Vancouver Youth Soccer Association
U11-U12 Boys' & Girls'
8-Aside Leagues
2012-2013

The purpose of this society is to foster, develop and govern the game of soccer among youth within the City of Vancouver and U.B.C. Endowment Lands. This society will oversee and insure that teams are registered and entered into leagues while following all rules, regulations and guidelines that CSA, BCSA and the individual leagues require.

Read This Guide!

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Vancouver 8-Aside U11 and U12 Guide for the 2012-2013 season.

Over the past few years, the worldwide training of youth soccer players has changed from getting players into an 11-aside format as quickly as possible to a more gradual progression through the use of small sided games. Clubs begin training their players with a 3-aside game format at U6 or U7 progressing through to 6-aside by U10. With this in mind, BCSA has mandated that all U11 and U12 teams play in 8-aside leagues.

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Background to Small-Sided Soccer

Soccer organizations worldwide encourage increased use of small-sided mini soccer games in player development. The U-11/U-12 Program is an important part of the BCSA Long Term Player Development (LTPD) model. Modifications of the Laws of the Game, for each age group, appear in the "Grassroots" section at www.bcsoccer.net. **The BCSA age-group specific modifications of the Laws of the Game shall apply to U-11 and U-12 soccer.**

The U-11 & U-12 Program

LTPD is a player-centered (player first) approach that provides guidelines for correct training, competition, and recovery based on scientific principles of human development and athlete training, combined with the knowledge of expert coaches. Player-centered means we respect the developmental needs of our players first and foremost. We
ensure that our young players have fun while they learn so they want to continue playing. It also means we provide challenging opportunities for special talents so they can develop their abilities and pursue excellence

LTPD encourages players to enjoy the game and improve their performances through:
• *Logical and integrated training and practice programs.*
• *Application of scientific principals in growth, development and maturation.*
• *Provision of an optimal structure for competition at all stages of LTPD*

GOAL: Focus on technique, skill development and introduce tactics. Talent identification is introduced but *FUN* is still paramount to this stage.
PERSONAL: Fair play and ethics. Accept training structure and discipline. Promote group interaction skills and internal motivation.

"A coach's mission is essentially to convey knowledge and social skills to young players. To achieve this, the coach must understand children's characteristics and take into account age and skills. In short, the coach must ***teach through encouragement and achievement****. "Play" is children's main activity, an essential need and innate in all children. Thus the main objectives of soccer at these ages are to introduce children to the practices of soccer through play".*

BC Soccer recommends all member clubs commit to supporting and promoting a responsible, ongoing, progressive evaluation and assessment process as it relates to player identification, selection and placement. This would include the removal of the reference and promotion of the ***"TRY OUT"*** mentality within their club and team atmosphere. *All evaluations and assessments should be conducted under the direction and guidance of the technical lead and supported by experienced and trained coaches within the community stream of development.*

All games are to be played with an emphasis of enjoyment, sportsmanship, responsible player development and talent identification practices, education and respect for teammates, opponents and referees. Players must play equal time and experience a variety of positions including the goalkeeper.

Some coaches will always want to win at all costs, regardless of whether or not there are league standings. This is an unfortunate reality of community children's sport. However, the LTPD approach to competition below U12 provides the best overall incentive for coaches and players to focus on broad based player development instead of a "win at all costs" approach.

See BCSA Long Term Player Development Policy and the Small-sided/Mini Soccer Development Manual for additional information

The leagues and schedulers will divide teams into however many groupings within each league that seem reasonable. Score reporting is mandatory, but only for the purpose of maintaining fair league groupings. Competition is not stressed, but, if there appears to be teams that are weaker or stronger than the rest of the teams in their section, the Schedulers will take steps to create new groupings that are more equal in caliber in order to prevent one-sided games. There are no play-offs, league titles or cup play for 8-aside teams.

U11 GIRLS GOLD

There will be a separate Gold division for teams whose players have been deemed by their club assessors will benefit from this extra stage of development. Gold teams will be entered into a league interlocking with a team from West Vancouver. Intent-to-Play information is due August 15. Schedules and contact info will be emailed to the teams and will also be posted at www.vysa.ca . Play will begin Sunday, September 16th.

U11 GIRLS SILVER

All other U11 teams should be equally balanced as best possible and will play in Silver leagues. If clubs are entering more than one team in a division, it is important that they be equally balanced within their club. If there appears to be teams that are apparently stronger or weaker within a division (i.e. within silver) the Schedulers have the discretion to evaluate the schedule and make adjustments necessary to avoid stronger silver teams playing weaker ones later in the season. Silver teams will be entered into a league interlocking with a team from West Vancouver. Intent-to-Play information is due August 15. Schedules and contact info will be emailed to the teams and will also be posted at www.vysa.ca . Play will begin Sunday, September 16th

U11 BOYS GOLD

Select (Gold) teams will be entered into 4-District. There is a 4-District League Guide containing the policies for that league www.4districtsoccer.com. Validated BCSA ID cards are required by September 30. Schedules and contacts for this league will be found via the 4-District Boys' link at www.bcsoccercentral.com. Intent-to-Play information for U11 4District Gold is due June 23. Play will begin Saturday, September 8th.

U11 BOYS SILVER AND BRONZE

The other two levels are Silver and Bronze. If clubs are entering more than one team in a division, it is important that they be equally balanced within their club. If there appears to be teams that are noticeably stronger or weaker within a division, the Schedulers have the discretion to evaluate the schedule and make adjustments necessary to avoid stronger teams playing weaker ones later in the season. Intent-to-Play information for in-house leagues is due August 15. Schedules and contact info will be emailed to the teams and will also be posted at www.vysa.ca . Play will begin Saturday, September 15th.

U12 GIRLS GOLD

Select (gold) teams will be entered into the BC Coastal Girls Soccer League (BCCGSL). Teams are placed in groupings as approved by the League and member Districts – generally geographically. Intent-to-Play forms must be submitted by June 23. BCCGSL has a Guide specific to their league. Schedules and contacts can be found at www.bccgsl.ca . BCSA Photo ID cards are required by September 30. Play begins Sunday, September 9th

U12 GIRLS SILVER

Silver teams will play in a Vancouver in-house league interlocking with teams from West Vancouver and a team from Squamish. Intent-to-Play information is due August 15. If there appears to be teams that are noticeably stronger or weaker within a division, the Schedulers have the discretion to evaluate the schedule and make adjustments necessary to avoid stronger teams playing weaker ones by moving them up or down later in the season. Play in these leagues begins Sunday, September 16th. No BCSA Photo ID cards are required.

U12 BOYS

These teams will be divided into 4-District Gold, Silver and Bronze based on club requests on the Intent-to-Play form on June 23. No rosters are required. There is a 4-District League Guide containing the Policies for that league www.4districtsoccer.com. Schedules and contacts for this league will be found via the 4-District Boys link at www.bcsoccercentral.com. BCSA Photo ID cards are required by September 30. Play will begin Saturday, September8th.

ALL LEAGUES

Moves are made in order to keep the playing level competitive for all teams within the group. In-house and interlocking leagues may be restructured 2 or 3 times if uneven levels of competition require it. BCCGSL and 4District will make moves only at the Thanksgiving break according to the procedures agreed upon by all Districts participating in the respective leagues and via the method approved by the various leagues.

If you have a team in your club that is near the top or the bottom of their group and it appears they could be moved up or down, please let the VYSA Schedulers know by **September 30** of any reason why your club feels that it should or should not happen. It is incumbent that the club gets this input from their teams and passes it along before the rescheduling meetings. Input is to be through the club, not from each individual team. The more information the Scheduling Committees have, the easier it is to make decisions and put teams into competitive groupings. Placement of teams is made by the Scheduling Committees.

Read this Guide. This page is only a brief overview - the following pages explain how the 8-aside format operate, the formal rules and procedures, and your rights and responsibilities.

Read the Code of Ethics and know the rules and regulations of the 8-aside game.

In the 2012-2013 season, the 8-Aside League Scheduler is: Floyd Salazar Floyd.salazar@gmail.com for U11 Vancouver-West Vancouver girls, U12 girls in-house teams and U12 Gold BCCGSL girls, U11 in-house boys, U11 Gold and all U12 Boys. Other people may be responsible for collecting your scores each week and passing along game changes to what has been posted. These people are the only sources of game information – not your club coordinators. Scores are not published but are collected for placement purposes only in the 4D Boys League and the U11 Girls/U12 Girls Silver divisions. BCCGSL publishes the Girls U12 Gold team results. Scores must be emailed to the person designated for your league section no later than Sunday evenings.

There is an alternate field allocated for each main field except for turf. If the main field is not playable, games are to be played on the alternate field if it is playable. Games cancelled because of weather or field conditions will not be made up. Games scheduled on turf fields MUST start promptly as late starts delay every game for the rest of the day. Teams must be off of the field as soon as their game is finished and, if they are the last 8-aside game of the day on the field, they must make sure the small goals have been removed from the field and secured or stored in their proper place. Because of limited turf field availability, games will start at 8:00 or 8:15 a.m. on those fields.

It is compulsory for the home team to phone the opposition on Friday night to make sure both teams go to the right park at the designated time. Even though it is the home team's responsibility to make the call, and may forfeit if they do not, away teams are wise to call if they have not heard. Call to check for Vancouver Parks Board field closures on Fridays after 1 p.m. 604-473-6206 or go to www.vancouverparks.ca and follow the links. For games scheduled on school fields, check the Vancouver School Board Field line at 604-713-6000 - extension 2666. The schedule will indicate

which fields are Parks Board and which are School Board. Read carefully. If the rain has been very heavy, it would be a better choice to go to the alternate and not risk a long closure because of misuse. The general rule is that games should not be played on fields that have any standing water (i.e. puddles). Many of the Vancouver fields will have 5 games scheduled on them. Occasionally, turf fields may close due to frost or snow.

Teams must be in touch with each other by phone to confirm on Friday night to avoid confusion and ensure that both teams arrive at the same field at the same time for the scheduled game

In the event of a team not having enough players at game time, team officials may agree to mix their teams together to have a friendly. Players not registered to either of the two scheduled teams may not participate and these types of games on league days may not be arranged in advance. No matter what the score from that game is, it will be recorded as a 1-0 forfeit against the team who was short of players. This should be mentioned when reporting your scores. Please note that this is allowable only at the VYSA in-house 8-aside level and not at 4District or BCCGSL 8-aside games.

At least one team official must be of the same gender as players on the team. This means all teams having a female player must have at least one female registered as a team official.

Team lists must be exchanged at each game. **Use the sample team list provided at the end of this guide**, give two copies to the referee, and ask for your copy of the opponent's list.

Coaches are the most important influence on players. Coaches who positively guide, mentor and help players to enjoy the game will give a lifelong enjoyment of the game.

Referees are in charge of the game. Most of the referees for 8-aside games are youth divisional soccer players themselves. While they are trained, some of them will have limited refereeing experience. They need each team's support and respect in carrying out their duties. Referees for all 8-aside games will be assigned by the the home club. Incidents of referee abuse by players, coaches, parents or other supporters will be investigated even if not reported directly by referees and dealt with seriously.

Dissent from team officials or players is unacceptable. There will always be calls you disagree with; everyone has to learn to accept that aspect of sports. Do not question calls, or badger or harass referees during or after the game. This is a 'zero tolerance' issue and will be dealt with by the VYSA Discipline Committee. Any verbal abuse including persistent protests against decisions and abusive, offensive and/or insulting language carries penalties of two to five games.

Team officials are responsible and accountable for the behavior of parents and supporters. You must take all precautions to prevent players, team officials and spectators from threatening or assaulting anyone present at games, especially the referee and linesmen before, during or after the **conclusion of the game. Any physical contact or attempted or actual violent conduct of re**ferees will lead to very serious penalties from a one to five year suspension

Ensure parents are supportive, and when a referee requests you to control parents, you must do so immediately. In the case of a spectator who is associated with the team, and who is reported for misconduct and is proved at a discipline hearing to have committed said misconduct, the Club may be subject to a levy of a performance bond to guarantee good behaviour. Most likely this will have a trickle down affect and the Club will, in turn, collect the performance bond from the team.

Always e-mail the League Liaison (score collector) your score the same day your game is played, win, lose, draw, home or away. If neither team reports a score, it may be recorded as a double forfeit. As noted previously, scores are for internal use only for placement purposes; this league is non-results oriented.

Concussions: It's important that team officials educate themselves about the seriousness of concussions and when the player can safely return to play. Refer to "What Should I do If an Athlete Gets a Concussion?" on www.sportmedbc.com. Best policy is "when in doubt sit them out."

16.**'Let the kids play'.** Soccer is a game; it is for fun. Let them **play**. Parents and team officials should stay in the background.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

General Information

Each season, all players must be officially registered with your District Registrar, but first players must register with their club. The actual process may vary by club so consult your Club Registrar.

A player must be registered at least 24 hours prior to a league game. Playing unregistered players can result in suspensions of the team officials. Once a player is registered on a team, they must not play a scheduled league game for another team no matter what the circumstances. * See All Leagues #6. Teams must register a minimum of 8 players with a maximum of 16 players on their roster.

Out-of-District players may register and play for a Vancouver affiliated club. No team may register more than three out-of-district players. Out-of-District permission must be requested by your Club Registrar at the time of VYSA player registration.

Districts and Clubs reserve the right to accept or reject the application of any player.

U11 players will be born in 2002 or later. U12 players will be born in 2001 or later. Players may, with their club's approval, play up an age group, but never in a lower division (i.e. players born in 2000 may not play in U11). It is individual club policy as to whether a player may play up. Please contact your club executive if you intend to play an underage player. Each girl's team must have, at minimum, two thirds of the players of the applicable birth year registered on the team.

PLAYERS MUST PROVE AGE

Players must submit proof of age at the time of registration. Proof of age includes copies, in English, of birth or baptismal certificates, citizenship papers, passports or landing documents. **Please do not submit original documents.** This is all done via your Club Registrar. It is a Vancouver policy not to accept affidavits or translations.

TEAM NAMES

Teams using the same name as another team within their club MUST include the birth year as part of the team name every year i.e. DPK 01 United, KIL 00 United. Team name changes will not be accepted after June 23 for teams in 4D and BCCGSL. No name changes are permitted for in-house leagues after August 15, so make sure that your club enters your team with the name you prefer. There will be no exceptions.

TRANSFERS

All transfers of players must be done through your District Registrar who will have copies of the form and instructions on how you should proceed. Once a team plays its first league game in the current playing season any player movement thereafter would be subject to the transfer regulation. A transfer fee of $10 is required for player movement after October 15. It is the responsibility of the club/team "obtaining" the player to make sure that the paperwork and fees are in to Vancouver. The deadline for player transfers is January 15. There are no exceptions.

TEAM LISTS

Team lists are required for all games, and must be given to the referee before commencement of the game. List only the players participating in the game that day. Names and jersey numbers on the list should be printed clearly. Names should be given as registered with BCSA – no nicknames. Be sure to give club and team name.

It is the responsibility of the team official to give the team list to the referee and to obtain the opposing team's list.

Teams may lodge challenges concerning ineligible players by no later than half time. After the game the referee will contact the Discipline Committee for Vancouver and report the challenge.

FIELD PREPARATION AND HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

The team listed on the left hand side of the schedule is the "home" team. Their club is responsible for properly lining and marking fields designated as their home pitch as well as providing nets and flags and assigning the referee. For clubs sharing fields, arrangements should be made directly between the clubs to divide the responsibility for proper field preparation. As one example, clubs may agree that one club has primary responsibility for field preparation while the other will provide a financial contribution to pay for field lining. Another alternative is that clubs may alternate responsibility for field preparation on a monthly basis at their own expense. Clubs that fail to properly prepare fields may be subject to fines.

NO REFEREE FOR A GAME?

If the referee has not shown by the designated game starting time, the home team will referee the first half and the visiting team will referee the second half, unless it is agreed that one person will referee the whole game.

Every effort should be made to play the game. In the event that the teams do not agree to play the game, the game will not be re-scheduled.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

All players must wear appropriate equipment including shin pads. If during the referee's check, studs are found to be unsafe, the player will be asked to replace them prior to being allowed on the field. Jewelry is not permitted.

BAD WEATHER DIRECTIONS

As weather becomes poor, games will be moved to all-weather surfaces or cancelled outright by the Schedulers.

Field decisions may not be uniform throughout our playing area. Fields may be closed in one municipality or part of the city while they are open in others.

The Schedulers will notify the clubs within their district if all league play is cancelled within their district or if certain fields are known to be unplayable due to snow, ice or flooding. The home team must notify their opposition as soon as possible of the cancellation or change. Failure to do so can result in a forfeit by the home team.

If there is no "blanket" closure in your district, but you know that the field you are scheduled on is either snow covered, frozen or flooded, contact your Scheduler to let them know and they will take the steps necessary to cancel or change the game. If you do not hear via your District Scheduler and your Club that the game has been cancelled, both teams should be in attendance to play as scheduled and the referee will make the decision as to the playability of the field at game time. The referee's decision is final and teams will be fined for playing if the referee has cancelled the game.

Safety of the player is our #1 priority, so use common sense where fields are questionable (i.e., frozen, badly pot-holed, etc.).

BCSA PHOTO ID

Photo ID is mandatory for all players and team officials in 4District and BCCGSL. Those without validated BCSA photo ID will be ineligible to play, coach or manage after September 30. Exception will require written permission from the District Discipline Chair or, when specific to registration, the District Registrar. This would have been done in advance of their game.

If the team official(s) choose to play an ineligible player or to coach/manage without a validated Photo ID card, the referee will inform the opposition. The person may choose to play, coach or manage however the referee will include this in his game report and the team official(s) will assume responsibility with regards to the discipline outcome. Any team not able to produce all of their BCSA Photo ID prior to the start of a scheduled game will default the game.

COMPLAINTS/CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Girls' complaints should go directly to the VYSA Girls' Discipline Chair, David Joseph, davidjoseph@gmail.com

Boys' complaints should go directly to the VYSA Boys' Discipline Chair, Jackie Larson, jackielarson@shaw.ca.

SUBMITTING A COMPLAINT

If you have knowledge of the basis for a complaint before the game, you must advise the referee that you are going to play the game under protest. Many complaints are denied because of a failure to notify the referee prior to the game. All complaints must be submitted in writing to the appropriate VYSA Discipline Chair. Please note that all complaints must be forwarded by a team official registered with that team and submitted within 48 hours of the date of the match to which it relates. Contact your club executive for advice on lodging complaints as deadlines are involved.

Frivolous complaints will not be considered. Complaints will generally only be considered on the grounds of the eligibility of players.You cannot complain about a referee's judgment of the 'facts' of the game (e.g., was a player offside? Did a player handle the ball?).

Any complaint related to the field, posts or game equipment would be denied unless it is brought to the referee's attention before the game and the referee feels that the problem seriously affected the outcome of the game for one team more than the other.

Information on protests for teams participating in 4D and BCCGSL is available in those specific Guides.

IF A COMPLAINT IS CONSIDERED

Depending on the nature of the complaint the Complaint Committee will forward a copy of the complaint to the other team involved (within 48 hours of receiving the complaint), and will ask the other team's officials for a written report. Upon request the referee will also supply a written report to the committee. The Complaint Committee's decision will be conveyed in writing to both teams.

CODE OF ETHICS

Spectators

1. Remember that children play organized sports for their own fun. They are not miniature professionals.

Be on your best behavior. Don't use abusive, insulting, profane language or gestures or harass players, team officials, game officials or other spectators.

Applaud good plays or attempts by your own team as well as the visiting team.

Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no games.

Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.

Condemn the use of violence in all forms.

Respect the officials' decisions.

Always encourage players to play according to the rules.

Provide a healthy atmosphere for children to build both athletic and life skills.

Children model their behavior after the adults who care for them and they often learn more from what they observe than what they are told**.**

It is important for adults to set a good example.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TEAM COACH:

Coaches should strongly consider registering for the Community Coach Youth certification course or the new Learn to Train course being offered through BCSA.

The person who accepts the responsibility of coaching a soccer team is a special kind of person who should understand people, particularly youngsters. This person should also have a deep interest in the players and have a genuine enthusiasm that can be passed onto the players.

When a person assumes responsibility to coach a team, the individual also accepts a responsibility to the team, to the players, to their parents, to the club and to the game of soccer. A good coach wears many hats. The coach is a father/mother, educator, friend, disciplinarian and psychologist to the players.

The following is a partial list of responsibilities of the youth soccer coach:

1. Teach the players the skills, strategies and rules of soccer.
2. Teach the players the benefits of teamwork and co-operation with their fellow players.
3. Show the players, by personal example, proper conduct on and off the soccer field.
4. Arrange for others to conduct the practices or the games if you are unable to attend.
5. Ensure that no player is left on his own while he is waiting for a ride home after a game or practice.
6. Advise any parents and spectators who may be interfering with the game or the referee that they are in serious violation of the rules of soccer, and that they could be asked to leave the field of play. Be prepared to take steps to control your parents by asking them to leave the field of play or to stop your team from playing.
7. The basic philosophy underlying these rules is that every child should be given the opportunity to play in all practices and games regardless of ability.
8. No youngster can be denied the opportunity to play because of a lack of ability.
9. The good of every individual involved should be kept uppermost in the mind(s) of the person(s) responsible for the team on the field.
10. If a person is a capable coach, the skill level of the players will improve and will generally find it a meaningful experience.
11. If the coach is capable, discipline can be maintained without resorting to authoritarian measures. If the coach is not capable, the team will become an unruly gang, unable to respond to group discipline. Consequently, they will bring no credit to themselves, their coach, the club or the game.
12. It is assumed that a team whose players frequently incur penalties may be judged to have a coach not capable of teaching the players to conduct themselves in a manner creditable to the game.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

1. Develop the child's appreciation of the game.
2. Keep a proper perspective on winning and losing.
3. Be sensitive to each child's developmental needs.
4. Educate the players to the technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.

Implement rules and equipment modifications according to the players' age group.

Allow players to experience all positions.

Players need to have fun and receive positive feedback.

Practice should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.

Provide the appropriate number of training sessions and games according to each player's stage of development.

Strive to help all players reach their full potential and be prepared to move to the next stage of development.

ETHICS

- Strive to maintain integrity within our sport.
- Know and follow all rules and policies set forth by clubs, leagues, districts, provincial and national associations.
- Set a standard of good sporting behaviour and work in the spirit of cooperation with officials, administrators, coaches and spectators to provide the participants with the maximum opportunity to develop.
- Be a positive role model. Encourage them to "just say no to drugs and alcohol".
- Encourage moral and social responsibility.
- Keep the sport in proper perspective with education.
- Coaches should continue their own education in the sport.

RULES OF PLAY

All coaches are expected to have a basic familiarity with the Laws of the Game. Copies of the most current FIFA rules are available from the FIFA website: www.fifa.com. The most significant changes are set out below:.

Official BCSA Playing Rules for U11 and U12

Law 1 – The Field of Play:

Length (min) 60 (max) 75 metres
Width (min) 42 (max) 55 metres

Distinctive lines not more than 15 centimeters wide. The field of play is divided into thirds and by a center spot located at the midpoint. A circle with a radius of 9 meters may be, but is not mandatory, marked around it. An offside line parallel to the centre line should be marked from touch line to touch line at the attacking third mark. All field markings may be marked by means of cones (woz-markers).
The Goal Area: none
Penalty Area – is defined at each end as follows: Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line 11 meters from inside each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play for a distance of 11 meters and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the penalty area. Within each penalty area, a penalty mark is made 9 meters from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.
Corner flags, Corner area – Conform to FIFA if used but are not mandatory.
Goal Posts – Goals must be placed at the center of each goal line and are 5.486 X 1.83 meters (18 feet by 6 feet).

Law 2 – The Ball must conform to FIFA standards and inflation specifications for Size 4.

Law 3 – The Number of Players

A match is played by 2 teams each consisting of not more than 8 players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than 7 players, one of whom is the keeper.
Subs – At any stoppage, subs are unlimited and must be done with the ref's permission.

Law 4 – Player's Equipment – Conform to FIFA. Non-uniform clothing is allowed based on weather conditions, but the uniform must still distinguish the teams. The keeper must wear a colour that distinguishes him/her from both teams. Shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks. Jewelry is not permitted.

Law 5 – The Referee - A Class 5 or higher level may be used. The referee's role is to keep players safe and ensure that the game is played under the "fair play" code. A Class 5 or higher ref can send a team official from the field if they fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

Law 6 – The Assistant Referee – a nominated person.

Law 7 – Duration of the Match – The match shall consist of two equal 30 minute halves with a 5 minute break between the halves.

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play – Conform to FIFA, with the exception of the opponents of the team taking the kick-off are at least 9 meters from the ball until it is in play.

Law 9 – The Ball in and out of Play – Conform to FIFA

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring – Conform to FIFA.

Law 11 – Offside – Conform to FIFA with the exception of only occurring in the attacking third.

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct:

Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponent's penalty area .
Cautionary and expulsion cards are used.

Law 13 – Free Kicks –

Conform to FIFA with the exception that opponents are at least 9 meters from the ball. An indirect kick awarded to the attacking team that occurs inside the penalty area shall be taken from the outside edge of the penalty area in line with where the offense took place.

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick –

Conform to FIFA with the exception that the penalty mark is 9 meters from the goal line. All players except the player taking the kick must be 9 meters from the ball.

Law 15 - The Throw-In – Conforms to FIFA.

Law 16 – The Goal Kick – Conforms to FIFA except that it shall be taken from anywhere within the penalty area. Opponents must remain at least 9 meters away from the ball until it is in

Law 17 – The Corner Kick – Conforms to FIFA with the exception that opponents remain at least 9 meters from the ball until it is in play.

Remember: "THE DECISIONS OF THE REFEREE REGARDING FACTS CONNECTED WITH PLAY ARE FINAL."

PERFORMANCE BOND GUIDELINE

	PERFORMANCE BOND GUIDELINE-subject to change.	2012-2013
	Every club must post an initial $1,000 performance bond, payable to VYSA and, if not rolled-over from the previous season, must be in the hands of the VYSA Treasurer **not later than July 15th** of each and every season. **Throughout the season:** Should the balance on hand, and after deductions, fall to $300.00, immediately upon notification from the Performance Bond Person, the performance bond must be topped-up to its original ($1.000.00) amount. Failure to comply with any deadline may result in a $100.00 fine. Further non-compliance, after two reminders, may result in the withdrawal of services to the Club by means of removing the divisional teams from league and cup schedules until the bond is either received or topped-up. *Note*: these games will not be made up. **End of the season**: Leftover money will only be returned if the Club requests it otherwise the Club will top-up the remainder of the performance bond by July 15th or roll it over to the next season.	
1.	**Late team registration of players**: (Six (6) days grace period from the first scheduled game of the season – regardless of whether a team has a bye in the first game of the schedule.)	$10.00 per week for any portion of the week(s) that the team is not in compliance
2.	**Lack of required registration documentation** including Proof of Birth and Risk Management.	$10.00 per week for any portion of the week(s) that the team is not in compliance
3.	**Improperly or incompletely filled-out forms.** Eg: July 15th Team Roster, Team Affiliation, Division & Mini Team Registration, Individual Player Registration forms, Transfer forms and/or Photo ID, includes missing Player ID numbers.	$10.00 per team, per item, per form
4.	**Teams who chose to replace all of their photo ID cards** before the end of the two year period or who change their team name when two-thirds or more of the players were with that team the previous season, will have a fine of $75.00 levied against their Club.	$75.00 per team
5.	**Unnecessary replacement of "lost" photo ID**	$10.00 per individual ID, $50.00 to replace whole team
6.	**Lack of Photo ID** (from October 1st onwards.) Validated ID cards will not be returned until all cards, including team officials', are presented to and verified by the VYSA Photo ID Person.	$20.00 per team, per week for any portion of the week(s) that the team is not in compliance
7.	**Team or Club violation of field closures**.	$50.00
8.	**Lack of Assistant Referees, U16-U18.**	$50.00 per A.R.
9.	**Lack of game necessities**: Unlined field. Lack of corner flags, nets, photo ID, or team lists.	$25.00 per item
10.	**Forfeiture of a Provincial or Vancouver Cup game,** once the schedule has	$350.00 per team

	started, without just cause.	
11.	Clubs whose teams are proven to have **falsified player address information** will be charged expenses incurred, including courier fees.	
12.	**Persistent Verbal Abuse of a Game Official**: persistent criticism and/or disputing of calls.	$50.00
13.	**Threat of physical abuse of a Game Official**	$500.00
	Please Note: Repeat offenses may result in an escalated amount being deducted. For example: first unlined field=$25.00, second unlined field=$50.00. **Also** – if you disagree you have 5 days to contact the Performance Bond Chair, thereafter there will be no further appeals. **Note**: these fines are specific to VYSA and are not to be confused with the ability of the Leagues' to fine or withdraw services from specific teams.	

2012-2013 VYSA BOARD AND APPOINTEES

A Board of 12 people is elected by the District membership (team officials, Club Presidents, secretaries, and referees). Individual Board positions are then voted on by that Board of 12.

Chair & Scholarship Committee	Karen Thompson	C 604-831-0769	kthompson@vysa.ca
Vice-Chair Boys', MSL Rep Alternate Scholarship Committee	Peter MacDonald	H 604-261-7203	petemac24@yahoo.com
Vice-Chair Girls' & Girls' Discipline &	David Joseph	H 604-726-6214	davidbjoseph@gmail.com
Secretary, Scholarship Committee	Lisa Newby	C 604-619-6951	blnewby@shaw.ca
Treasurer & Performance Bond	Geoffrey Hansen		
4District (Boys') League Rep & Discipline	Jackie Larson	H 604-879-9948	jackielarson@shaw.ca
Van FC Liaison, BC Coastal (Girls') League Rep	Lizette Berdhal	C 604-809-7026	l lberdahl@vysa.ca
BC Coastal (Girls') League Rep	Michelle Chui	604-734-8771	mchui@vysa.ca
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Parks & Field Liaison, Scheduler for U11 In-House Boys', U11/U12 In-House Girls' and U11/U12 Van/W.Van Girls' Interlock	Floyd Salazar	H 604-222-2180 C 778-828-4521	floyd.salazar@gmail.com
MSL (Metro/Select) Rep	Tom Madden	C 604-880-6157	tmadden@vysa.ca
Risk Management, Zone 5 BCSA Summer Games Coordinator & Canada at Play	Susan Dhillon	C 604-317-2186	susandhillon@shaw.ca

APPOINTED POSITIONS			
Scheduler, Registrar, 4District Rep, Photo ID, Intra-Club Permits, Mini Scheduler	Pat Banks	H 604-873-4258	patriciabanks@shaw.ca
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Referee Scheduler U13-U18	Ed Soltysik	H 604-760-2111	solt@shaw.ca
Webmaster	Klaus Iden	H 604-321-1091	kiden@vysa.ca

VANCOUVER FIELDS AND ADDRESSES

TURF	
Point Grey School	5350 East Boulevard, Vancouver
Andy Livingstone Park	89 Expo Boulevard @ Carrall Street
Vancouver Technical	2700 Slocan St, Vancouver
UBC Warren	3050 E Mall, Vancouver
Trillium Park	580 Malkin Avenue @ Thornton Street
Jericho Park West	1600 Discovery Street @ NW Marine Drive
Memorial South Park	5900 Prince Albert Street @ East 41st Avenue
GRASS	
Nanaimo Park	East 46th Avenue and Nanaimo Street
Douglas Park East	West 20th Avenue and Heather Street
Woodland Park	705 Woodland Avenue and Adanac Street
Oak West	West 59th Avenue and Oak Street
Nelson School	2235 Kitchener Street
Riley Park	East 30th Avenue and Ontario Street
Jones Park	5410 Victoria Drive
Gordon Park	East 49th Avenue and Argyle Street
Earles Park	5610 Earles St. and 41st
Kerrisdale Park	East of Point Grey Turf
Sunrise Park	East 3 Ave & Rupert St Vancouver
Columbia Park	5908 Alberta St Vancouver
GRAVEL	
Waverley School	6111 Elliott Street (adjacent to Nanaimo Park)
Simon Fraser School	100 West 16th Avenue
Wolfe School	East 27th Avenue and Ontario Street
Maquinna School	2684 East 2nd Avenue
Oak AW	East 59th Avenue and Oak
Nelson School	2235 Kitchener Street
L'Ecole Bilingue	1166 W. 14 Ave, Vancouver

For Vancouver Parks Board field closures on Fridays after 1 p.m. 604-473-6206 or go to www.vancouverparks.ca and follow the links. For games scheduled on school fields, check the Vancouver School Board Field line at 604-713-6000 - extension 2666.

WEST VANCOUVER FIELD

TURF	
Ambleside D	1201 Marine Drive, West Vancouver
Ambleside F	
Ecole Pauline Johnson/ Irwin Park Elementary	1150 22nd Street, West Vancouver 2455 Haywood, West Vancouver (alternate field)

Directions to Ambleside Artificial Turf Fields: South side of Marine Drive, west of Park Royal Shopping Centre, west of Milestones Restaurant, immediately east of the Ambleside tennis courts at 13th St. & Marine Drive.

For West Vancouver field status, go to For West Vancouver field status, go to www.westvansoccer.com or www.westvancouver.ca/fields or call 604-926-6863 to check.

Both fields line and status page are updated by 1pm on Friday.

For West Vancouver field status, go to www.westvansoccer.ca/fields or call 604-926 -6862.

SQUAMISH FIELD

TURF/GRASS	
Brennan Park	1009 Centennial Way, Squamish

For Squamish field Status, go to infor@squamishsoccer.ca or www.squamishsoccer.ca

Teams must be in touch with each other by phone to confirm on Friday night to avoid confusion and ensure that both teams arrive at the same field and at the same time for the scheduled game.

Official Vancouver
U11-U12 8-AsideTeam list

Each team must print and fill in 2 copies of this form before every game and hand them to the referee before the game starts

Vancouver U11/U12 8-Aside League Team List	
Team List Of:	
Opposing Team:	
Home ☐	**Away** ☐
Date & Time:	
Fields:	

A team list showing Jersey #, **full first** and **last names** of players taking part in a game is to be filled out on this form in **duplicate** and **signed** by a team official. **Two** copies are to be handed to the referee no later than before the start of the second half. The referee will sign one copy and give it to the opposing coach, retaining the other copy, which will be the **official** team list in the event there is a protest. Team lists shall not contain the names of players or team officials currently under suspension.

Jersey #	First Name	Last Name

Team official:	
Referee:	

*** It is the team's responsibility to provide two copies of the team list to the referee and to obtain a copy of the list from the opposing team.**