



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UIISA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting

Saturday April 25, 2015

Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville– 11:00am

Present: Kevin Cowie (UIISA), Sean Arbour (UIISA), Carl Neibel (UIISA), Al Rimell (CRYSA), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Brad Nixon (HCFC), Wayne Evans (HCFC), Jason Coates (HCFC), Glen Murphy (GYSA), Warren Cudney (OYSS), Barrie McDonald (PRYSA), Brad Berry (AVYSA)

Guests: Christine Carson (UIISA Administrator) Don Moslin (BCSA)

- 1) **Retreat line:** review and edit “Retreat Line Why and How to” document **Discussion** - need to pass information on to the clubs soon, also need to ask for some consideration for young referees as they become familiar with implementation of the retreat line. Club implementation recommended. Wayne – HCFC implementing the retreat line from U9 up. Barrie – Not sure of house format for U13s, who usually play with the senior division, but expect to use it for younger ages. Mid Isle has implemented the retreat line already without incident. **Clarification:** If opposing team infringes over retreat line or with a player before the ball has been passed out past the retreat line, or from the goalie to a player on his/her team, the goal kick is repeated. **Edits** – diagram should show 8 aside, not 11 and retreat line should be clearly marked on the diagram with a dotted line.
- 2) **Super 8 playing rules:** review and edit the “Proposed U13 playing rules” document. **Discussion** – 1) Size of the ball – argument made for size 4, currently the size for U12s, but not U13s. Girls soccer moving to smaller lighter balls as they are associated with fewer injuries. 2) Equal playing time – hard to monitor and regulate equal time, who is responsible – coach? refs? -and how to handle for players who are less committed to the team (ie attendance, effort at practices). BCSA and several clubs follow a standard of all kids playing 30% of the season. Recommend that UIISA adopt the same standard for Super8 in the best practices document, rather than write as a rule. 3) Number of players on the team – double check BC soccer limits 4) Small sided referee MAY be used, not shall. 5) ARs are recommended, but UIISA recognizes that not all clubs can provide ARs for all games. Teams are encouraged to have a designated, competent parent/family member available to run lines at games. 6) Fouls and Misconduct – Double check BCSA mini soccer handbook for wording, norms. Coaches should be encouraged in best practices document to use minor fouls as teaching tools for what is and isn’t allowed in the game. 7) Discuss penalty kicks, free kicks, but no changes. 8) Game duration- 35 minute halves. **Action:** UIISA will ask special permission of BCSA for teams to declare for B-cup.
- 3) **UIISA 8-aside best practices:** review and develop the best practices document for the new Super8 league. **Discussion** A) Core philosophy/values – all players shall be

encouraged to develop, acknowledging that players develop at different ages, and following the LTPD model of BC Soccer. B) Team formation: Retention of kids for U14 is an issue. Age-based groups can be great, stable social cohorts, and need to preserve that to keep teams functioning in future years. Team formation should be player centered, with an eye to creating a cohort that can form a team at later ages. Discuss pressure/challenges of cohort recruitment and balancing standards of rep play with challenge of developing kids, which requires opportunities at all levels and strong house – need to avoid going back to a mindset of limiting numbers. Clubs to decide how to organize their teams – whether to mix ages, abilities. For the 2015-16 Super 8 season, teams will be pooled into ability levels after an initial seeding round of play. C) Tier 3 play at U14 and above: Difficulties of developing a big enough cohort at U12/13 to have teams functioning at U14 and above discussed. All clubs motivated to grow this cohort to improve opportunities for older kids in Tier 3. Clubs also very concerned about Tier 3 opportunities for U16-U18 kids, because teams are rare in these age groups. Several initiatives to integrate VIPL and Tier 3 for permitting, joint training and exhibition games last year discussed – want to expand/improve on these in the future. D) Coach development is important in best support for player development – committee may want to address this later.

- 4) **Implementation of UISA 8-aside next season:** Issues discussed quickly, as time for meeting had almost elapsed. Number of Super8 squads anticipated by each club not yet certain- team declarations due by to UISA by June 24. League fees for Super8 teams – recommend \$50 per team. The Super 8 season will begin with a seeding round to determine playing pools. The seeding round will last until approximately Thanksgiving weekend. Jamborees (number and format) will be limited for next year, relative to the once a month events programmed in 2014-15 because the larger number of teams will make it a challenge to host. Christine will explore Island Invitational participation with Lower Island.
- 5) **Mini World Cup 2015** Question about team format – 8 aside for U10s. Don Moslin shared the BC soccer game format recommendations. HCFC is trying some new formatting this year, and UISA currently does not have much policy/supporting documentation for MWC. The Tier 3 steering committee will take the opportunity to review the experience and develop better support for future events at their August meeting.