

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY RE-SCHEDULING NOTICE MARCH 5/6

Attached is the weekly master re-scheduling notice for the March 5/6 weekend. The attached master re-scheduling notice is three pages long.

All the games scheduled for this weekend are District Cup semi-finals except for one game in Girls U16/15 Silver where there are three teams that have not started their District Cup playdowns – they have byes into their District Cup finals. Two of those teams have been scheduled to play each other in order to give them a game to play this Saturday.

NOTE -- LISA will not be scheduling any games for the following weekends: March 12/13, March 19/20 and March 26/27. This is the last weekly re-scheduling notice of the 2015/16 Lower Island season. The schedule for the District Cup finals, the April 2/3 weekend, will be distributed once it has been confirmed, closer to the event.

COASTAL B CUP

The semi-finals of the Coastal B Cup take place the weekend of April 16/17.

Six of the Lower Island winners in the Vancouver Island B Cup qualifiers for the provincial tournaments that were played this past weekend will be hosting Lower Mainland teams in the coastal semi-finals.

Those six teams – Boys U14 Juan de Fuca, Boys U16 Saanich Fusion/Lakehill; Boys U18 Bays United, Girls U14 Peninsula/Prospect Lake, Girls U16 Bays United and Girls U18 Saanich Fusion/Peninsula – will need to provide fields in order to host those semi-final matches. Coastal B Cup semi-finals (home or away) can not start before 12 noon or after 2 p.m. When you have your fields booked please inform LISA through the Lower Island office (admin@lowerislandsoccer.com and the district scheduler (Brian Davis ag9@telus.net).

The following four Lower Island teams that have qualified for their Provincial B Cup tournament will be playing away, on the Lower Mainland, for the Coastal B Cup semi-finals the weekend of April 16/17 – Boys U13 Saanich Fusion McLaren, Boys U15 Juan de Fuca, Boys U17 Cowichan Valley Grizzlies and Girls U13 Saanich Fusion.

The opponents for the Lower Island teams in the coastal semi-finals have yet to be determined. The draw grids for the Coastal B Cup can be viewed on the BC Soccer website (in the Member Services drop-down list click on Provincial Cup, then scroll down the selections under Youth Competitions and click on [Coastal Cup](#)) or by using this direct link: <http://www.bccoastalcup.com/> and clicking on [Schedules](#).

DISTRICT CUP

The District Cup is the final competitive program of the Lower Island season. *It is not a league playoff.* It is a single-elimination, random draw, cup competition for Lower Island teams that are *not* Lower Island representatives in an inter-district competition (e.g. Provincial/Coastal B Cup, Island Invitational Cup). The winner of the District Cup does not advance to any other competition.

ALL teams playing in Lower Island leagues from U13 to U18 are automatically entered into the District Cup – *except*, as mentioned, those teams representing the Lower Island in an inter-district competition. There are separate District Cup draws for all levels of play (e.g. Boys U13 Gold, Boys U13 Silver, Boys U13 Bronze, Girls U13 Gold, Girls U13 Silver, Girls U13 Bronze, etc.).

For the Lower Island District Cup, Silver and Bronze league champions are promoted to a higher level of play. The Bronze league champion competes in the Silver District Cup and the Silver league champion competes in the Gold District Cup as those teams have, over the course of the season, proven themselves to be the best team in their league.

The Gold league champion is not eligible for the District Cup. The Gold league champion represents the Lower Island in the Island Invitational Cup and will play against the Upper Island rep for the Island championship, to be hosted by the Upper Island, April 9/10, in Comox Valley.

All District Cup finals will be hosted by the Lakehill Soccer Association during the weekend of April 2/3.

Teams that advance all the way to the District Cup finals will not necessarily play on their regular game day and, in almost all cases, not at their regular start time. All the District Cup finals are hosted by one club (Lakehill). Final matches are scheduled throughout the weekend starting on the Saturday, from early morning until late afternoon, and then continuing on, as far as needed, into the Sunday. (Note: the U18/17 division for both boys and girls will have their finals on the Sunday, however their start times might not be as usual.)

District Cup awards ceremonies follow every final match. The winning team will be presented with a trophy and medals for the players. The players on the losing team will receive runner-up medals. There is also a game MVP named for each team.

In regards to outstanding league games, no team once it has played a District Cup match can play any outstanding league game. Once a team is in the District Cup competition their league play has ended – it does not matter how many league games that team has outstanding.

When teams lose in the District Cup playdowns they are eliminated from the competition and LISA stops scheduling for them. In other words, their 2015/16 Lower Island season is over.

There must be a winner in all District Cup matches.

During the playdowns leading up to the final (i.e. “the round of 16,” the quarter-finals and semi-finals), if the score is tied at the end of regulation ***there will be extra time***. Extra time is *not* sudden death. The full amount of extra time must be played no matter how many goals are scored. Extra time for those divisions that play the full 90-minute game (i.e. U17 and U18) is 2 x 15-minute halves. All other divisions play 2 x 10-minute halves.

If the score is still tied after the full extra time is played the winner of the match will be determined by a FIFA penalty shootout.

Please make sure your referees are aware that games tied at the end of regulation will go to extra time and if still tied to a FIFA penalty shootout. (The rules for the LISA Cup playdowns were different.)

BOTH TEAMS must report their District Cup score to their score recorder. If your match went into extra time or a FIFA penalty shootout please include that information as well. For example, the score at the end of regulation, the score after extra time and, if you know it, how many goals each team scored in the penalty shootout itself.

Youth-to-youth permits can not be used for the District Cup competition.

For more information see Chapter 1 on the Rules and Regulations page on the LISA website.

At this time of the season communication between teams, their opponents and their clubs is very important. Do not assume everybody will receive the re-scheduling notice that is emailed out every week. Teams should contact their opposition far enough in advance to confirm their games for each weekend.

LISA scheduling committee