

# Youth Coastal Cup Competition Rules and Regulations



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## 1) Introduction

The Coastal Cup Competition is the regional qualification competition for Provincial Championships for the Coastal region. The coastal region consists of the following Youth District Associations:

### **Boys Districts**

Alouette  
Burnaby  
Delta  
Fraser Valley  
Lower Island\*  
North Shore  
Richmond  
Surrey Metro  
Upper Island\*  
Vancouver  
Westminster

### **Girls Districts**

Central Fraser Valley Girls  
Lower Island\*  
North District Girls  
North Shore  
*Richmond*  
South District Girls  
Upper Island\*  
*Vancouver*

Regional qualifications falls within the jurisdiction of BC Soccer and can be delegated to the districts within the region. The districts will then form a Regional Organizing Committee to oversee play downs in their region. BC Soccer Competition Committee each year will set the amount of funds available for regional play downs.

\* Lower Island and Upper Island are part of the Island region however their A Cup and B Cup teams participate in the Coastal Cup as per these rules and regulations.

#### **a. Application**

- i. These rules shall apply to the Coastal Cup Competition managed by the Coastal Cup Committee. Any variances for specific competition shall be as noted in these Rules.

#### **b. Management of Competitions**

- i. The Coastal Cup Committee shall control the operation of these competitions.
- ii. The Coastal Cup Committee may appoint a Coordinator/Statistician to oversee all aspects of the Coastal Cup
- iii. The Coastal Cup Committee shall have the authority to order any game replayed, or played to a finish.

#### **c. BC Soccer Constitution/Rules and Regulations Precedence**

- i. In the event of any discrepancy between this document and the Rules and Regulations of British Columbia Soccer Association, the documented Rules and Regulations as recorded by BC Soccer shall have precedence.
- ii. All games shall be played under the Youth Coastal Cup Competition Rules and Regulations of this Association, as adopted each year.
- iii. All games shall be played under the Youth Provincial Championships Competition Rules and Regulations, as adopted by the Board each year.

- d. **Coastal Cup Competitions Committee**
  - i. Within the constraints of 1) c. i., BC Soccer, through its Competition Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for, as are necessary to achieve the objectives of BC Soccer. *Such changes shall be communicated to all effected teams, and their Districts prior to the commencement of the competition so altered.*
- e. **Risk Management**
  - i. BC Soccer has a formal policy in regards to Volunteer Screening. The Association requires that any volunteer or employee aged 19 and above must complete a Volunteer/Employee Disclosure Statement Form A or Form B or both annually. A copy of this policy may be obtained from BC Soccer office or BC Soccer website [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net).
- f. **Harassment**
  - i. BC Soccer has a formal Harassment Policy which shall apply to all sanctioned Competitions of the Association. A copy of this policy may be obtained from BC Soccer office or BC Soccer website [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net). Any allegation of harassment shall be referred to a BC Soccer Harassment Officer.

## 2) Team Eligibility

- a. **Declarations/Entry Deadlines**
  - i. The Coastal A Level Championships shall be open to all youth teams representing Coastal Districts under the jurisdiction of the British Columbia Association, declared on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by October 15th in the current coastal playing season provided the team, or teams, have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues.
  - ii. The Coastal B Level Championships shall be open to any affiliated B or C level youth team as declared on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by October 15th in the current coastal playing provided the team, or teams have played in properly constituted league matches and are not under suspension from district or authorized leagues.
  - iii. The Coastal Cup Committee will use the declaration information supplied by October 15th from the Coastal districts to establish the declaration of teams entering the Coastal Cup. This list will be confirmed with Coastal Districts before the Draw meeting.
  - iv. Final rosters will be submitted on the Provincial Championship Roster Form. Forms and district bonds are to be received in BC Soccer office by the dates established by the Board, or teams will not be eligible for Provincial Championships.
- b. **Girls and Boys Coastal A Cup**
  - i. Teams in U14 to U18 age groups playing in the Girls Metro League/Boys Select League must enter the Coastal A Cup. Youth competitive teams, playing in the U13 age group that does not have a league for select

teams, shall have their eligibility to play in Coastal A Cup restricted. Teams playing at the highest level (Gold) in a tiered league (i.e. Gold, Silver, and Bronze) shall be eligible to play in Coastal A Cup only.

**c. Girls Coastal B Cup**

- i. The six (6) Metro Vancouver region Girl's Districts: *Vancouver*, North Shore, North District, *Richmond*, South District, Central Fraser Valley will playdown to identify 12 teams for each age group.
- ii. Island teams (Region 1 Qualifiers) enter this competition at the semi-final level.

**d. Boys Coastal B Cup**

- i. The nine (9) Metro Vancouver region Boys Districts: Alouette, Burnaby, Delta, Fraser Valley, North Shore, Richmond, Surrey Metro, Vancouver and Westminster play in-district to identify their single representative in each age group.
- ii. Each of the nine (9) Boys districts, through their own internal established play down format, has the ability to identify a district representative in each of the recognized Coastal Cup age groups.
- iii. Island teams (Region 1 Qualifiers) enter this competition at the semi-final level.

**e. Coaching Qualifications**

- i. *At least one member of the coaching staff must have the following CSA / BC Soccer Coaching Certification for teams entered in the Provincial A Championship.*
  1. *Community Coach Childrens, Youth, and Senior if certification was started AFTER April 2004 or;*
  2. *Community Coach Youth & Senior if certification was completed PRIOR to April 2004.*
- ii. *At least one member of the coaching staff must be certified at the CSA / BC Soccer Community Coach Youth Certification Level for teams entered in the Provincial B Championship.*

**f. Team Officials Gender**

- i. One (1) member of the team officials must be the same gender as the team. This team official must be present on the bench and in the changing rooms.

**3) Player Eligibility**

**a. Registration**

- i. Players must be registered, or reinstated as a youth from senior player or transferred to a team 7 days prior to taking part in that team's District qualification or Coastal Cup game. Players must also have played at least 1 league game before playing in a District qualification or Coastal Cup game.

**b. Age Eligibility Chart**

<b>SEASON</b> (Year in which play ends)	U-18	U-17	U-16	U-15	U-14	U-13
2009	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
2010	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
2011	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
2012	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
2013	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
2014	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
2015	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002

**c. ID Cards**

- i. Each team will supply to the referee a set of BC Soccer Photo Identification Cards, for all players and team officials.

**4) Team Rules**

**a. Roster**

- i. Teams must consist of a minimum of 11 registered players.
- ii. Complete Official Team Rosters must be submitted to BC Soccer Office no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Youth teams shall not be permitted to register more than the maximum allowed players for their age division at any given time.
  1. for U13 - U16 the maximum shall be eighteen (18) players
  2. for U17 and U18 the maximum shall be twenty (20) players

**b. Team Officials**

- i. A maximum of four (4) team officials shall be listed on the team roster, One (1) member of the team officials must be the same gender as the team.
- ii. Only team officials listed on the Official Team Roster are eligible to be seated on the team bench and teach technical area during the game.
- iii. All team officials must have a current BC Soccer Photo Identification Card.

**c. Transfer/Registration Deadlines**

- i. All players must be registered seven (7) days before taking part in any Cup Competition.
- ii. A player is entitled to a transfer by January 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year for the Coastal/winter-playing season. A player shall not be allowed to transfer during the team's playing season without the consent of the team for which the player is registered.
- iii. A player currently under suspension and seeking a transfer is not eligible to play until the suspension has been served.
- iv. A transferred player is not eligible to play for the new team in any Cup Competition in which the player has already competed during the current playing season.

- v. Youth age players, to be considered eligible for youth district cup, inter-district cup or Provincial Cup play, must have played at least one league game in a properly constituted youth league for the team to which they were transferred.

**d. Player Pick Ups**

- i. Player pickups are not permitted for the Coastal Cup Competition.

**e. Uniforms**

- i. Teams participating in Coastal Cup Championships are required to have two complete sets of uniforms of different colors for all Cup games to avoid colour conflict. The team listed as the home team will be required to change uniforms in the case of a colour conflict.

**f. Events and Ceremonies**

- i. Teams must attend all social, civic and official functions associated with the competition. Each team must also have in attendance one (1) team official from those listed on the Team Roster. Failure to attend an official function will result in a fine and the team being subject to discipline.

**5) Game Rules**

**a. Ball Sizes**

- i. A regulation size five (5) soccer ball shall be used in all games Under 13 through Under 18.

**b. Substitutions**

- i. In all Coastal Cup games, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed.
- ii. Substitutions shall be made during a stoppage in the game and with the referee's consent.

**c. Duration of Play**

- i. All games will be played to regulation time.
- ii. In the event that teams are still tied at the end of regulation time the teams will play two (2) equal halves of extra time. There shall be no break or unlimited substitution at half time of extra time. The following chart details current BC Soccer regulations for the duration of games and extra time periods for all Coastal Cup games:

Division	Regulation Time	Extra Time
Under-18 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-17 Division	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
Under-16 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-15 Division	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-14 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
Under-13 Division	2 halves of 35 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes

- iii. In the event that the teams are still tied at the end of extra time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

**d. Fields**

**i. Field Sizes**

1. Minimum dimensions for provincial cup play down and championship games:
  - a. FIFA minimum standard 100 x 50 (yds.)
  - b. Fields larger than the minimum requirements are recommended for older age groups.

**6) Competition Rules**

**a. Format**

- i. Teams will play down in a single-game knockout to 2 finalists who qualify to meet in the Coastal Cup Finals.

**b. Draw/Seeding**

- i. The Coastal B Cup Draw for the U13 to U18 boys and girls categories will be held on a date determined by the Coastal Cup committee each year
- ii. A Coastal A Cup Draw for the U13 age groups will be held on a date determined by the Coastal Cup committee each year.
- iii. A Coastal A Cup draw will be held in late February/March for the U14 to U18 age groups based on the Metro/Select standings. Seeding is applied as part of their cup draw format. The top 4 teams in each age group based on final league play are seeded in the draw with teams seeded 1 and 4 on one side and teams seeded 2 and 3 on the opposite side. These teams are also seeded as having a home game until they play against a higher-seeded team. All of the other teams entered in the competition are then drawn at random into the other open slots for their particular age group.
- iv. Districts will send a representative to the draw meeting.
- v. It is the districts responsibility to confirm their teams are registered for the regional draw.
- vi. Team not entered at the draw will not be allowed in at a later date.
- vii. Districts not represented at the draw will forfeit their right to changes to the play down schedule once published.

**c. Scheduling requirements**

- i. The scheduling of fields for all Coastal Cup games except the finals is the responsibility of the home team's district scheduler. Field information and games times must be posted on BC Soccer website no later than the Tuesday preceding the game.
- ii. Where two teams may normally play their league games on different days (i.e. one team usually plays Saturday and their opponent usually plays Sunday), it shall be the home team's prerogative to determine which day their home game is played. In all other cases teams will play on the same day as league play. Particularly when the fixture involves a game between Vancouver Island and a Metro Vancouver teams.
- iii. If the home team is unable to provide a suitable venue by the required deadline agreed upon by the districts, the away team shall become the home team. Its district scheduler is then responsible for providing a suitable venue within 48 hours.

- iv. If games are to be played on an artificial field. Teams must be notified prior to the scheduled game.
- v. Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled play down game must give the district scheduler a minimum 48 hours notice, in writing, stating the causes for same. Such cases are to be satisfactory to the Coastal Cup Committee.
- vi. Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled play down game without just cause shall forfeit the game to its opponents.
- vii. Extensions to play-off round completion deadlines will not be permitted. Further, each round of competition must be completed on the scheduled weekend.
- viii. Failure to fulfill a commitment (scheduled game) in this competition can result in disciplinary action being taken by the Provincial Board.
- ix. Coastal Cup games will have priority over all other competitions and tournaments. Teams must play games on the district approved schedule unless changes are approved by the Coastal Cup Committee.
- x. In the event of inclement weather, the home district scheduler is responsible for informing participating teams whether any field is playable or not. If inclement weather should necessitate grounds and/or playing date changes, it is the prerogative of the home scheduler, to schedule such changes.
- xi. Rescheduling: In the event of a successful protest, or due to inclement weather, the home district scheduler may need to schedule games during a recognized holiday period. While every effort will be made to avoid the need to schedule games during this time, this may be necessary to meet scheduling deadlines. Failure on the part of any team to meet a scheduled regional play down game commitment can result in forfeiture of the game.

**d. Official Match Report**

- i. Each team shall be required to complete a BC Soccer Official Match Report and submit the form to the referee before half time of each game.
- ii. The Match Report is the official record of each play down and final games, and each team shall be entitled to receive a copy of the completed form when it has been duly signed by the referee.
- iii. Match Report forms will be supplied to district schedulers prior to the start of Coastal Cup.
- iv. It will be the scheduler's duty to ensure the teams within their district receive the blank form to take to each home game.
- v. It is the home team's responsibility to ensure the form is available at each game, and to ensure it has been given to the referee before half-time.
- vi. It is the responsibility of the head referee of the match to forward a copy of the form to the home team's district scheduler and to BC Soccer office within 24 hours of each game.

**e. Match Officials**

- i. The home team's district scheduler is responsible for assigning the referees for all games except the finals.

- ii. No person shall officiate as a referee in any competition under the sanction or jurisdiction of the Association who is not on the official list of the Association, but if for unforeseen circumstances a referee on the official list is unable to act, the teams affected shall agree on some other person in the emergency. BC Soccer Rules & Regulations. Rule 18 d
- iii. Use of unregistered referees will result in a fine to the district.
- iv. If a referee fails to attend the game must be rescheduled. Except if both coaches agree to a replacement referee and indicated such agreement by signing the game sheet prior to the commencement of the game. Such signatures will obviate any protest resulting from this section
- v. In the case of registered referee assistants not available, each side will appoint a person to run the line. Acceptance of non-registered officials must be noted on the game report and initialed by both coaches. This signature represents the agreement of all parties to these persons and will prevent any protest based on this section.
- vi. The Referee Scheduler will request a region approved referees and assistants for inter-district games.
- vii. Referees must be a minimum of 2 years older than the players and must have at least 2 years experience with a level 5/4 or higher certification.
- viii. Referee assistants must be the same age or older than the players and hold a level 4 certification or higher.
- ix. No referee or assistant may officiate a game in which an immediate relative is participating. If a referee has been assigned to a game with a relative playing he/she should refuse to do the game.
- x. If the referee is not able to finish officiating a game the first assistant referee will take over the first assistant must be the same age or older than the player.
- xi. If not already done so the Referee shall explain to both teams any extraordinary play off rules prior to the game, so that there is no question as to the duration of the game, the size of the ball to be used, substitution rules, overtime regulations, and what happens in the event penalty-kicks will be used to decide the winner

**f. Results**

- i. The head referee is responsible for submitting the results and the official match report to the District scheduler within 24 hours of the finish of each game.
- ii. It is the responsibility of the home district scheduler to post the score on BC Soccer website of their home team's games no later than 48 hours after the finish of the game.

**g. Coastal Cup Finals**

**i. Scheduling**

- 1. The Coastal Cup Committee will schedule the final games
- 2. All Coastal Cup games including consolation games must be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May

**ii. Game Officials**

- 1. BC Soccer Referee Development Coordinator is responsible for assigning all game officials for the Coastal Cup Finals.

- iii. **Official Match Reports**
  - 1. BC Soccer will provide Official Match Reports for the finals. Each team must fill out their team roster one (1) hour prior to game time.
- iv. **Results Reporting**
  - 1. The head referee is responsible for submitting the completed reports to the competition headquarters immediately following each game. Teams can pick up a copy of the Report at the tournament headquarters.

## 7) Discipline

- a. Rule infractions will be dealt with by BC Soccer Discipline Committee.
- b. While a Complaint/Misconduct Report is usually registered by a Game Official, a complaint may also originate from a member of BC Soccer committee managing the event. A written summary of the incident shall be completed and kept on file along with other documents relating to the infraction.
- c. As time is of the essence in adjudicating these matters, a Disciplinary Hearing will be conducted as soon as possible at an appropriate location at, or near the competition venue. Appropriate records should be maintained as to the names of the members constituting the committee and persons attending the hearing.
- d. While the Chair of the Discipline Committee will render a verbal decision, the decision shall be reduced to writing with copies being distributed to the parties concerned.
- e. Within 30 days of completion of the competition, the home district of an individual or team that has been assessed a penalty at the competition shall be advised, in writing, of the circumstances that led to the penalty being assessed. This shall include a complete summary of cards issued or individuals ejected from games in case any carry over penalties should be served within the district.
- f. Qualification games protests can be subject to appeal.
- g. Appeals of a decision can be directed to BC Soccer Appeals Committee. Please visit [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) for information regarding appeals.
- h. Red Cards
  - i. Red cards will carry over to Provincial Championships with a player having to adhere to the game suspensions levied by the Discipline Committee.
- i. Cautions
  - i. Yellow cards will NOT be carried over to *Provincial* Championship games.
  - ii. Players receiving a *second* yellow card in a Regional Final will have a one (1) game automatic suspension from the first Championship Round Robin game.

## 8) Administration of the Competition

- a. **Travel Assistance**
  - i. No travel assistance is provided for the Coastal Cup Competition.

- b. **Medals**
  - i. BC Soccer will supply gold and silver medals, to be presented at the closing ceremonies.
  
- c. **Protests**
  - i. The protest fee for any game is \$250.00. Protests must be filed in accordance with BC Soccer Rules and Regulations - Rule 12 (Protests). In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.
  - ii. The grounds upon which the protest is based must be included in the written submission, which must be forwarded to the Provincial Representative in attendance within forty-eight (48) hour of the completion of the match being protested. The fee must accompany the protest.
  - iii. The protest must contain the details of the protest, including the rule that was allegedly breached, and the evidence to support that claim. Protests can only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of FIFA Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of the Competition Rules and Regulations. (Rule 12.a.)
  
- d. **BC Soccer Code of Conduct**
  - i. All participants at the Coastal Cup Championships are expected to:
    1. Act as ambassadors for their local clubs, districts and Leagues
    2. Participate in the Championships in the spirit of fair play, co-operation and respect for others at all times
    3. Comply with rulings by officials, coaches, managers, or any other person in a position of authority or responsibility
    4. Respect the rules of the sport, British Columbia Soccer Association Competitions Rules and BC Soccer Code of Conduct
    5. Perform to their best ability in every competition and accept with pride the result their effort brings
    6. Respect their opponents and the directions and decisions of competitive and other officials
    7. Be gracious in victory and defeat
    8. Respect the rights of the residents of the Host Association and members from other club, districts, and leagues
    9. Regard participation in the Coastal Cup Championships as a privilege;
    10. Conduct themselves in accordance with BC Soccer Code of Conduct to ensure that the Championships take place in a safe environment, free from harassment and discrimination for all members.
    11. Respect the Clean Air policy and ban on smoking at Championship venues and facilities;
    12. Be punctual for all official functions and activities.
  - ii. Participants will not:
    1. Verbally or physically abuse other members of their team or participants in the Coastal Cup Championships
    2. Show disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures

3. Breach any of the Coastal Cup Rules and Regulations
4. Participants will not abuse, damage or destroy facilities or equipment
5. Breach the requirements of BC Soccer Harassment Policy;
6. Indulge in any other unreasonable conduct which brings British Columbia Soccer Association into disrepute, including but not limited to, activities which disturb or disrupt the peace, infractions of municipal, provincial or federal laws, the abusive use of alcohol, the non-medical use of drugs, tobacco, or the use of alcohol by minors.

**e. Trophies**

- i. Trophies presented to teams at the Coastal Cup Championship are the property of BC Soccer and are held by the championship team for a limited time only.
- ii. The championship team shall complete the Trophy Receipt Form before it is permitted to leave with the trophy.
- iii. The championship team is responsible for returning the trophy to BC Soccer by January 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

**9) Provincial Championships**

**a. Provincial Cup (A Cup)**

- i. U13 – U18
  1. The Coastal A Cup Champion qualifies for the Provincial A Cup Championship.

**b. BCSA Cup (B Cup)**

- i. In this play down format the district representative teams play to 2 finalists, in each age group, who qualify to play in the Coastal B Cup Finals. If the Island representative (who entered at the semi-final stage) loses their game the 2 mainland teams that qualify for the Girls Coastal B Cup Finals also qualify for the Provincial B Cup. If however the Island representative wins at the semi-final level and qualifies for the Coastal B Cup Finals then the 2 teams that lost at the semi-final level play-off in a single game to identify the second Coastal region team that qualifies for the Provincial B Cup Championships

**10) Competition Locations, Seeding, and Schedules**

- a. Please visit [www.bcsoccer.net](http://www.bcsoccer.net) for the draws, schedules, and game locations

## Appendix: Schedule of Fines

This section provides an outline of general infractions that may be dealt with by the Coastal Cup Competition Committee made up of not less than 3 persons or an adjudicating body appointed by the committee. This section does not cover all instances in which a fine may be assessed or a bond imposed upon a player, team, team official or spectator for a violation of the Coastal Cup Rules and Regulations

Fines will be deducted from the Performance Bond posted by each team's district.

- 1) **Team fails to appear for a scheduled game without just cause**  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$750.00 fine, plus field and game official costs
- 2) **Failure to return a trophy by the deadline**  
Penalty: \$100.00
- 3) **Failure to return a trophy**  
Penalty: \$500.00
- 4) **Team fails to commence game or withdraws from the game after it has started unless so directed by the Referee**  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$250.00 fine plus field and game official costs
- 5) **Team or teams held to be at fault for abandonment of a game**  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$250.00 fine plus field and game official costs
- 6) **If requested by referee – lack of spectator control by team official(s) including failure to address the referee, harassment of referee, persistent criticism of the referee or disputing calls of the referee by team officials, players or spectators**  
Penalty: \$100.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition
- 7) **If requested by referee – failure to identify spectator(s) responsible for misconduct towards a referee or linesperson**  
Penalty: \$100.00 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition
- 8) **Player/team official, while under suspension and attending a game as a spectator, behaves in a manner that brings the game into disrepute**  
Penalty: \$300.00 fine and suspended from attendance at the game sites
- 9) **Team fails to attend a required closing ceremony**  
Penalty: \$500.00 fine and team may be precluded from attending further competitions
- 10) **Team fails to fulfill Provincial Championships commitment**  
Penalty: \$1000.00