



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIA – QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville 12:30 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Kevin Cowie (UI Director), Sean Arbour (UI Director), Carl Neibel (UI Director), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Warren Cudney (OYSS), Michael Brown (HCFC), Linda Rhodes (AVYSA), Al Rimell (CRYSA), Brad Nixon (UI Director), Joel Butler (HCFC), Willow Hartig (MIYSA), Mohammed Rbah (CVUSC), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Tim Richards (UI Director),

Regrets: Bill Merriman (Storm and MI TD), Mark Purcell (UI Director)

Guests: Christine Carson, Administrator; Don Moslin (BC Soccer), Andrew Haines (BC Soccer)

Role Call/Additions/Adoption of Agenda: Add j and k

MOTION: to adopt agenda as amended

Brad Nixon/Tim Richards

CARRIED

Minutes of previous meeting: General Meeting August 29, 2015

MOTION: to adopt meeting minutes from August 29, 2015

Brad Nixon/Tony Dickson

CARRIED

Old Business:

- a) **BCSA Coaching certification mandate** – 5 UIA clubs have registered with BCSA to have in-club learning facilitators. Course coming up in Jan/Feb from BC soccer. They are: Shawn Fiddick, Bill Merriman, Mohammed Rbah, Tony Dickson, Larry Stefanek, Wayne Evans, Bobbie Taylor, Kevin Lindo, Ken Garraway. A reminder that A- and B-cup head coaches must have their Soccer for Life certificate or higher. Starting in 2016, all coaches will need age-appropriate coach certification. Clubs are encouraged to plan for the increased demand for coach certification to meet this requirement.
- b) **Website and contact updates:** Please make sure current club contact and board information is on your club websites, and please forward new board contacts and financial statements presented at your AGM to UIA within 2 months of the AGM.
- c) **BCSA Presidents meeting update** – Financial reporting from clubs: some movement to have clubs provide districts with more than a notice to reader as financial information, possible a review or audit, to support their obligations to report.

New Business:

- a) **Executive and General Meeting Dates** – see list below
- b) **BCSA FUTSAL festival** – Andrew Haines, BCSA - BCSA putting on FUTSAL festivals

for small-sided ages (current focus 9-12), 2.5 days with coach education and play, Fraser Valley festival over the break full already, would be happy to put one on in UISA. Discuss possibilities in Comox Valley and Nanaimo areas, with an eye to spring.

- c) **BCSA Club charter program – Don Moslin, Andrew Haines** BC soccer introducing a club charter model, several groups inside and out of BCSA have collaborated to produce a working document, program to roll out in the new year. 3 categories of requirements: governance, administration and technical. Clubs must meet a number of criteria, all consistent with best practices in place, and including coach certification, play only against BCSA-sanctioned teams, and providing proof of registered society status. All criteria should be obtainable by all sizes of clubs, as the program will roll out in several levels. Hopefully, club charter program will provide a framework for all clubs to encourage them to be a best-practices organization. **Discussion:** process of BCSA verification of club claims, duration of certification, feedback on draft, questions about criteria.
- d) **BCSA Retreat Line Update – Andrew Haines** development tool adopted by many small-sided programs, 90 min seminar available to support use of the retreat line, free to host, can be presented to coaches directly. Clubs who are interested should contact Andrew Haines. Suggestion – good to present to youth referees as well. Could be presented in UISA via web link or podcast. BCSA has a working group for small-sided game use – please contact Andrew Haines if you are interested in participating in the working group.
- e) **BCSA Grassroots Festival – Andrew Haines** – new format, rotates between game and skill environments, volunteer coaches stay with one station and kids rotate. BCSA has a grant to support these festivals, some money still available for this year. Programming age-specific and short duration – can be used for small or large groups. Information available on the BCSA website. **Action:** Andrew to send info to Christine, who will forward to all clubs.
- f) **Island Invitational 2016** – confirm participants with all clubs. See Appendix 1 for list of teams declared.
- g) **B-Cup draws 2016** – random draws carried out by Don Moslin and Andrew Haines of BC Soccer. See Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 for results of boys and girls draws.
- h) **Player personal equipment update**– sent to all clubs and posted on the UISA website. Discuss – strengths and limitations of leaving the call to the referees, but because referees are ultimately responsible for player safety, cannot override this provision. Need to update referees regularly, and have docs easily accessible on websites. See Appendix 4 for complete update.
- i) **BC Summer Games updates– Don Moslin** – changed the age to U15, 11-aside. Play round robin, followed by a crossover game. BCSPL players cannot participate. Players will have minimum playing time. Will hopefully promote retention and provide an opportunity for review by SPL level coaches. Coaches recommendation to zone coordinator (Andrew Latham for the Island) are encouraged. Team head coaches must have at least their provincial B-licence, and assistant coaches must have at least Soccer for Life.
- j) **BCSA candidates consideration for the BCSA board – Don Moslin** -notice came out this week asking for applications for a board vacancy, to be filled until the AGM in June. BCSA encourages participation on the board for those interested at the AGM elections in June as well.
- k) **Coach development** – Mohammed asked for dedicated coach development time, as a regular

part of our season, in complement to our player development efforts. Need to take two-pronged approach – club support for coach development and individual coach motivation and planning for their own development. UISA previously dedicated opening weekend to coach development – should review re-implementing for next season? Other efforts to support coach development: Wayne shared efforts of HCFC to support coaches moving up from Soccer for Life with extra events at the club level. MidIsle shared efforts to have more experienced coaches mentor newer ones at practices for their older youth teams (new coaches join in to learn and assist).

Treasurer's Report: Bank balances as of Nov 21, 2015:

UISA General Account Balance \$37,754.39

Storm account Balance \$37,022.62

Riptide account Balance \$23, 697.14

VIPL Hardship Account Balance \$801.35

Registrar's Report: Fall registration delayed – BCSA has given us until end of November to submit.

Administrator/Scheduler's Report: UISA office will close for 10 days this winter, currently scheduled for Dec 21-Jan 2

Tier II : www.leaguelineup.com/vipl

Tier III: www.uisoccer.org.

Discipline: BC Soccer has a new discipline website which is working well.

Technical: Would like to organize a meeting with all club TDs but little response to email sent out in October. Would like to meet by January to plan for upcoming seasons.

Club Reports:

- a) **Alberni/West Coast:** Linda Rhodes – season going well, house capped at U15 as not successful retaining older players. Whitecaps development nights every other week well attended.
- b) **Campbell River/Gold River:** Turf field close to finished.
- c) **Comox:** Tony Dickson– smaller numbers for fall house, bigger numbers at UDP and competitive stream. Tracking player development question– Andrew Haines: club should celebrate the advancement of their players, but no mechanism/norms in place at Provincial level. Recommendation for player advancement question – who should be promoting the player? No standard procedure makes it erratic. Andrew – there is a mechanism for clubs to recommend to BC soccer, the player would still have to prove themselves in a high performance environment, but could improve communication to improve process. Discuss use of tournaments to evaluate, recommend CVUSC connect with Sean and Shel to explore further.
- d) **Gabriola:** no report
- e) **Mid-Isle:** Willow- Kinsmen purchasing a storage container for the turf field, and committee to raise funds for a clubhouse (also at the turf) ready to go.

- f) **HCFC:** Joel Butler – all good. Merle Logan really nice after refurbishment. Hosted lots of coaching clinics this fall, and all went well in Sept. Michael Blumentraft has been appointed President, and Gunnar Myer Vice President until the next AGM. Part time assistant coach Daragh Fitzgerald has been hired.
- g) **OYSS:** Suzanne Beauchesne- Academy run by Larry wrapped up by last week, hoping to focus on coach training through the winter, particularly for new coaches for the younger players. Challenge to manage cohorts with not enough players for one team, or not quite enough players to field 2 teams. Only community without a turf field, starting conversation to move in this direction.
- h) **Powell River:** no report

AOB:

MOTION: To adjourn meeting.

Tony Dickson/Michael Brown

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, November 21, 2015 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 12:30 pm

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, November 21, 2015 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00 am

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:

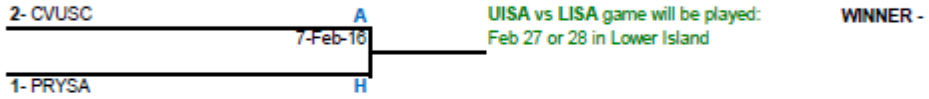
Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 12:30 pm

Appendix 1: UISA teams declared for Island Invitational 2016

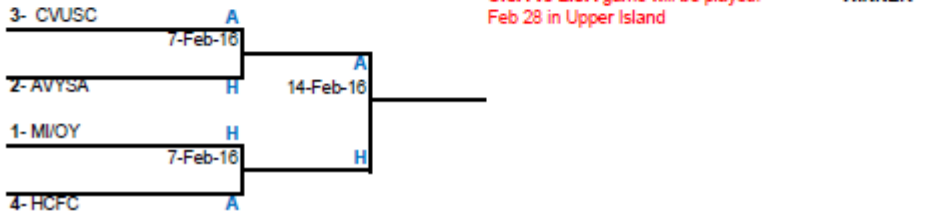
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GIRLS SUPER8			
1	U12/13G	CRYSA	Jordie Sorenson
2	U12/13G	OYSS	Mike Weeks
3	U13G-1	CVUSC	Jeff Howe
4	U13G	HCFC	Scott Toop
5	U13G	MIYSA	Jim Noon
6	U13G	PRYSA	John Vanderkemp
BOYS SUPER8			
1	U12/13B	OYSS	Chris Basara/Owen David
2	U13B-1	CRYSA	Al Rimell
3	U13B-2	CRYSA	Brent Blackmun
4	U13-1	CVUSC	Mike North
5	U13B	HCFC	Jason Coates
6	U13B	MIYSA	Paul Brockhurst
7	U13B	PRYSA	Adam Vallance
GIRLS			
1	U14G	AVYSA	Doug Chase
2	U14G	CVUSC	Steve Kelly
3	U14G	PRYSA	Ron Hollingsworth
1	U14/15G	OYSS	Chris Cole/Rob Waite
2	U14/15G	HCFC	Jason Bradley
3	U15G	PRYSA	Cam Miller
1	U15/16G	CVUSC	Ian MacLean
2	U14/16G	MIYSA	Willow Hartig
1	U16/18G	CVUSC	Mike Oldale
2	U18G	HCFC	Jeff Till
BOYS			
1	U14B	CVUSC	Zack Chang
2	U14B	PRYSA	Tony Rice
1	U14/15B	AVYSA	Amanda Salvage
2	U14/15B	MI+OY	Craig Glennie
3	U14/15B	CVUSC	Johnny Craig
4	U14/15B	HCFC	Rod Ekland
1	U15/16B	CVUSC	Andrew Duncan
2	U16B	PRYSA	Dean Thorsell
1	U16/18B	MIYSA	Tim Richards
2	U17/18B	CVUSC	Tony Dickson
3	U16/18B	HCFC	Adda Bessigher

Appendix 2: Boys UISA B-cup playdown brackets 2016

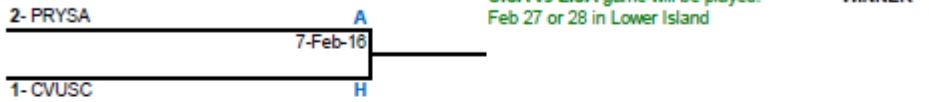
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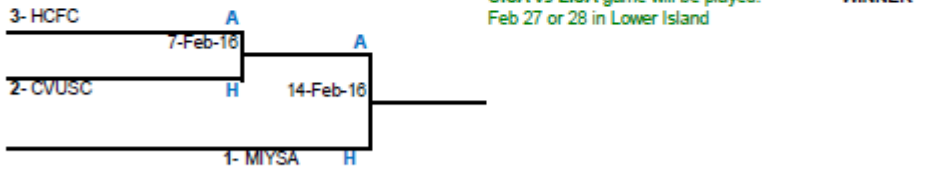
U 15 Boys



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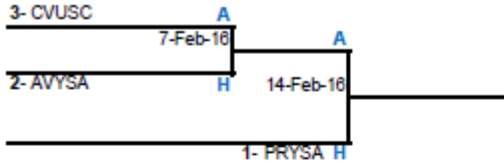


U18 Boys



Appendix 3: Girls UISA B-cup playdown brackets

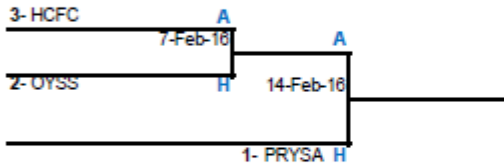
U14 Girls



UISA vs LISA game will be played:
Feb 27 or 28 in Lower Island

WINNER -

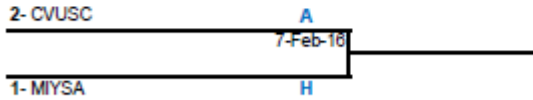
U15 Girls



UISA vs LISA game will be played:
Feb 28 in Upper Island

WINNER -

U16 Girls



UISA vs LISA game will be played:
Feb 27 or 28 in Lower Island

WINNER -

U18 Girls

U18G CVUSC Blaze

UISA vs LISA game will be played:
Feb 27 or 28 in Lower Island

WINNER -



Appendix 4: CSA memo on player personal equipment



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)



Source: CSA



Source: FIFA

- Modern protective equipment such as head-gear, 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)



Source: 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)

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 883 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.

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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For the Good of the Game