

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2016 BCSA

Provincial/Coastal B Cup
Lower Island Playdowns

Attached are two documents: one document includes all the draw grids for the Lower Island playdowns in the 2016 BCSA Provincial and Coastal B Cup competitions and the other highlights *some* of the rules for those playdowns as well as the Provincial/Coastal B Cup.

The draw grids will be posted on the LISA website's Competitions page. Those grids will be updated with results after each weekend of play.

Please note, in almost all cases, that the contacts on the draw grids are as listed on your current league schedule. If there are any errors or updates for your team please reply as soon as possible. For space reasons, only phone numbers are included on the draw grids (except where no phone number was listed on the schedule). As the teams that have entered your cup draw are the same ones that are on your Gold league schedule their email addresses can be found there.

If your team did not enter the B Cup and is mistakenly included on the draw grid or you want to withdraw contact the LISA office immediately.

Teams that enter the B Cup must follow through with all commitments associated with the Provincial and Coastal B Cup competitions. Teams that win the Lower Island playdowns will represent the Lower Island in inter-district play. Depending upon how successful those teams are their required commitments to the competitions are likely to include travel and the costs associated with that such as motel/hotel accommodations. If a team withdraws from the Provincial or Coastal B Cup at any time after the Lower Island draw their club and/or district can be fined and/or performance bonds forfeited. In addition, if a team withdraws during the competition their Provincial/Coastal Cup eligibility for the following season may be reviewed by BCSA.

The BCSA Provincial and Coastal B Cups are annual province-wide youth competitions for both boys and girls offered by the B.C. Soccer Association. The Coastal competition includes the Lower Mainland (which includes the Sunshine Coast and the Fraser Valley) and Vancouver Island/Powell River. In addition to being its own separate competition the Coastal B Cup is also used to qualify teams for the Provincial B Cup tournaments that are held in July.

Eight teams qualify for each Provincial B Cup tournament: one from Vancouver Island/Powell River; two from the Lower Mainland; one from Thompson Okanagan; one from Columbia Kootenay; two from Northern BC; and a host district berth.

The B level cup competitions are open to any affiliated Gold or lower level youth team as declared to their district as long as that team has played in properly constituted league matches and is not under suspension. There is also an A level cup competition (for VIPL teams or lower) and a Premier level (Vancouver Island Wave).

In order to be eligible for the B Cup a team's head coach must have completed the Soccer for Life coaching course, or a higher level course (A or B licence). There are no exceptions.

A player is eligible once his/her registration has been validated by the district association's registrar and has been received by BC Soccer. A player must also have played in at least one league game before playing in a regional qualifying or Provincial Cup match.

Players must be registered as a youth from adult player or transferred to a team at least seven days prior to taking part in that team's regional qualifying or Provincial Cup match.

The opening round of the Lower Island B Cup playdowns are scheduled for the weekend of January 30/31 (for five to eight teams entered). The semi-final rounds will take place February 6/7 and the Lower Island finals February 13/14. The winners of the Lower Island playdowns will play the Upper Island reps the weekend of February 27/28.

The Upper Island hosts the U13, U15 and U17 divisions for both boys and girls. The Lower Island hosts the U14, U16 and U18 divisions for both boys and girls.

The winners of the matches (sometimes referred to as the "Island qualifiers") between the Lower Island reps and the Upper Island reps will represent the

Vancouver Island/Powell River region at their provincial tournaments in July. In addition these winners continue on with the Coastal B Cup playdowns advancing to the semi-final rounds where they will play Lower Mainland teams.

The semi-finals of the Coastal B Cup will be played on the weekend of April 16/17. All Coastal B Cup finals will be held at Aldergrove Athletic Park the weekend of April 30/May 1.

All playdowns in the *Coastal* B Cup competition (including the Lower Island playdowns) are single elimination – winners advance to the next round while losers are eliminated. (Note: if an Island team loses in the Coastal B Cup semi-finals or finals that does not eliminate them from the provincial tournament as they have already earned that provincial berth by winning the Island qualifier between the Lower and Upper Island.)

While the B Cup competition is under way teams will play their B Cup match *instead* of the league game that was originally scheduled for them that weekend. The league game will then become an outstanding game and can be made up by agreement of *both* teams involved. Your weekend schedules will change to accommodate the B Cup playdowns. Those scheduling changes will be distributed via email from the LISA office on a weekly basis. Those emails usually go out the Tuesday or Wednesday of each week as the results of games played each weekend (league and B Cup) have to be taken into account before the re-scheduling can be completed.

B Cup matches have priority over all other youth games in regards to scheduling and fields. If any B Cup match can not be played because fields are closed (both the designated home club and the visiting club do not have an open field on which the match can be played) the re-scheduling of that match is up to LISA. Note that LISA can re-schedule an outstanding cup match, or a cup match that needs to be re-played because of a successful protest, for any time, any day.

There must be a winner in all B Cup matches. If the two teams are tied on goals at the end of regulation time the teams will play two equal halves of extra time as per the duration for their age division. From U13 up to and including U16 that is 2 x 10-minute halves. For U17 and U18 that is 2 x 15-minute halves. The full length of the extra time will be played no matter how many goals are scored during the two extra time halves.

If the score is tied at the conclusion of the full extra time session the outcome of the match will be decided by kicks from the penalty spot, as per FIFA rules.

SCORE REPORTING – BOTH teams must report the score for their cup match to their score recorder. During the Lower Island playdowns report your score to the score recorder listed on your draw grid (that score recorder is the same person as on your Gold schedule). For all *inter*-district cup matches (Lower Island vs. Upper Island, coastal semi-final vs. Lower Mainland and coastal final vs. Lower Mainland) report your score to the score recorder on your draw grid *as well as* the district scheduler (Brian Davis ag9@telus.net or 250-598-6274). You must also report if your match is not played and provide the reason why.

Both the Boys and Girls Provincial B Cup tournaments take place July 7-10. The U13-U18 Boys Provincial B Cup tournaments are on the North Shore (West Vancouver) and the U13-U18 Girls Provincial B Cup tournaments are in Penticton.

NOTE: There will be no Upper Island B Cup rep in Girls U13, Girls U17 as well as Boys U13 and Boys U17. The Lower Island will also not have a Girls U17 rep as no Lower Island team entered in that age division. Therefore in the Girls U13 division, the Boys U13 division and the Boys U17 division the winner of the Lower Island playdowns will represent Vancouver Island/Powell River at their provincial tournament in July. In addition, in all three of those divisions the winner of the Lower Island playdowns will advance to the semi-finals of the Coastal B Cup to play a Lower Mainland team the weekend of April 16/17.

For more details on the Provincial and Coastal B Cup competitions please visit the BCSA website.

DISTRICT CUP: teams that win the Lower Island playdowns in the B Cup will be representing the Lower Island in inter-district play and therefore are *not* eligible for the Lower Island District Cup.