

TOURNAMENT RULES 2016

These rules are drawn up for the following tournaments in the summer; Van United, AIFC, KDS Vancouver, Temple United, Rasode, Akal FC, GNSC, AUSC, Can Eagles & BC Tigers.

All FIFA rules apply with exception of the rules stated below.

A. General Rules

1 All tournaments must apply for sanctioning by BCSA (adult only), even if they are rejected. However proof must be provided that an application was submitted or host club is subject to \$500 fine (USFA).

2 Tournaments are invitational and only USFA affiliated clubs may enter teams in U12 to U18.

The OPEN division is open to any clubs; however they must follow tournament rules as agreed by USFA affiliated clubs at season's start.

3 Clear "waiver/play at own risk" sign must be posted at main tent at all tournaments, and listed on every tournament schedule.

4 Host club must make sure their respective tournament has full insurance coverage.

5 Tournament rules may not be changed at draws.

(Original rules for this season made on Feb 28, 2016 and changed at the AIFC/VAN U draws in May 2016)

6 Any person serving 1 year or longer suspension under BCSA shall not be allowed to participate in any USFA affiliated tournaments.

7 No open alcohol at or near any playing fields.

8 Any club official, team official, player, parent and/or spectators found to be violating any rule shall be subject to appear before a disciplinary committee.

9 Suspended officials and players may not stand on the sideline with their team or any other team's sideline during a match until suspension has been served.

10 Designated club colors, namely AIFC – Sky Blue, Akal – Royal Blue, AUSC – Royal Blue & White, BC Tigers – Orange, Canadian Eagles – Yellow, Dasmesh United – Black (alternate white), GNSC – Green, , Hurricanes – ?, Phoenix – White, Temple United – Red (alternate white), Van United – Maroon.

11 In case of a conflict the team not wearing their designated club color is required to change, regardless of which team is home or away. Alternate must have club logo or no logo, no winter club logos allowed.

If two teams decide to wear alternates and there is a color clash then the team listed as "away" must change or wear bibs.

12 Tournament entry fees, OPEN men's & women's gold: \$300, OPEN men's silver \$250, OPEN women's silver \$175, OVER-35/45 \$175, and U12 to U18 \$150 if knockout & \$175 if round- robin.

Tournament host's discretion to play round-robin and/or knockout format.

If only 2 teams in Over 35/40/45, game is played as exhibition game then \$50 entry with no prizes.

13 Tournaments must award a minimum of 1 team trophy and 16 medals to all U12 to U18, and OPEN silver finalists, 1 team trophy and cash prize to OPEN gold teams.

Host clubs must notify clubs when sending out invitation to their respective tournaments the OPEN minimum prize amount that will be awarded based on number of teams.

14 Tournament youth age groups for boys: U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 & U18, and girls: U12, U14, U16 & U18. All division will be gold, silver & bronze where possible.

15 Youth- \$100 fine plus entry fee if withdrawing a team within 48 hours of the draws. \$250 plus entry fee if team withdraws past the 48 hour time limit. Open men and women (gold & silver) is \$250 plus entry fee if withdrawing a

team within 48 hours of the draws. \$500 plus entry fee if team withdraws past the 48 hour time limit.

For Gurdwara tournaments, teams will be assessed a fine plus entry fee (same amount currently set for all USFA sanctioned tournaments).

Fine amount may be reduced if the cause for the forfeit was beyond their control (i.e. road closure due to accident which delayed team, a personal matter, etc).

16 It is mandatory for all clubs with multiple teams in same age division to provide the name of the coach coaching those teams. Clubs failing to do so may be subject to a \$50 fine. It is also encouraged that clubs also provide a team list of at least 7 players for each one of those teams.

17 Teams arranging to play their scheduled tournament game prior to the tournament must get permission from the host tournament committee and must inform the committee of the final score and if any red cards were issued. Teams may have to cover cost of referee.

18 If a team drops out after draws are made and a re-draw needs to be done (remaining teams in the group must be notified), also if a team is being added in after the draws (majority of teams in that group must agree to allow team in) or team will not be allowed in. No late entries should be allowed unless an error was made

19 A minimum of 2 hours break (unless a team made a scheduling request and 2 hour break is not possible) should be scheduled between matches to allow players rest

20 Vancouver and Abbotsford based teams will be given the option of playing back to back matches, must inform tournament host at draws. IE: #1 DUFC vs GNCS, #2 loser-1 vs Van U, #3 winner-1 vs Van U (DUFC may ask to play in match #1 & #2 or #2 or #3), as long opponents stay the same.

21 10-point system: 6 points for win, 3 points for a draw, 0 points for loss, 1 point for each goal scored in a game to a max of 3 points and 1 point for shutout (win or draw).

If this causes a forfeit where a team does not get to play a minimum of 2 round robin games then no show fine shall apply.

22 Teams 10 minutes late (for any reason) past the scheduled game time will be liable to forfeit game (2 – 0). Where games are delayed by a minimum of 90 minutes (for whatever reason) and a team decides not to play due to the delay then a forfeit will be recorded (2 – 0 loss) however no fine will apply.

23 Tiebreaker: a) Group placing if tied on points: (a) head to head, (b) goal difference, (c) fewest goals scored against and (d) coin toss or if both teams have just completed a match vs one another as the final round robin match then PK's will apply.

Note: If 2 teams tied at end of first game of round-robin, then penalty kicks will be taken to determine who plays first as loser, if same teams are tied at end of round-robin those penalty kicks will also decide group winner. Defaulted games to be recorded as a 2-0 win (i.e.: 9 points) and defaulting team to be fined.

Please note max goal difference in a game is 5, i.e. if a team wins 7 to 0 the score will be recorded as 5 to 0, or if a team wins 9 to 2 the score will be recorded as 7 to 2.

24 It shall be mandatory for teams do their team handshake at the start of their match.

25 Unlimited substitutions are allowed.

26 Referee's decisions during games will be final. Any coach, parent, player or spectator who abuses a referee will be dealt with most severely, including liable action and not being invited to any future tournaments. Any referee who is abusive should be reported to the tournament discipline committee as soon as possible.

27 Referees will be instructed to collect team list, please inform the host tournament committee if a referee refuses to collect team list. Please note a team may file a protest based on a team not handing in the respective team list (by half time) \$25 fine may be imposed for not handing in team list.

28 All teams must provide the referee with two team lists at the start of every game or by half if the referee allows it. Team list should clearly have all players listed (first & surname), jersey number.

Players listed on team list and dressed shall be considered to have played; any teams found listing players other than their own shall be subject to a \$500 fine (USFA/host). Player will be tied to team/club.

A generic form will be on the USFA site to download, teams may opt to use any piece of paper to write as long as it contains the above mentioned.

29 In case of major disciplinary issues at a tournament the Referee Scheduler will be required to attend draw to give report.

30 Any one player may only play for one team in that tournament, the 1st team that the player plays for shall be considered their team and shall be considered ineligible for any other team in the tournament, except any youth aged 16 or older may play in open.

31 Any teams/clubs found using an ineligible player (overage, red carded previous match, above the allowed out of bound players, played on two teams, or using fake or forged id, etc) would be fined \$500 plus the player and coach will be suspended for remaining games of tournament plus following tournament.

Clubs with repeat disciplinary offenders may be asked to put up a bond (\$500) in addition to their entry fees.

32 Red card: automatic 1-game suspension (next game in the tournament or in the next tournament or more at the referee's / tournament discipline committee's discretion. Team officials are responsible to ensure suspended player sits out, player's suspension must be served for the team for which the suspension was received prior to being eligible to participate for any other team, unless that team folds, then he/she must serve suspension with new team.

33 Clubs / team officials are responsible for the behavior and conduct of their team members and supporters. Clubs shall be fined minimum \$100, if shown to be guilty of not controlling their members and supporters.

34 Teams are limited to 6 out of district players U12 to U18, boundaries are defined in the USFA Constitution. OPEN aged players are not subject to out of district boundaries.

A maximum of 3 teams aged U12 to U16 (per club) will be allowed to exceed the 6 out of district players, however club must clearly identify teams to USFA.

35 No current premier, college and university players are allowed to play in OPEN men's & women's silver division.

36 Whitecaps players (boys and girls) must play up an age group.

Teams consisting of 5 Metro players (of the 5 a max 2 may be HPL) may play in their own age group. Above the allowed 5 teams must play up an age group (boys).

(In the original rules meeting on Feb 28, it was discussed and unanimously voted that BC SPL players cannot play in their own age group and only 3 per team can play in a higher age group)

37 Players who played in U12 to U18 bronze or silver during the past winter season may play in div 2 or 3. Players who played in gold may only compete in div 1 or 2; players that played in metro or higher may only compete in div 1.

38 Any level Youth player (U16 – U18) may compete in any Open division.

39 Only 16 years old (e.g. 2016 – 2000 born = 16) and older may play up into open, however clubs are responsible to have parent and/or guardians to sign off on waiver forms if the player is under the age of 18. All players participating in tournaments participate at their own risk.

40 Guest players shall be Unlimited U12 to U18, 5 for OPEN women (those 5 must play entire summer tournament season), and 2 for OPEN men (3 for the tournament).

41 U6 to U12 league affiliated players/teams may not participate in tournament play.

42 To support U18 teams, a maximum of 3 players from lower level teams within the same club may play up.

43 All youth teams should have proper picture ID for their respective players in case of a protest. Acceptable ID includes; valid Driver's license or passport (with photo, not just listed on parents' passport), BCSA affiliated league ID card, or birth certificate with one of the following; elementary school class

photo, Go card (grade 8 to 12), or league team photo clearing showing division & year. If proper ID is not produced within 60 minutes of being notified of protest the game in question will be forfeited, but if ID subsequently shows true age, no fine applies and score will stand.

44 In OPEN men, a minimum 6 teams must enter into gold or division will be combined with OPEN silver, unless teams on their own move up to build gold to the minimum 6. If the tournament committee feels that a particular division does not have enough teams to make it viable and/or teams are purposely avoiding participating in gold. At their discretion, the committee may combine two age groups (i.e.: if there is only 1 to 3 teams in U16, then the U15 division may be combined with the U16 division) and/or divisions may be combined (i.e.: if in U13 only 1 to 3 teams are in gold and all others are in silver, all teams may be combined into one level).

45 Once a silver or bronze team has won (placed 1st) two finals or reached 3 finals, they will be promoted into the next highest division for at least one tournament. This will fall on each individual club to make sure that they inform the host at draws once one of their teams has placed 1st in 2 finals and/or reached 3 finals, or they will be subject to a \$250 fine. Teams may be required to stay in the higher skilled division for additional tournaments if they are competitive.

46 Gold teams that dominate their respective division may be moved up one age group pending review by membership.

47 If a club enters a team in gold and a team in silver (same age group) and later withdraws its' gold team, the silver team may be forced to take the gold team's spot in the schedule to make the gold division viable. If club refuses to move up then all the teams belonging to that club in that age group will be disqualified.

Players belonging to team which withdrawals will not be allowed to participate in tournament.

48 Protests must be made to and before the conclusion of the match in question, or within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the disputed match in writing with a \$50 fee and then dealt with by a tournament committee member. The fee will be refunded if you win your protest. If protest was filed by host club then \$50 fee shall be forwarded to USFA if host loses protest.

Only a team official may submit the protest. Protesting team and opposing team will be notified of decision before next scheduled game. Protest can be made by any team that may be affected in regards to advancing; same filing process applies.

Teams will have 1 hour to produce piece of ID for local person and 90 minutes for person outside the city of where tournament is held.

49 Youth players may only play for one club; they must apply for a transfer if they want to play for another club's youth team in the following tournament. The transfer must be done at the draws of the following tournaments (KDS, Temple United, Akal & GNCS) c/w \$25 transfer fee. A player (youth & open) may only transfer once during the summer tournament season.

50 A team transfer (7 or more players from same team) is \$100, however each player must be listed and each player must sign the form. Teams found forging signatures will be subject to a fine of \$500 (USFA) plus hearing with USFA

Transfer form will be posted on the USFA site, and only this form may be used for transfers, and must be completed in full, dated and signed

51 Clubs are responsible for all fines to be paid in full, teams (parents, coaches and players) will be tied to their team and in event that team is assessed a fine, no coach or player from that team may join another club until their fine is paid for in full to their original club or some type of agreement has been reached.

B. Host Club's Responsibilities

1 Shall control all arrangements for the competition, including assigning referees, preparing / booking fields, the draw and scheduling of tournaments

2 Email FINAL schedule to all participants no later than the last Tuesday (6:00 PM) before the tournament or be subject to a \$250 fine (USFA). Changes are only to be done if there is a committee error.

3 Collect transfers form (at draws) and ensure transfer forms are filled in correctly and signed, and post transfers on the USFA web site within 48 hours of the completion of their respective draws \$250 fine (USFA) for not collecting and/or forwarding names by deadline.

- 4 Collect and forward all disciplinary matters to USFA within 48 hours of the conclusion of their respective tournament \$250 fine (USFA) for not collecting and/or forwarding names by deadline.
- 5 Attend the draws following their respective tournament to inform members of and disciplinary matters and/or any other matter \$250 fine (USFA) for not attending.
- 6 To collect entry fees.
- 7 To notify clubs of their draw dates and location of draws, 1 week in advance.
- 8 To deal with disciplinary matters that may arise.
- 9 To deal with protests in a timely fashion, and protest decision shall be made openly and contain 3 members (2 from a neutral USFA affiliated club).
- 10 To pay all fines they are assessed at their own tournament to the USFA.
- 11 Agree not to accept entries from clubs who have outstanding fines unless arrangements have been agreed between club and the club fines are owing to.

C. Participating Clubs' Responsibilities

- 1 Responsible to look over draft, which should be made available by the last Monday before the tournament) for any errors in regards to their respective teams.
- 2 Forward two names (contact info) of reps to the Tournament Host, these reps will be responsible to collect scores for their respective club teams.
- 3 All coaches must have a criminal check conducted, if criminal check has not been conducted then coach will be suspended and club will be fined a minimum of \$500 (USFA).
- 4 Pay entry fees at draws unless arrangement made by host and club, in which case host will be responsible to collect fees.

D. Fines & Suspensions (not listed above)

1 Referee abuse; spectator(s), player(s) and/or coach(s) will be suspended minimum remaining games of tournament plus following tournament. And subject to a minimum fine of \$250 (USFA/host) and disciplinary hearing with USFA.

2 Fighting; spectator(s), player(s) and/or coach(s) will be suspended minimum remaining games of tournament plus following tournament. And subject to a minimum fine of \$250 (USFA/host) and disciplinary hearing with USFA.

3 Racial remarks; spectator(s), player(s) and/or coach(s) will be suspended minimum remaining games of tournament plus following tournament. And subject to a minimum fine of \$250 (USFA/host) and disciplinary hearing with USFA.

4 Referee dissent; spectator(s), player(s) and/or coach(s) will be suspended 2 games and fined \$100.

5 Violent conduct, spitting or abusive language; 2 games plus \$50 fine.

All appeals must be submitted in writing (c/w \$100 fee) to the USFA within of 48 hours when decision is rendered. \$100 fee will be returned if decision is overturned. Appeals may only be submitted by club reps.