

## **BC Soccer Policy for Metro Programming**

**This policy applies to those BC Soccer Full Member Youth Districts (Districts) that opt to participate in the BC Coastal Soccer League’s highest division of play (Metro). The purpose of this policy is to:**

- Ensure programming participation is player-centric.
- Confirm Metro as the highest division within the BC Coastal Soccer League.
- Clarify Youth Districts’ responsibilities regarding participation in Metro programming.
- Define and detail operational models Youth Districts use to facilitate Metro programming within their district.

### **The BC Coastal Soccer League**

- The BC Coastal Soccer League (BCCSL) is a recognized Inter-District Youth League.
- The BCCSL provides a Grassroots to Competitive playing environment for males and females in the Lower Mainland for the U11 to U18 age categories. Note: U11 and U12 can also be facilitated solely within district as well.
- Metro is the highest division within the BCCSL and the designated second tier of youth play in the Lower Mainland (the first tier is the BC Soccer Premier League).
- The BCCSL is governed and operated by a board consisting of all Lower Mainland Youth District Chairs (Alouette, Burnaby, Fraser Valley, North Shore, Richmond, South Fraser, Tri-Cities, and Vancouver).
- The BCCSL is populated by teams put forth by participating Districts. There is no requirement or right for member/affiliate clubs or BC SPL franchises to be able to host Metro teams; it is a decision each Youth District board may make in accordance to the directives of BC Soccer.
- Member/affiliated clubs are required to cooperate with the objectives of their governing District in forwarding players and facilitating evaluations and assessments.
- The rules and regulations of the BCCSL are drafted and approved by the BCCSL board and ratified by BC Soccer annually.

## **Metro Program – District Responsibilities**

- Districts have the absolute responsibility and authority for the execution of the Metro Program within their district and are expected to participate fully in the program to the extent there exists a player pool sufficient to field teams.
- Districts are responsible for forwarding teams to the BCCSL as per the League’s Rules & Regulations.
- Districts are responsible for selecting and operating the Metro programming within their District based on one, or a combination of, the operational models outlined within this policy.
- Districts are responsible for determining the frequency for which the chosen operational model will be reviewed and communicate the timeline to its affiliated clubs.
- Metro Programs are to be player centric.
- Regardless of the operational model chosen, the District must ensure selection to a Metro program/team is made available to all participants within its District’s boundaries as defined by BC Soccer’s bylaws. The District is responsible for overseeing and/or approving the player evaluation/assessment process.
- Districts and BC SPL franchises are required to work closely together to meet the player promotion objectives of BC Soccer and Canada Soccer.

## **Metro Program – BC Soccer Approved Operational Models**

### **1. DISTRICT BASED MODEL**

#### **Overview**

- Metro programming is run directly by the District.
- All teams participating in the Metro level of league play will be from and represent the District.

#### **Requirements (in addition to the District Responsibilities stated above)**

- The District Metro Program must demonstrate behaviour consistently in the best interest of the game (poor player, team official, administrative official or association discipline history may negate Metro Program hosting privileges).

- The District is required to meet the following criteria that mirrors BC Soccer’s Club Charter Program:

#### **Technical**

- The District supports and displays on the District website the following BC Soccer images:
  - Player Pathway image
  - Coach Pathway image
  - Referee Pathway image
  - Club Pathway image
- The District’s Metro Programming adheres to Canada Soccer’s Long Term Player Development Model.
- The District uses Coach Code of Conduct forms aligned with BC Soccer
- The District demonstrates that it has a designated Technical Lead, who is a trained Coach (per BC Soccer rules).
- The District demonstrates it provides bi-annual reports on the coach certification for coaches delivering Metro Programming

#### **Governance**

- The District is an Active Member in good standing and works collaboratively with other District Associations, the BC Soccer Premier League and is compliant with BC Soccer bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies.
- Evidence that those involved in delivering Metro Programming have signed a Conflict of Interest Statement
- Evidence that those involved in delivering Metro Programming have signed an Oath of Confidentiality
- The District Metro Program has policies that align with BC Soccer and are accessible by their members/participants:
  - Criminal Record Checks
  - Player Safety
  - Conduct, Ethics and Discipline

### **Administration**

- The District adheres to BC Soccer, Canada Soccer and FIFA sanctioning regulations
- The District demonstrates it has a website with all Metro programming details including a link to the league website
- The District provides to BC Soccer upon request or within submission deadlines, the following:
  - Evidence of compliance with BC Soccer Risk Management Regulation being Criminal Record Check management
  - Player and team official registration and certification information
  - Metro staff positions including contact information

## **2. SINGLE-CLUB BASED MODEL**

### **Overview**

- The District designates one of its affiliated clubs to host Metro programming.
- All teams participating in the Metro level of league play will be from one club representing the District.

### **Club Requirements**

- The Club must be affiliated with the District for a minimum of two years, unless the District determines that is in the District's best interests to establish a new club solely and only for the purpose of running its metro league program.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2018-2019 Coastal Playing Season, the club must have opted into BC Soccer's Club Charter Program and actively demonstrated they are working towards achieving Standard One by September 2018.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2019-2020 Coastal Playing Season, the club must have achieved Standard One of BC Soccer's Club Charter Program.
- The Club must agree to support the player pathway.
- The Club must demonstrate behaviour consistently in the best interest of the game (poor player, team official, administrative official or association discipline history may negate Metro Program hosting privileges).

### **District Requirements**

- The District must have a timely, clear and transparent application process available for all its affiliated clubs to apply to host Metro programming.
- The District must determine the duration for which the successful club will have privileges to host Metro programming.
- The District must select the club based on the club's merits, not on historical success of the club's teams.
- The District is responsible for the ongoing monitoring of the selected club's operation of the Metro programming.

### **3. MULTI-CLUB BASED MODEL**

#### **Overview**

- The District designates two or more of its affiliated clubs to host Metro programming for a specific team, age group and/or gender.
- Teams participating in the Metro level of league play will be from more than one club representing the District.

#### **Club Requirements**

- The Clubs must be affiliated with the District for a minimum of two years.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2018-2019 Coastal Playing Season, clubs must have opted into BC Soccer's Club Charter Program and actively demonstrated they are working towards achieving Standard One by September 2018.
- To be eligible to participate in the 2019-2020 Coastal Playing Season, clubs must have achieved Standard One of BC Soccer's Club Charter Program.
- The Clubs must agree to support the player pathway.
- The Clubs must demonstrate behaviour consistently in the best interest of the game (poor player, team official, administrative official or association discipline history may negate Metro Program hosting privileges).

### **District Requirements**

- The District must have a timely, clear and transparent application process available for all its affiliated clubs to apply.
- The District must determine the duration for which the successful clubs will have privileges to host Metro programming.
- The District must select the clubs based on the clubs' merits, not on historical success of the clubs' teams.
- The District is responsible for the ongoing monitoring of the selected clubs' operation of the Metro programming.