



**Youth Coastal Cup  
Competition Rules & Regulations  
Boys and Girls A Cup & B Cup  
2020**

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## 1) Introduction

The Coastal Cup Competition is the regional qualification competition for Provincial Championships for eight Lower Mainland and two Island districts. The regions consist of the following Youth District Associations:

Alouette	Richmond
Burnaby	South Fraser
Fraser Valley	Tri-Cities
Lower Island *	Upper Island *
North Shore	Vancouver

For 2020, the BC Coastal Soccer League will manage the operations of the Coastal Cup, and will form a Coastal Cup Committee with the following personnel:

- BCCSL General Manager, operating as the Coastal Cup Manager
- BCCSL Scheduler, operating as the Coastal Cup Scheduler
- BC Soccer representative
- BCCSL board representative
- Island Representative

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

\* 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.

### b. Management of Competitions

- i. The Coastal Cup Committee and BC Soccer shall control the operation of these competitions.
- ii. The Coastal Cup Committee and BC Soccer 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 BC Soccer, the documented BC Soccer Rules and Regulations shall have precedence.
- ii. All games shall be played under the Youth Coastal Cup Competition Rules and Regulations and the BC Soccer Youth Provincial Championships Competition Rules and Regulations.

### d. BC Soccer Competitions Committee

- i. Within the constraints of 1) c. i., BC Soccer, through its Competitions 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 and Conduct

- i. Participants in Coastal Cup must adhere to BC Soccer's "Conduct, Ethics and Discipline Standards Policies and Procedures" and Risk Management Policy.

## 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 BC Soccer, excluding BC Premier League teams, declared on entry forms and with registration fees submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 limited to players properly registered with the team. 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 U13 to U18 age groups playing in the Metro Division of the BCCSL and Vancouver Island Premier League may only enter the Coastal A Cup or BC Premier Cup. See below 6.b.iii for Coastal A Cup draw/seeding procedures.

### c. Girls and Boys Coastal B Cup

- i. The Lower Mainland region districts and the two Island districts play in-district to identify their single representative qualifying in each age group.
- ii. Each district, 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. At U14-18, two Island teams will enter the Coastal Cup in each age group/gender. The "Island B Cup Champion" will enter the Coastal Cup competition at the quarter-finals round, being placed as the home team in the third quarter-final in the Cup brackets/grid. An additional Island team (the Island B Cup Runner-Up) will also enter the Coastal Cup at the quarter-finals round, being placed as the home team in the second quarter-final in the Cup brackets/grid.
- iv. At U14-18, to accommodate entries of multiple teams from larger/stronger districts, and to fill the byes in the Metro Vancouver section of the draw (12 berths at Round of 16), in addition to the eight "district champions" entries, four 'wild card' (WC) berths will be awarded to Lower Mainland teams at the discretion of the Metro Vancouver districts/league.
- v. At U13, which the Island districts are not entering, four byes will be included at random in the At U13, which the Island districts are not entering, eight 'wild card' berths will be awarded to Lower Mainland teams.

### 3) Player Eligibility

#### a. Registration

- i. Players must be registered or reinstated as a youth from adult player or transferred to a team seven days prior to taking part in that team's qualification or Coastal Cup games, as per the transfer and reinstatement rules outlined in the BC Soccer Rules and Regulations. Players must also have played at least one league game with that team before playing in District playdown or Coastal Cup games.

#### b. Age Eligibility Chart

Season (Play Ends)	U18	U17	U16	U15	U14	U13
2020	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007

#### c. ID Cards

- i. Each team will supply the referee with 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 14 registered players.
- ii. 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
- iii. Teams must supply a completed "Official Team Roster for Coastal Cup" to their CC Coordinator before their first playdown game. This will include a team roster and a list of the team officials with the Head Coach's coaching certification.

#### b. Team Officials

- i. **Coaching Qualifications:** Teams may not enter or take part in Coastal Cup unless the Team Head Coach has completed the "Soccer for Life" course or higher level (A or B or C Licence) course. If the Head Coach is not available for a game, a replacement Acting Head Coach with appropriate qualifications must be appointed and present.
- ii. A maximum of five team officials shall be listed on the team roster. One team official must be the same gender as the team and must be present on the bench and in the change rooms.
- iii. Only team officials listed on the Official Team Roster are eligible to be seated on the team bench and team technical area during the game.
- vi. 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. Playing in Girls B Cup qualifying play and Boys B Cup in-district qualifiers does not cup-tie players for Coastal Cup.

**d. Player Permits**

- i. Teams competing in the Coastal Cup may use players playing on a Coastal Cup Permit form, subject to rules following. **PLEASE NOTE THESE RULES MAY DIFFER FROM ANY LEAGUE'S RULES.**
- ii. A team may permit up to three BC Soccer registered players to bring their roster up to the number of players on the team's affiliation form for the current season, or up to a maximum of 16, whichever is lower. However, teams may not permit players to replace players under suspension.
- iii. The purpose of permits is only to allow teams to have enough players to compete in the Coastal Cup. Teams are not allowed to strengthen their roster by dropping players to pick up stronger ones. Any team attempting to release a player from their roster to make room for a permitted player will face disciplinary action.
- iv. Players may be permitted from teams playing at a lower calibre of play at the same or lower age, OR the same or lower calibre of play at a lower age level. For Coastal Cup permit purposes, the 'calibre of play' is based on the division a team was playing on December 1<sup>st</sup>. In number-based leagues, all 'Div. 1' divisions are considered one calibre, all 'Div. 2' is one calibre and all 'Div. 3' is one calibre, etc. Similarly in Gold/Silver/Bronze leagues, all Gold divisions are considered one calibre, all Silver divisions are one calibre and all Bronze are one calibre.
- v. Team may only permit players whose own team has already been eliminated from or did not qualify for Coastal Cup play.
- vi. Coastal A Cup teams may only permit players registered with other teams in their district.
- vii. Coastal B Cup teams may only permit players registered with other teams in their club. The only exception is if a club does not operate any other team in a lower calibre at the age/gender, the club, with district approval, can apply for permission from the Coastal Cup Committee for its B Cup team to be allowed to permit from teams of another club in its district.
- viii. Out of district players, suspended players and players registered to U12 or younger teams may not be permitted.
- ix. A permitted player's own team for clauses iv-vii shall be the team the player was registered with for the winter season.
- x. Permits are only valid if they have received district approval. Completed forms must be submitted to the Coastal Cup Manager no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the match.
- xi. ID cards must be provided for all players. Team officials are responsible for obtaining ID cards for all permitted players.

**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.

**5) Game Rules**

**a. Fields**

- i. The minimum dimensions for all games shall be the FIFA minimum standard: 90 metres by 45 metres. Fields larger than the minimum are recommended for older age groups.

**b. Ball Size**

- i. A regulation Size 5 soccer ball shall be used in all games Under 13 through Under 18.

**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 equal halves of extra time. There shall be no break at half time of extra time. BC Soccer regulations for the duration of games and extra time periods for all Coastal Cup games are:

<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Regulation Time</u>	<u>Extra Time</u>
U17 and U18	2 halves of 45 minutes	2 halves of 15 minutes
U15 and U16	2 halves of 40 minutes	2 halves of 10 minutes
U14 and U13	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/IFAB Laws of the Game.

**d. Substitutions**

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

**6) Competition Rules**

**a. Format**

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

**b. Draw and A Cup Seeding**

- i. Coastal Cup Draws will be held on a date(s) determined by the Coastal Cup Committee each year
- ii. The Coastal A Cup draws will be based on the Metro Division of the BCCSL (M-CSL) and Vancouver Island Premier League (VIPL) standings/playdowns. Seeding is applied as part of the cup draw format, based on seedings supplied by leagues. For U14 – U18 (at which ages VIPL operates), two teams from VIPL will enter in the round of 16, and will play each other. The winner of this game takes the #2 seed position. Seedings #1, #3 and #4 are awarded to the top three M-CSL teams. For U13, at which there are no VIPL divisions, the top 4 teams in final M-CSL league standings are seeded in the draw. At all ages, teams seeded 1 and 4 are on one side and teams seeded 2 and 3 on the opposite side. Seeded teams have a home game until they play against a higher-seeded team and seeded teams have priority (in order) for any byes in the first round. All other teams entered in the competition are then drawn at random into the open slots for their particular age group.

Seedings determine the format of the draw only. Once the draw is made, games follow the brackets as drawn, and are not revised depending on any seeded teams' results.

For seedings calculation, should the highest-placed M-CSL teams declare for the BC Premier Cup, the next highest-placed M-CSL teams entering A Cup will be given the seeded places.

- iii. Coastal B Cup will not be seeded.
- iv. Districts may send a representative to the draw meeting.
- v. It is Districts' responsibility to confirm their teams are registered for the regional draw.
- vi. Teams 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 game time shall be given to the Coastal Cup Coordinators for posting on the Coastal Cup website as early in the week as possible, but at the latest by the Wednesday preceding the game.
- ii. When two teams normally play their league games on different days (i.e., Friday, Saturday or Sunday) it shall be the home team's prerogative to determine on which of these days their home game is played. When the two teams play league games on the same day, games will be played on that day. All playdown games involving teams travelling to or from the Sunshine Coast or Vancouver Island shall be on Saturday or Sunday, with kick-off between 12pm and 5:00pm. Friday night game times are subject to approval by the Coastal Cup Committee.
- iii. If the home team is unable to provide a suitable venue by the required deadline agreed upon by the districts, the Coastal Cup Committee has the right to determine that 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 artificial turf, teams shall be notified prior to the game.
- v. Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled play down game shall 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; each round of competition shall be completed by the scheduled weekend.
- viii. Failure to fulfill a commitment (scheduled game) in this competition can result in disciplinary action.
- ix. Coastal Cup games have priority over all other competitions and tournaments. Teams shall play games as scheduled by the home district 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, in liaison with the Coastal Cup Manager.
- 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 Team Roster**

- i. For each qualifying round game, each team must provide two completed copies of the Coastal Cup Official Team Roster, one for the referee and one for their opponent, before each game. This form will be available February 15 on the Coastal Cup website.
- ii. Each team must get and keep the copy of their opponent's team roster for each game.



**e. Match Officials**

- i. The home team's district (B Cup) or league (A Cup) referee 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. See BC Soccer Rules & Regulations. Rule 16 d
- iii. Use of unregistered referees will result in a fine to the district. See page 13.
- iv. If a referee fails to attend the game shall 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 being available, each side will appoint a person to run the line. Acceptance of non-registered officials must be noted on the team lists and initialled by both coaches. This signature represents the agreement of all parties to these persons and will prevent any protest based on this section.
- vi. Centre Referees must be a minimum of 2 years older than the players and must have at least 2 years' experience as a Youth or higher level referee. Referee assistants must be the same age or older than the players and hold a Youth level referee 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/team official, he/she should refuse to accept 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 players.
- 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. Reporting Scores**

- i. Both teams are responsible for sending the score to the Coastal Cup Scheduler within one hour of the end of the game, by email: [scheduler@bccysl.ca](mailto:scheduler@bccysl.ca)

**g. Coastal Cup Finals**

**i. Scheduling**

1. BC Soccer Competitions Committee will schedule the Final games.
2. Teams must be prepared to play their Final on either Saturday or Sunday.
3. Any requests for Final Game scheduling must be received by BC Soccer by noon on the Monday after the Semi-Finals. Please note it may not be possible to accommodate requests.
4. All Coastal Cup games including any additional Provincial Cup qualifier games shall be completed by the first weekend in May.

**ii. Game Officials**

1. The Finals Organizing Committee Referee Coordinator is responsible for assigning all game officials for the Coastal Cup Finals.

**iii. Official Team Roster**

1. Each team must provide 3 completed copies of the Coastal Cup Official Team Roster to the BC Soccer Competitions HQ at least one hour prior to game time. This form will be available at [www.bccoastalsoccerleague.ca/coastalcup](http://www.bccoastalsoccerleague.ca/coastalcup)

iv. **Results Reporting**

1. The Referee is responsible for submitting the Final game result to the competition headquarters immediately following each game.

v. **Medal Ceremony**

- i. Teams competing in the Finals must attend their medal ceremony with at least one team official. Failure to attend without permission from BC Soccer will result in a fine and the team being subject to discipline.

## 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 can render a verbal decision, the decision shall be confirmed in 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. 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.
- g. Red Cards will carry over to Provincial Championships with a player having to adhere to the game suspensions levied by the Discipline Committee.
- h. 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-game automatic suspension from the first Championship Round Robin game.

## 8) **Administration of the Competition**

- a. **Travel Assistance:** No travel assistance is provided for the Coastal Cup competition.
- b. **Medals:** 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 written and filed in accordance with BC Soccer Rules and Regulations - Rule 11 (Protests), except subject to the timelines in para ii following. In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited.
- ii. Protests of playdown games must be submitted within 24 hours of the end of the game to the BC Soccer Office. Protests of Final Games must be submitted within 30 minutes of the end of the game to the BC Soccer Competitions HQ on-site. See BCSA Rule 11 re fee submission requirements.
- iii. The protest must contain the grounds upon which the protest is based, 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 11.a)
- iv. The Coastal Cup Protest Committee (which will have at least three people) will provide its written ruling as soon as practicable to try to prevent delay in further rounds of play.

**d. BC Soccer Code of Conduct**

- i. All participants in the Coastal Cup will follow the BC Soccer Youth Provincial Competition Code of Conduct.
- ii. All officials of teams in the Coastal Cup Finals are required to sign this Code of Conduct on behalf of themselves and their team before their Final game begins.
- iii. All teams, team officials, parents and supporters should make themselves aware of the Schedule of Fines (appended) which apply during Coastal Cup.

**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 and Qualification**

Coastal Cup is a qualifying competition for Youth BC Provincial A and B Cups. Teams entering Coastal Cup are entering the Provincial Cup and by entering, teams are committing to compete in the Provincial Cup Finals if they qualify through the Coastal Cup. BC Soccer Provincial Cup rules state: "Once a team commits to competing in an out of district competition, they are committed to Provincial Cup for that season. Teams that withdraw past that point will forfeit their entire performance bond and a hearing will be held to determine their cup eligibility for the following season." The performance bond is \$1,000.

The rules governing qualification for Provincial Cup are available in the "Youth Provincial Championships Rules and Regulations" on the BC Soccer website.

## **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, \$2,500 fine, plus field and game official costs, and may be suspended from further participation in the competition in that season and future years.
- 2) Not Fully Completing Roster Form**  
Penalty: \$250 fine, and game outcome subject to review by Coastal Cup/BCSA Committee
- 3) If after warnings by the 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: \$2,500 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition.
- 4) If requested by referee – failure to identify spectator(s) responsible for misconduct towards a referee or linesperson**  
Penalty: \$2,500 fine and may be suspended from further participation in the competition
- 5) Player/team official, while under suspension and attending a game as a spectator, behaves in a manner that brings the game into disrepute**  
Penalty: \$2,500 fine and suspended from attendance at the game sites
- 6) Extremely bad behaviour by a team, player, team official, or spectator**  
Penalty: Up to \$2,500 and/or risk of immediate expulsion from the competition and a review of that team's eligibility to compete in future years.
- 7) Team or teams held to be at fault for abandonment of a game**  
Penalty: Forfeiture of the game, \$1,000 fine plus field and game official costs
- 8) Team fails to attend a required closing ceremony**  
Penalty: \$500 fine and team may be excluded from attending further competitions
- 9) Team fails to fulfill Provincial Championships commitment**  
Penalty: \$2,500 fine and eligibility for next season will be reviewed.
- 10) Failure to return a trophy by the deadline (January 15<sup>th</sup>)**    Penalty: \$250
- 11) Failure to return, loss of or damage to a trophy**    Penalty: \$500 plus the cost of replacement/repair.
- 12) Violation of Other Coastal Cup or BCSA Rules**  
Penalty: To be determined by Coastal Cup and/or BCSA Committee
- 13) Appointment of an unregistered referee for any Coastal Cup game.**  
Penalty: \$200 fine to the scheduling body (district, league or LOC for Final games).