



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting

Saturday November 21, 2015

Quality Inn Bayside, Parksville – 11:00am

Present: Carl Neibel (UISA), Al Rimell (CRYSA), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Brad Nixon (UISA), Michael Brown (HCFC), Joel Butler (HCFC), John Cooper (OYSS), Francois Brassens (MIYSA), Mohammed Rbah (CVUSC), Sean Arbour (UISA), Wayne Evans (HCFC), Willow Hartig (MIYSA), Tim Richards (UISA)

Guests: Christine Carson (UISA Administrator), Don Moslin (BCSA), Andrew Haines (BCSA)

Regrets: Bill Merriman (Storm, MIYSA)

- 1) **UISA league 8-aside season:** Review – CVUSC has positive feedback – more kids are being developed, some feedback that 8 aside format has been essential to retaining athletes, coaches finding it easier as well. Positive feedback from CRYSA, MIYSA, OYSS – helpful at retaining players. Springwood fields are largest possible size for Super8. HCFC would like retreat line rules updated to reflect Aug Tier 3 discussions. Also note that 18 yard boxes not properly marked on all fields. **Action:** reminder to all clubs about markings for Super 8. Discuss better relationship between 9-aside and 11-aside play.
- 2) **Winter ferry cancellations for travelling to/from PR:** Discuss teams being delayed due to evening ferry cancellations. Severe weather protocol can be used to handle bad weather in the mornings, and the committee feels that UISA should support the cancellation of games on days when a travel advisory or specific weather warning is issued **Action:** Christine to send out update to all clubs and make link on the UISA site to BC ferries. Handling late in the day weather is trickier. The UISA Rules do allow for teams to mutually agree to hold their games on Saturday on weekends that may be challenging.
- 3) **Permitting within Super 8 division and UISA permit form** – The UISA permit policy as written does not allow permitting between 2 teams in the same age group in UISA league. A number of Super 8 teams have asked to do this, always from a younger to an older team. The UISA board has allowed it pending discussion by the steering committee. **Discussion:** Could consider having roster change dates for Super 8 at two or three points throughout the season, to allow for clubs to have flexibility in developing their Super 8 teams as a cohort. Clubs would also would like to consider having game sheets and ID cards for Super 8. Permit rules per se and UISA permit form changes not discussed.
- 4) **U13s/Provincial cup** - Andrew Haines from BC soccer discussed the rationales for Super 8 league, which are development and player retention. But this does not follow the Provincial Cup rules, so teams will not have access to Provincial cup for U13. In

the larger picture, do not want to compromise the goals of development and retention for a travel competition opportunity. Many communities in BC soccer interested in our Super 8 model and BC soccer development supportive of the switch. With time and other districts involved BC Soccer may also change. CVUSC would like it noted that they asked for a letter to be sent to BC soccer on this topic and that the district did not submit a formal letter to BCSA in addition to their consultations.

- 5) **Playing house and Tier 3** – review/discuss experience in Nanaimo area regional house league. Some issues at U13B this year, and all agree on need for clubs involved to discuss and manage better **Action:** Willow to set up meeting for all clubs concerned. Discuss strategies for handling lopsided games including adding an extra player on the losing team side, change of game tactics, and the need to educate coaches, as not all understand how to modify play.