

# **2017 BCSA PROVINCIAL/COASTAL ('B') CUP**

## **Lower Island Playdowns**

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.

At the Boys provincial tournament it is officially known as the Les Sinnott Memorial Boys Provincial Cup. At the Girls provincial tournament it is officially known as the Girls Provincial B Cup.

At the coastal level of the competition for both Boys and Girls it is known as the Coastal B Cup.

For more information visit the BCSA website: <http://www.bcsoccer.net/> and in the drop-down box under the MEMBER SERVICES tab click on Provincial Cup. Then choose the provincial or coastal link you want. Or you can also use the following direct link for the coastal level of the competition: [www.bccoastalcup.com](http://www.bccoastalcup.com)

For the 2017 Coastal B Cup competition, *in all Boys and Girls divisions* (U13 through U18) the Vancouver Island qualifiers (the winners between the Upper and Lower Island) begin playing Lower Mainland teams in the semi-final round.

Rules governing the Lower Island playdowns to determine our district reps in the BCSA (“B”) Cup are posted on the LISA website on the Rules and Regulations page (see the Chapter 4 document). Please be aware that in the event of a conflict between what is on the LISA website and what is contained in the BCSA rules and regulations, the BCSA rules and regulations will prevail.

### **Highlighted 'B' Cup Rules for the Lower Island Playdowns**

Here is a quick overview of a few of the BCSA (“B”) Cup rules.

- **Game Length**: The following standards are in effect for BCSA (“B”) Cup matches:

<b><u>Division</u></b>	<b><u>Length</u></b>	<b><u>Extra Time</u></b>	<b><u>Ball Size</u></b>
<b>U18</b>	2 x 45-minute halves	2 x 15-minute halves	Size 5
<b>U17</b>	2 x 45-minute halves	2 x 15-minute halves	Size 5
<b>U16</b>	2 x 40-minute halves	2 x 10-minute halves	Size 5
<b>U15</b>	2 x 40-minute halves	2 x 10-minute halves	Size 5
<b>U14</b>	2 x 35-minute halves	2 x 10-minute halves	Size 5
<b>U13</b>	2 x 35-minute halves	2 x 10-minute halves	Size 5

- **Extra Time**: 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 that applies to their age division. The **full** length of extra time will be played no matter how many goals are scored during those two extra-time halves. Extra time is NOT sudden death; there is no “golden goal” or “silver goal.”
- **“Shootout”**: 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.

- Player eligibility: To be eligible for the BCSA “B” Cup players must be registered, reinstated as a youth-from-senior or transferred to a team at least seven days prior to taking part in that team’s “B” Cup match. **Players must also have played at least one regular-scheduled league game prior to playing in a “B” Cup match.** A transferred player is not eligible to play for a new team in a cup competition in which that player has already competed during the current playing season.
- Postponing Matches: No team official or club may postpone, cancel or re-schedule a “B” Cup match without approval from LISA.
- Field status: If the home team’s club has no field available to play a “B” Cup match *as scheduled* and the “visiting” team’s club can supply a field then the game must be played at the “visiting” team’s field. During the cup playdowns match venues may change with short notice (*including on the day of the match*). When fields are changed make sure the appropriate club coordinators are informed regarding the officials.
- Field closures: In the event field closures prevent matches from being played as scheduled LISA reserves the right to re-schedule the matches for *any* time prior to the Region One (Vancouver Island and Powell River) provincial qualifying final.
- Volunteer assistant referees: Volunteers running the lines are to follow the referee’s instructions and are to be respectfully treated as match officials. In turn, **each must act as a neutral official for the entire game and shall not do any coaching or instructing** while so acting.
- Conflict of interest: No match official (referee or assistant) is to be **assigned** to a “B” Cup match if that official may be perceived to be in a position of a conflict of interest. Conflict of interest includes, but is not limited to, match officials who have family members or close relatives on either team (the “team” includes players and all team officials) or match officials who used to coach or manage either of the teams. (This applies to match officials who are **assigned**; it does not apply to volunteer officials.)
- No referee shows up: If no referee shows up for the match the following procedure applies:
  - a) If two carded referee assistants have been *assigned* to the match they will agree upon which one will take over as the referee. If only one carded referee assistant shows up at the match that assistant will referee the match.
  - b) If the assigned referee does not show up and no referee assistants have been *assigned* to the match or do not show up at the match, then the two teams are encouraged to play the match using an agreed upon substitute to assume the role of referee. If this agreement is reached a note stating such shall be written on the back of each team list and signed by a team official from each team. Each coach shall keep a copy of the signed agreement.
  - c) If the match is not played because no one is available to referee the match and no agreement is reached on a substitute, LISA must be informed immediately. LISA can re-schedule such an un-played match for *any* time prior to the Region One provincial qualifying final.
  - d) If the two teams do not play the cup match, but proceed with playing an exhibition game instead, both coaches shall sign a note on the back of each team list stating what is going to take place. Both teams will keep a copy of the signed agreement.
- Technical areas: The movement of players and coaching staff on the sidelines is stipulated within the BCSA rules. **All team coaches and players must remain within the technical area.**

- Team lists: Make sure your team lists are completed properly (includes all official data as required) and submitted to the referee prior to the start of your match.
- Pick-up Permits: Youth-to-youth permits (as used in league play) are NOT allowed during the Vancouver Island playdowns of the Coastal B Cup. However, *under specific circumstances*, “pick-up permits” to replace missing players can be used by Island teams when playing against Lower Mainland teams (i.e. the coastal semi-finals and finals). To confirm: pick-up permits are NOT allowed during the Lower Island playdowns or in the Vancouver Island qualifiers for the provincial tournament (Lower Island rep vs. Upper Island rep). *See the 2017 Coastal Cup rules on the BC Soccer website for conditions and further details.*
- Score reporting: Results of all “in-district” matches must be reported by **both** teams to their Lower Island score reporter (as listed on your league schedule and cup draw grid; if this is two different people then report to both) by 5 p.m. the day of the match. For *inter-district* rounds report your scores to the Lower Island district scheduler (email: [ag9@telus.net](mailto:ag9@telus.net) or phone 250-598-6274) by 5 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter for travelling teams. If results are not reported, or not reported on time, fines may be issued from both LISA and BCSA.
- Lower Island winners: The winners of the Lower Island playdowns will advance to play one match against an Upper Island representative to determine who shall represent Region One (Vancouver Island/Powell River) in the BCSA (“B”) Cup provincial tournament in the summer.
- Island hosts: The Vancouver Island “B” Cup qualifiers for the provincial tournament will be played in the Upper Island for the U13, U15 and U17 age divisions and in the Lower Island for the U14, U16 and U18 age divisions.
- Photo ID cards: **BCSA photo ID cards are required for ALL inter-district cup matches**. Every player on the team and every team official (coach, assistant coach, manager) **must** have and use the photo ID cards at **every** inter-district cup match. If your team is the Lower Island “B” Cup rep contact your club registrar immediately to arrange for your photo ID cards. If you do not have photo ID cards for all players and team officials it is possible that your match will be protested. Claiming you did not have enough time to attain the ID cards will not be an acceptable excuse.
- Island winners: The winners of the Island qualifiers not only qualify for their provincial tournaments they continue on in their Coastal “B” Cup playdowns advancing to play against Lower Mainland teams. Results for Island reps in the Coastal “B” Cup competition will **not** alter their status for their BCSA “B” Cup provincial tournament. It does not matter if an Island qualifier wins or loses against a Lower Mainland team in the Coastal Cup. That Island team will still compete in their provincial tournament. However, the Coastal Cup competition, including results against the Island reps, does count toward determining the Lower Mainland qualifiers for the BCSA “B” Cup provincial tournament.

If you have any questions, or are unsure about a particular situation in regards to the cup playdowns within the Lower Island, contact LISA.