



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting
Saturday January 17, 2015
CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay– 11:00am

Members Present: Carl Niebel (UISA Director), Sean Arbour (UISA Director), Steve Rhodes (AVYSA), Jamie Barnie (CVUSC), Barrie McDonald (PRYSA), Al Rimell (CRYSA), Bill Merriman (Storm Technical Director, Mid-Isle), Joel Butler (HCFC Administrator), Warren Cudney (OYSS)

Guests: Christine Carson (UISA Administrator), Wayne Evans (HCFC Technical Director),

Regrets: Glen Murphy (GYSA)

1) **Current season- Retreat line implementation**

November Recommendation: all Tier 3 reps to inform their clubs and officials that the retreat line will be implemented for UISA Super8 from this point forward. Christine to email info to UISA Super8 teams. Retreat line to be implemented for house leagues next season.

Issues/Concerns– Comox head ref had issues with mid-season implementation which did not allow time to train referees and not applying consistently across house and Tier 3. Some coaches of strong teams feel they “want more resistance” on the field and are happy to have their opponents NOT use the retreat line, but they have been following the policy. AVYSA U12 has found it helpful, PR and HCFC have had no problems. HCFC will start in house next season. **Discussion –** young refs may need some refresher time on this rule – UISA to send out info to head refs and club game schedulers for a reminder and for inclusion in next year’s training

2) **Current season – handshakes during flu season**

Flu is affecting our teams, with some squads having 4-8 players sick on game day last weekend and this one. **Discussion –** should we suspend handshakes? Discussion: no special concerns about the flu this year, continue with handshakes.

3) **Planning for 2015-16 –Format for U13 play**

November recommendation: that clubs consider Super 8 format for U13 play at Tier 3 from 2015-16 on, with one common pool of Super 8 teams separated for league play by development stage after a round of seeding games, and not age-streamed play for U13s and U12s. Will this approach support development of more players in UISA?

Discussion – club feedback: PRYSA – not supportive. Makes tournament play difficult if not playing 11 aside, find age group sticks together, so mixing ages at 12/13 may detract from that social bonding that keeps the team together through the years, do feel that B-Cup is of value and not happy to give it up. Retention is an important consideration for PR. OYSS- currently have girls and boys 12/13 mixed squads at Super 8 who give really good feedback about playing this format and have developed well throughout the year. Mid-Isle supportive. **Discussion –** many tourneys in States for small sided, this format under consideration from LISA and other districts (but not BC Soccer), U13 11-aside team can still join U14 11-aside B cup pool.

- 4) **Planning for 2015-16 – handshake protocol** Addressed at UISA GM Nov 22
- 5) **Planning for Spring – coach development:** A reminder that BC soccer will require age-appropriate coaching certification for all coaches by June 1, 2016. Starting at this date, head coaches will have 6 months to become certified after committing to their teams. Clubs are encouraged to get ahead of the deadline by offering coach certification throughout 2015. **Discussion:**
Mid-Isle – expect up to 3 courses later in the spring (April?), not set yet
HCFC – unable to fill a fundamentals course in Jan. Hope to have Pre-B on the Island – could we rotate one per year to different communities on the Island – can Andrew or Ken instruct – could clubs give partial support (after completion) – could be schedule for winter break so coaches available, could use indoor facility **Action:** Christine to contact LISA, follow with Wayne and maybe survey email to gauge participation.
- 6) **U11 teams in UISA league Super 8** – not supported as league members. Would support U11 jamborees or consider inclusion of U11s in Super 8 jamborees.