



# UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

**UISA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 31, 2014**  
**Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00am**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Carl Niebel (UISA), Sean Arbour (UISA), Tim Smith (Mid-Isle), Steve Rhodes (AVYSA), Adrian Collery (HCFC), Warren Cudney (OYSS), Barrie MacDonald (PRYSA), Allan Rimell (CRYSA), Jeff Till (HCFC), Glen Murphy (GYSA), Tony Dickson (CVUSC)  
**Guest:** Christine Carson (UISA Administrator), Joel Butler (HCFC Administrator)

**Player-first framework for policy making – Discussion Carl/Barrie/Gen/Sean/Adrian/Tim**  
long term goal to support and encourage all players to play at the best level they can, and to celebrate and validate all levels of soccer achievement from club to elite. Will require effort at district level and cooperation. Expected to be an evolving process. Challenging due to balancing individual potential with team viability, club numbers, coach development/retention, balance with other sports. Need a set of guiding principles for Tier 3- missing a policy that all clubs can refer to and build on.

**How to reshape Tier 3- Discussion** Need to build a system that works more effectively for clubs to support house and Tier 3 – players playing in both is needed by smaller clubs to function effectively. Move forward with this model, and advocate for changes for BC soccer rules. Also need to fit in the framework for BC soccer rules for the present – need to find a way to make this work immediately, while lobbying for rule changes which are slower to take place to allow registration to clubs, not teams. Use flexibility allowed in system already – ie transfers, do not declare for cup, rep players playing house excused from house practice, house leagues that are “informal” – non-sanctioned and do not keep standings. Also need to keep more players at U13/14 to make older ages viable. Discuss various ways of doing this, and how to incorporate flexibility that will allow both smaller and larger clubs to benefit. Discuss cooperation between clubs for house league play and formation of Tier 3 teams – respect boundaries first, but have central info for sharing players/making interclub teams available when needed – to allow for the most effective sharing of kids and building of teams. Communication interclub needs to be improved and is crucial to moving forward. Goal- have as many kids playing as possible as high as level as possible, using a player first approach whenever feasible.

**Action:** Christine to create a [“UISA Tier 3 Players and Teams”](#) forum for planning for Tier 3 teams for 2014-15 on the UISA website. All clubs are encouraged to use it- you can add to the discussion by clicking the “reply” button at the top RHS of the page.

**Status: Done.** Click link above for forum.

### Planning for 2014-15

- 8 aside development - UISA Super 8 select league – open to U12 teams and individual U13 players OR change U13 format to 8 aside, and open to U12 teams and U13 teams.
- U13-18: 11 aside teams will play in the UISA league, with the option of playing weekly

or biweekly.

- House/Tier 4 will play on Saturdays
- Tier 3 will play on Sundays.
- Tier 3 players will play house as well if the club desires.
- No standings will be kept.
- Fair play guidelines will be introduced.
- Schedule for developmental stage, not just age level: In late August/early September teams will be scheduled for the first three or 4 weeks of play only. The schedule for the remainder of the year will mix teams with developmentally-matched competition as much as possible. Scheduling will be done separately for Oct-Dec and Jan-Mar, to allow matchups to be adjusted as the season progresses.
- Introduce house interclub jamborees for U9-12.

### **Planning for future years**

Need to recruit 30 players at U12.

Need to keep bigger cohort at U13.

Change U13 format to 8 aside.

Accommodate U11 and U8 games at all age groups (play alternate weeks in each format?).

### **Motion: UISA league to play super 8 format up to U13.**

**Glen/Warren**

Motion tabled pending discussion at club level.

***Action:** A survey for coaches and club presidents to consider this option to be created and circulated to clubs on June 4, 2014. **Status: in progress***

***Action:** Christine to consult BC Soccer about the choices, so clubs can be informed of consequences of a switch in format*

***Status: Done.** Contacted Andrew Haines, Dan Turvill and Lori D'Andrea at BC Soccer regarding players playing house and rep, and change in U13 format to 8 aside.*

**Feedback re: switching super 8 format for U13-** If UISA switches formats, it is not clear if the U13s will be able to participate in B cup. BC soccer will only allow teams that play in a "properly constituted league", defined as at least 4 teams playing 11 aside, to declare for B Cup. UISA may apply in writing to the BC Soccer competitions committee for dispensation, to allow U13's playing Super 8 to declare for B Cup. This process will take time and the outcome cannot be predicted, since no other district has previously made this request. A reply will not be ready for 2014-15 teams by the end of June. Team size must also be considered - all teams that declare for B cup are allowed only 3 transfers onto their roster, and transfers must be done by Jan 15. Discussion on this topic will continue at BC soccer next week, and hopefully at the AGM on June 13-14.

**Feedback re: players playing house and select-** This occurs in the Kootenays, but their situation differs from UISA in that house play finishes before the Provincials. Andrew Haines to follow up with more detail. Not clear if BC soccer willing to accept players in an informal club house league as not in conflict. May be able to use permits to have players play both "legally" in the eyes of BC Soccer.

**Next meeting:** June 22, 2014, 11AM Quality Inn Bayside