

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION

LISA Cup Play 101 2023-24

For the 2023/2024 Season LISA continue with the standard “Cup Play” structure. This model will include a stand-alone “B” Cup qualification process for Tier 3 teams, a LISA District Cup competition, and an “Island Cup”/Island Invitation tournament.

Cup Declaration Dates

- On or before **December 15th** all Tier 3 teams will declare for Provincial “A” or Provincial “B” Cup qualification
- All “B” Cup declared teams will participate in the LISA “B” Cup Playdowns
- All “A” Cup declared teams will participate in the UISA/LISA Tier 2 Spring season and be removed from all Tier 3 Cup Competition (District Cup, Island Cup)
- Cup declarations are to be submitted by the **Member Club** in consultation with the individual team using the “Provincial Cup Declaration Form” provided to your member club
 - Once a team declares for a Provincial “A” or Provincial “B” Cup they are committed to attending the BCSA Provincial Finals should that team qualify
 - Teams/Clubs will face financial sanctions and potential loss of eligibility in future BCSA Provincial Finals should a qualified team not attend the BCSA Provincial Finals
 - Team Declarations do not affect a player’s eligibility*. Only teams that have declared and earned a BCSA Provincial Cup Berth will be tied to that competition level.
 - ***Players on teams that qualify for Provincial “B” Cup are ineligible to participate in Tier 2 Spring competitive programming unless released by the qualified team.**
- Teams that qualify for Provincial “B” Cup may be asked to participate In Tier 2 at LISA’s discretion*

Competitive Roster Freeze:

- All Competitive Roster are to be submitted to the District on or before January 15th.
- Any Roster change following the January 15th “Roster Freeze” must be approved by the District and submitted via a BCSA “Youth Application to Transfer” Form
 - All transfers must be completed 7 days prior to a Cup match and all players must compete in one league match prior to being eligible to participate in a Cup match

LISA “B” Cup Playdowns

- The LISA “B” Cup playdowns will be a partially seeded Cup Draw at stand-alone age groups U14, U15, U16, U17, and U18 to determine the LISA “B” Cup Representative

- Top 2 teams in LISA League play **at time of Cup Draw** will be seeded randomly in opposite sides of the draw. Seeding does not guarantee home field advantage.
- “B” Cup draw to take place during the first week of January
- LISA “B” Cup Representative to play off against UISA Representative for spot at BCSA “B” Cup Provincials

“B” Cup Playdown Dates:

- LISA “B” Cup Quarter Finals – January 20th/21st
- LISA “B” Cup Semi Finals – January 27th/28th
- LISA “B” Cup Finals – February 3rd/4th
- Island “B” Cup Finals (vs. UISA) – February 24th/25th

BCSA Provincial “B” Cup Hosts and Dates:

- Les Sinnott Memorial Boys Provincial Cup (B Cup)
Host: TBD
Location: TBD
Dates: TBD
- Girls Provincial B Cup
Host: TBD
Location: TBD
Dates: TBD

LISA District Cup

- All teams will participate in LISA District Cup except for the LISA “B” Cup representative, any “A” Cup declared teams, and the Tier 3 League Winner which has qualified for “Island Cup”
- The District Cup will be played at U14, U15, U16, U17/18 Tier 3 and Tier 4 divisions
 - Where League Divisions are split by “Pools” all teams will compete with the District Cup based on age division, regardless of which “Pool” they are in
- Tier 4 League winners will be “promoted” to Tier 3 District Cup
- Once a team has been eliminated from Cup Play their competitive season is officially finished. However, LISA will continue scheduling exhibition matches for teams until the **March 2nd/3rd weekend.**

Dates:

- District Cup 1st Round (If necessary) – February 10th/11th
- District Cup Quarter Finals – February 17th/18th
- District Cup Semi Finals – February 24th/25th
- LISA District Cup Finals – Hosted by JDF – March 9th/10th

Island Cup

- The Island Cup is a Tier 3 competition run in conjunction with UISA.
- The LISA **Tier 3 League Winners** will compete in a one game Final versus a UISA representative for the “Island Cup/Island Invitation”
- This match is a one game playoff and is a separate competition from BCSA Cup Competition

Dates:

Island Cup Final: **March 2nd/3rd**

- Host TBD (LISA and UISA to split hosting duties)

Tier 2 – Provincial “A” Cup

Following the completion of the “Island Cup” and March Break in the respective districts, LISA and UISA will engage in a Tier 2 Inter-District competition.

Team Formation and League Play:

- LISA’s team formation will be based off of the “Regional Model” with District Assessments to take place
- LISA will look to create one (1) to two (2) balanced teams at each age group where possible
- Teams will be selected based on a “Regional” model with input from Club Technical Leads and existing Tier 2 Fall Academies
 - Tier 3 Club teams may declare for Provincial “A” Cup prior to the December 15th deadline and participate in Spring Tier 2
 - Member Clubs teams must ensure a minimum roster of 14 players to participate in Tier 2
- Tier 2 assessments will be open to all Tier 3 players, or with TD recommendation
- Assessment dates TBD

Tier 2/“A” Cup Playdown Format:

- Teams will compete in an Inter-District league play with a single elimination playdown to determine an Island Provincial “A” Cup representative
 - “League” divisions to compete at U14,U16, and U18 banded age groups
- “A” Cup playdowns will be declared at all age groups within which teams have declared, this includes U15 and U17
- Teams will be encouraged to participate in BCSA approved tournaments (May Long Weekend)

New for 2024:

- In the event a PDP National Showcase is established by Canada Soccer and winners of the BC Soccer Provincial Premier Cup (BCSPL) are determined as BC representatives in such competition, **the winner of the BC Soccer Provincial A Cup in the U15 & U17 Divisions will represent B.C. at the Canada Soccer Club National Championships.**

- BCSA supports the PDP player pathway and expect the implementation of the PDP National Showcase for 2024

Provincial “A” Cup Hosts and Dates:

Provincial A Cup

Host: TBD

Location: TBD

Dates: TBD