

# Vancouver Youth Soccer Association

To: Marpole / Fusion Parent Representatives  
From: VYSA Marpole Fusion Sub Committee  
Date: September 11, 2022  
Re: Feedback from Initial Parent Discussion + **adjustment of recent VYSA Board Decision**

On September 10, 2022 the VYSA sub-committee met with parent representatives of 2 of the 5 affected Fusion/Marpole teams to discuss and build out the framework noted below. Unfortunately, 3 invited members did not attend the meeting, so the group decided to provide the following summary of the major elements discussed for their consideration. The following is the proposed VYSA solution:

## The Solution:

The VYSA board has a proposed solution to the current situation:

Any, some or all of the 5 Marpole teams that are currently not on the BCCSL schedule can choose to either:

1. Affiliate as VYSA District Team; or
2. Affiliate with an existing VYSA affiliated club that does not have an association with Fusion FC or Marpole SC. VYSA is willing to assist the team and the existing club if that is the team's choice; or
3. Stay with Fusion FC and remain unaffiliated with VYSA and unscheduled with BCCSL.

The group discussed only Option 1. A VYSA District Affiliated team would have the following attributes:

- **Teams** will be **scheduled** in their appropriate division as determined by the BCCSL. Teams in Divisions with existing BYES (3 of the 5 at present) could start essentially right away. The remaining 2 teams could start play right away but would have to join divisions that would require more travel as they are not west centered. Otherwise, those two teams would have to wait until the re-tiering at Thanksgiving break to be scheduled for games in the BCCSL;
- **Kits** with the **VYSA brand** would be provided by the VYSA. No Fusion or Marpole kits will be permitted on game day or for VYSA supervised activities. There must be a clear separation between these teams and Fusion/Marpole while they are undertaking VYSA activities;
- Team Name: VYSA: B/G UXX DIV 1/2 or one selected by each team may be submitted for approval.
- The VYSA will appoint a person to oversee all teams and liaise with team representatives and the VYSA Board to attempt to operate smoothly and resolve operational issues fairly and quickly. It is hoped that all issues will be channeled and resolved through this appointee. **Fusion coaching staff cannot be associated with any of the teams in any official capacity, without the prior written approval of the VYSA. The team must first apply in writing to the VYSA and obtain the prior written approval of the VYSA board's designated representative;**
- Each **Team** will appoint a parent to represent them. This **Parent representative** group will appoint a representative for that group to be the primary liaison with the VYSA Rep. to make the process efficient. Each Parent Representative will be a Team Official and assist with coordinating issues / concerns/and directives of the VYSA for their team;
- The **VYSA** will provide a professional **coach** to oversee these teams on game day;
- The VYSA will give each team the opportunity to train with the VYSA coaching staff, up to two sessions a week;
- Each team may decide how many practices it would want with the VYSA coaching staff. This would have to be on a regularly scheduled basis and not ad hoc;
- Each team **may** have other **practice** sessions **with other organizations** (including Fusion) if they choose to do so.

- The VYSA will provide game day fields and arrange for practice fields.
- Each team will have the right to appoint other Team Officials (another manager or assistant parent coach) for the effective operation of their programs.
- Players will be registered with the VYSA (they aren't currently registered with the BCSA).
- New insurance waivers will need to be signed (paper format, completed on game day).

The intention is to have a transparent, constructive and a collaborative process to give the players a good soccer experience in divisional play in the BCCSL. Although this solution is intended to facilitate access to divisional play for the 2022/2023 season, the VYSA Board and these teams will work with these teams towards a permanent solution by the end of 2022 to enable them to have all information as to their options for then 2023/2024 season.

#### **Conclusions:**

This **solution** is the **fastest** way to get kids back on the field (we estimated for next weekend for most if not all teams). An appeal or legal process will take much longer and not provide the desired results – game play now.

TEAMS, PLEASE MAKE A DECISION BY THIS WEEKEND. THE TIMELINE IS TIGHT AND HERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF WORK REQUIRED BY DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS IN ORDER FOR THIS TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

**Please note that if Fusion/Marpole wish to partner and affiliate with the VYSA under this arrangement for the 2023 season they may apply to do so by October 31, 2022. If that is their intent, those discussions should be commenced immediately in a collaborative and respectful context so any potential impediments can be addressed before the application is submitted.**