Christine to send out reminder to clubs to share plans at GM.
- e) **Tier 3 League 2014-15 season** – Teams to be confirmed at August 23 GM. See Appendix 1 for teams declared to date. Season starts September 14. Late teams have until Sept 21 to declare, and will begin play October 5. Standings will not be kept for any age groups. Scheduling to be done the week of August 24.
- f) **VIPL 2014-15 season** – 135 Riptide players, 169 Storm players, season start Sept 6-7, draft schedules written, final schedules to be out (hopefully) within the week.
- g) **Letter to BC soccer-** UISA submitted a request to BC soccer for players to be allowed to play house and Tier 3 at the smaller clubs in the district. Response should be coming soon.
- h) **Whitecaps** – request from Sam Lenarduzzi and Craig Angus to attend next UISA exec and perhaps later GM. The board will meet with them at the start of the exec meeting Sept 8.
- i) **Positive coaching alliance** – American organization for coaching certification, has an online course which takes less than 2h to complete at a cost of \$30. Effectively uses several sport psychology principles. Used by UDP and Riptide. **Discussion** - could Mid-Isle sanction money be diverted to membership + 5 courses (\$300US+ 5 courses at group rate of \$18)? Propose Mid-Isle sanction be used for this year, then UISA carry membership cost.
Decision: To apply the Mid-Isle sanction to a \$300US partnership fee with the Positive Coaching Alliance and to the purchase of 5 Double Gold Coach Winning and Life Lesson online coaching courses at \$18US each, to be purchased through Upper Island Soccer.
- j) **Retreat line rule** - Lower Island is using this, as is BC SPL at U13. UISA would like to implement this at U12 for 2014-15. See Appendix 2 for more detailed information from BCSA.

MOTION: To implement a retreat line (marked by flags or a dotted line) for U12 divisions in 2014-15 and beyond. We will only implement this on a goal kick and ask the players to drop back behind the line and the ball is in play when the player receiving the goal kick touches the ball.

Rule change: All players from the opposing team will retreat back behind the existing offside line marked by cones at the 1/3 mark of the field, which will be also known as the retreat line. Players from the opposing team may not pass the

retreat line until the ball has been touched by the player receiving the goal kick. If the goal kick is kicked passed the retreat line the ball is in deemed in play as soon as it crosses the retreat line. This motion supersedes Law 16: The Goal Kick rule in the BC soccer official Under 11 and Under 12 playing rules, detailed in Appendix 3

Darrin/Mark

CARRIED

6) **Treasurer's Report:**

- a) **Banking changes** – finally complete and apparently functional!
- b) **August financial report** - for UISA general account presented and discussed.

7) **Registrar's Report:**

- a) **Registration workshops** – assistance with registration offered to all clubs – OYSS has booked Sept 16.
- b) **Fall registration deadlines:** 1. Deadline to submit 50% payment based on Fall 2013/14 total registration -**Friday, August 29, 2014.**
2. Deadline to submit by email your properly completed **template** and summary - **Wednesday, September 24, 2014.**
3. Deadline to submit remainder of payment for 2014/15 based on summary - **Tuesday, September 30, 2014.**

8) **Administrator's Report:**

- a) **Administrator compensation** – discussion of increase in fall.
- b) **Fall/Winter hours** – will post approx. 20h per week, including Sat and Sun hours.
- c) **Administrator plans for 2014-15** – Board will supply support letters for Christine to attend a non-profit management course at NIC in the fall. Christine also plans to attend bookkeeping and SAGE-50 courses in the new year.
- d) **League play:**
 - i. **BCSPL Update:** no update
 - ii. **VIPL Update:** see new business f
 - iii. **Gold/UISA League Update:** see new business e
- e) **Provincial Cup, Coastal and Island Cup play:**
A huge **congratulations** to all the athletes on the six Upper Island teams who participated in the BC Soccer Youth Provincial A and B Cup Championships July 3-6, 2014.



U13 Girls Powell River Predators - won **Bronze** in the B-Cup competition!



U14 Boys Riptide are the **Provincial A Cup champions** and Fair Play Award recipients - the first Riptide VIPL franchise team to bring home a Provincial title!

And, in an historic first, Upper Island teams have won both the A and B cup competitions in an age group –



U18 Girls Powell River Fury are the **Provincial B Cup champions** and Fair Play Award recipients!



U18 Girls Storm are the **Provincial A cup champions** - the first Storm VIPL franchise team to bring home a Provincial title!

9) **Technical Committee:**

a) **Technical Committee:** no updates

- i. **BCSPL Update:**
- ii. **VIPL Update:**
- iii. **Gold League Update:**
- iv. **Club Soccer Update:**

b) **Technical Programs:**

10) **Discipline/Officials:** Riptide dealing with inappropriate and harassing commentary from one VIPL family – BC Soccer advises that family must follow code of conduct guidelines in order to continue to participate in the league and that a 3 strike policy for dealing with infractions of the code is recommended.

Motion: UISA will support and enforce VIPL parent, coach and player codes of conduct using a three strike policy for violations of the codes, as described in the document in Appendix 4.

11) **AOB:**

MOTION: to adjourn meeting.

Darrin/Sean

CARRIED

Future Meeting Dates:

UISA Executive Meeting:

Monday, August 18 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday September 8 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday October 6 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday November 3 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm
Monday Dec 1 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 7:00pm

UISA General Meeting dates:

Saturday August 23, 2014 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 11:00am
Saturday November 22, 2014 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 12:30 pm
January 2015 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay

UISA Tier 3 Steering Committee meeting dates:

Saturday August 23, 2014 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – 1:30pm
Saturday November 22, 2014 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00 am
January 2015 at CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay – before the GM

UISA Annual General Meeting date:

April 2015

Appendix 1: Tier 3 teams for 2014-15 as declared by August 20.

#'s	Division	Club	Coach	
GIRLS				
1	U12G	MIYSA	Jim Noon	
2	U12G	CVUSC	Jeff Howe	
3	U12G	CVUSC	Andrew Duncan	
4	U12G	HCFC	Scott Toop	
5	U12G	PRYSA	John Vanderkemp	
6	U12G	CRYSA		possible
BOYS				
1	U12B	MIYSA	Paul Brockhurst	
2	U12B	CVUSC	Mike North	
3	U12B	CVUSC	Peter Harriss	
4	U12B	HCFC	Scott Saywell	
5	U12B	HCFC	Jason Coates	
6	U12B	PRYSA	Adam Vallance	
7	U13B	CVUSC	Zack Chang	
8	U12B	CRYSA		
9	U12B	AVYSA	Gaelle Frey	biweekly in
#'s				
Division				
Club				
Coach				
GIRLS				
1	U13G	CVUSC	Jamie Barnie	
2	U13G	OYSS		
3	U13G	HCFC	Harold Bond	
4	U13G	PRYSA	Ron Hollingsworth	
5	U13G	CRYSA		
6	U13G	AVYSA	Doug Chase	
1	U14G	PRYSA	Cam Miller	
1	U14/15G	OYSS		possible
2	U14/15G	MIYSA		possible
3	U14/15G	CVUSC	Tom Patterson	
1	U15/16G	PRYSA	Dwayne Narduzzi	
2	U16G	HCFC	Jeff Till	
1	U17/18G	MIYSA		possible
2	U17/18G	PRYSA	Paul Liknes	biweekly
BOYS				
1	U13B	MIYSA	John Holzwarth	
2	U13B	CVUSC	Mark Purcell	
3	U13B	HCFC	Adrian Collery	
4	U13B	PRYSA	Tony Rice	
1	U13/U14B	OYSS		
2	U14B	PRYSA	Thorsell	
3	U13/14B	CRYSA	Petrovcic	
4	U14B	AVYSA	Tyler Smith	
1	U14/15B	MIYSA		possible
2	U15B	PRYSA	Barrie MacDonald	
3	U14/15B	CVUSC	Robbie Taylor	
1	U15/16B	CVUSC	Tony Dickson	
2	U16B	HCFC	Thain Breese	
3	U17/18B	MIYSA		possible

Appendix 2: Retreat Line information from BC Soccer

Introduction:

As the intake under 13 player begins their involvement with the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League, there will be amendments made to the FIFA Laws of the Game to assist with the full field transition during the September to November timeframe.

The use of a retreat line will be introduced to promote young players during goal kicks to improve their ability to play out from the back rather than kicking the ball away from their goal and down field.

By introducing a retreat line, the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League believes that the game will become more rewarding for intake players graduating into the under 13 age group in January 2015.

Background:

The EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League promotes a possession style of play, where the quality of pass combined with good decision making results in a learning environment that constantly challenges each player.

All players on the field should be comfortable in possession of the ball during game situations. Being able to progress and penetrate through all the thirds of the field to provide goal-scoring opportunities.

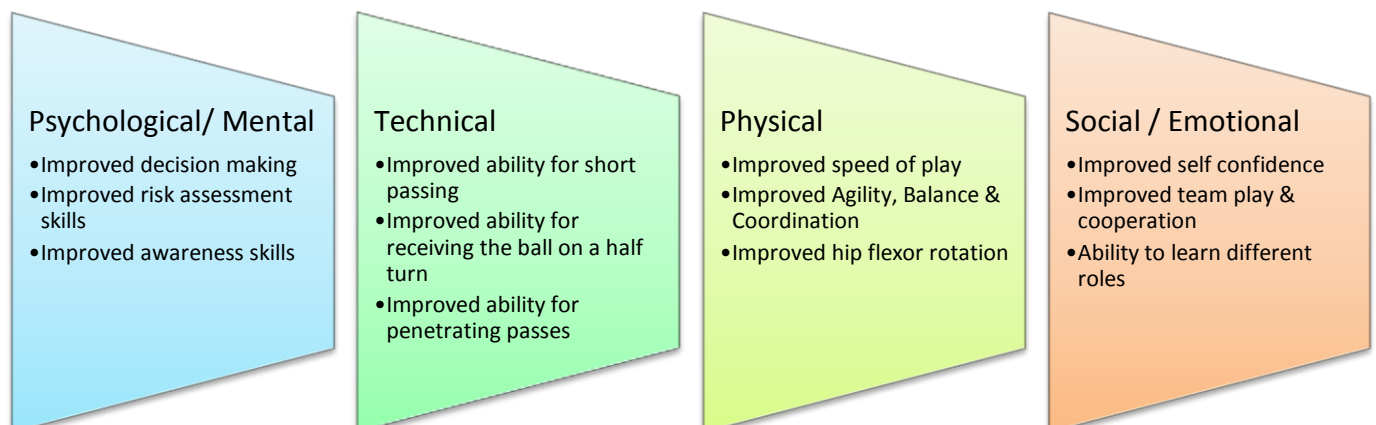
Rationale:

The world of soccer is evolving and Canadian youth must also evolve with the game. The modern game now

evolves around maintaining possession of the ball, with controlled, precise build up starting from the goalkeeper. Players must understand the right time to play forward and/or backwards.

To enable youth players to play this style of soccer they must learn to play through the thirds of the field and have the ability to maintain possession throughout the whole field while under pressure. Every player on the field must become comfortable in possession of the ball, as possession based soccer should become their default style of play

Outcomes:



Retreat Line Procedure:

The Retreat line comes into play when the ball has gone out for a goal kick. All opposing players will retreat to flags indicating the attacking 3rd zone and cannot pursue the ball until:

- The ball is received by a teammate OR,
- The ball travels over the retreat line OR,
- The ball leaves the field of play

If a team chooses to play quickly, they can. The ball will be in play as soon as it leaves the penalty area regardless of the opposing team's position.



If the opposing team repeatedly infringes the retreat line, an indirect free kick shall be awarded from the place where the offence occurred for not respect the restart.

Making the Right decision:

At times the correct pass is a long one, players need to recognize the positions of the opposing team and act accordingly. If there is the opportunity to play quickly to create a counter attack, it should be encouraged!

This supports the development of decision making for young players and the speed of their distribution.

Summary:

This is a new initiative to help young players transition to the full field during the September to November timeframe. It will take time for players, coaches, officials and parents to adapt to something new and the EA Sports BC Soccer Premier League appreciates your support.

Appendix 3: Official Under 11 and Under 12 playing rules from BC Soccer

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Appendix F: Official Under 11 & Under 12 Playing Rules

The BCSA recommended modifications to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Law 1: The Field of Play

Length: 60 (Min) 75 (Max) Meters

Width: 42 (Min) 55 (Max) Meters

Field Markings:

Distinctive lines not more than fifteen (15) centimetres wide. The field of play is divided into thirds and by a centre spot that indicates a centre spot that is located at the midpoint. A circle with a radius of nine (9) meters may, but not mandatory be marked around it. An offside line parallel to the centre line should be marked from touch line to touch line at the attacking third mark.

NB: All field markings may be marked by the means of cones (woz-makers)

Goal Area

None

The Penalty Area:

A penalty area is defined at each end of the field as follows:

Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line, eleven (11) meters from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of eleven (11) meters and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area a penalty mark is made nine (9) meters from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.

Flag posts:

Conform to FIFA if used, they however are not mandatory).

The Corner Arc:

Conform to FIFA if marked, they however are not mandatory)

Goals Posts:

Goals must be placed on the centre of each goal line and measure 5.486 x 1.83 Meters 18feet wide and 6 feet high.

Law 2: The Ball

The ball must conform to FIFA standards and must conform to the FIFA inflation specifications.

Size four (4)



Law 3: The Number of Players

A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eight (8) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players one of whom is the goalkeeper. All players shall play equal playing time.

Team Size: 12 Minimum / 16 Maximum

Substitutions: At any stoppage, substitutions are unlimited and must be done with the officials' permission.

Playing time: All players SHALL play equal playing time.

Law 4: The Players Equipment

Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but uniforms must still distinguish teams. The goalkeeper should wear a colour that distinguishes him/her from both teams. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Jewellery is not permitted.

Law 5: The Referee

A Small-Sided Referee must be used. The referee's role is to keep players safe and ensure that the game is played under the 'fair play' code. A Small-Sided Referee can send a team official from the field if they fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

Law 6: The Assistant Referee

A nominated person

Law 7: The Duration of the Match

The match will be divided into two (2) halves of thirty (30) minutes each. There shall be a half-time interval of five (5) minutes.

Law 8: The Start and Restart of Play

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least nine (9) meters from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9: The Ball In and Out of Play

Conform to FIFA.

Law 10: The Method of Scoring

Conform to FIFA.

Law 11: Offside

Conform to FIFA, with the exception of only occurring in the attacking third. A line may be marked as a dotted line, and solid line or single cones on the touch line.

When an offside offence occurs, the referee awards an indirect free kick to be taken from the position of the offending player when the ball was last played to him by one of his team-mates.





A player in an offside position (A) may be penalised before playing or touching the ball, if, in the opinion of the referee, no other team-mate in an onside position has the opportunity to play the ball.

Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct

Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the centre spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponents penalty area. Cautionary and expulsion cards are used.

Law 13: Free Kicks

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least nine (9) meters from the ball. An indirect kick awarded to the attacking team that occurs inside the penalty area, shall be taken from the outside edge of the penalty area in line where the offense took place.

Law 14: The Penalty Kick

Conform to FIFA with the exceptions that the penalty mark is marked at nine (9) meters from the goal line. All players except the player taking the kick must be nine (9) meters from the ball.

Law 15: The Throw-In

Conform to FIFA.

Law 16: The Goal Kick

Conform to FIFA except that it shall be taken from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents must remain at least nine (9) meters away from the ball until it is in play.

Law 17: The Corner Kick:

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least nine (9) meters away from the ball until it is in play.



Appendix 4: UISA Three strike policy

The Upper Island Soccer Association has adopted a program called three strikes and you're out for their VIPL teams. The purpose of this policy is to control the conduct of the players, coaches, volunteers and parents on and off the soccer field who are participating in a soccer event.

This will include: to and from a game, the game, practices, fund raisers and team socials. Violations can be as simple as a rude gesture towards a coach, spectator or referee and can be as complex as fighting, consuming alcohol, or illegal drugs use.

Anything that can be judged to be unethical for the game of soccer would be a violation of this policy, including the inappropriate use of all forms of social media.

Procedure for enforcing this policy:

Violations must be reported to the Riptide or Storm Steering committee in writing: giving names, dates times and what occurred. If it is decided that a violation of the policy has occurred, a letter will be sent to the individual, informing them of the incident and that a first strike has been issued. The letter will also state that if further incidents should occur that a second and possibly a third strike will be issued and that this person will have to be removed from their capacity in our program. The person who has violated the policy and has received their second strike, has the right to appeal any decision the Riptide Steering committee has made in writing to UISA.