



UPPER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

UISA –Tier 3/House Planning Meeting
Saturday August 27, 2016
CVUSC Clubhouse, Courtenay– 11:00am

Members Present: Brad Nixon (UISA Director), Glen Murphy (GYSA), Gaelle Frey (AVYSA), Marc Paris (UISA Director), Tim Richards (MIYSA), Willow Hartig (MIYSA), Barrie MacDonald (PRYSA), Michael Brown (HCFC), Jeff Howe (CVUSC), Tony Dickson (CVUSC), Matt Thomas (CVUSC), Kevin Cowie (UISA Director), Sean Arbour (UISA Director)
Guests: Christine Carson (UISA Administrator), Cheri Tilley (CVUSC Administrator), Joel Butler (HCFC),
Regrets: Jon Carlson (GYSA), Carl Neibel (UISA Director)

Agenda:

- 1) **UISA TD meetings recap** –Christine – Latest TD meeting held Aug 21. Discussed upcoming coaching courses, Tier 3 season and district cup proposal, new rule about playing time in UISA league, BC soccer support for the group.
- 2) **Review Super8 Rules, Best Practices Documents:** review Super 8 rules and best practice docs. Club feedback re game durations – 35 minutes okay. Club feedback re: recommended game day squads – clubs found 11 was okay. PRYSA prefers keeping U12s and U13s in separate groups and struggles with retaining kids given the BC soccer limits on roster size. Discussion of methods for handling this at other clubs. Discuss goal area specifications and if they are useful in Super8.
Recommendation: remove paragraph about goal area specifications from the Super8 rules. HCFC raised concern about the transfer rules - they feel that Super8s should not have to follow the BC Soccer limit of 3 transfers per team per season, as they are not playing for B-Cup and these rules were designed for 11-aside teams challenging for B-Cup. Transfer rule comes directly from BC soccer and UISA does not have the leeway to change it. **Review notes from June Tier 3 meeting** - Teams to play a seeding round then teams scheduled for remainder of year, movement between pools after Christmas only by written request (email due by Dec 1), no UISA scheduler re-review and reseeding. Transfer of up to 3 players (per BCSA rules) allowed and can be utilized to recognize kids who develop especially quickly/rather slowly and shuffle them to a more developmentally-appropriate spot.
- 3) **Tier 3 season schedule:** season starts Sept 11 with a four week seeding round, seeded schedules start the weekend after Thanksgiving for all except Super8 girls who are one week behind due to opening weekend Jamboree. For U14-U18 teams, Pacific Development Cup playdowns will begin in the fall, B-cup playdowns will be scheduled for February, and Pacific Development Cup finals will be scheduled for the last weekend of the season on March 5.

- 4) **Review UISA league Rules and Regulations Updates** –New playing time rule proposed – 50% of season, and 30% of any given game for all players present at the start of the game. Discuss value of rule vs. guideline, and difficulty of implementing playing time for kids who are not participating/involved in a team discipline issue. **Recommendation:** implement as a guideline this year, review implementation next year.
- 5) **Tier 3 tournament play: Proposed District Cup and Island Invitational**
Clubs want U13s to participate in Island Invitational in 11-aside format – advised that playdown weekend would be April 8/9 and finals will be April 29/30.
District Cup: discuss playdown formats for U14 – U18 in detail. Preference for FA-style home/away series.
District jamboree: random mix of kids. T-shirts will be needed for teams for the event. Sean looking for a sponsor for the event. Teams should submit ranking of their players, showing top, middle and bottom third players on the team. Propose 4 games over 2 days.