



# CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 7:30pm

MNP Tournament Room 1, Kelowna, BC

## MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/as amended): **March 13, 2025 Motion #1159**

COYSA respectfully acknowledges that our District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation.

### CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Steve Steed, COYSA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:31pm

Present: Stuart Wright (Past Chair), Sheryl Turner (Administrator)

Voting Members Present:

Adam Vallis	Bob Hackman	Megan Purnell	Nolan Belanger
Amie Olar	Claire Flower	Melissa Wandt	Stefane Morin

Total Votes = 8

Regrets: Curtis Morcom (Bookkeeper), Matt Smith (Discipline), Al Ryder (Referees)

### PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

**APPROVAL of MINUTES** of the January 16, 2025 regular board meeting

**February 12, 2025 Motion #1157** It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2025 regular board meeting as presented. Carried by unanimous consent.

**BOOKKEEPER REPORT** – Written report.

**DISCIPLINE REPORT** – Written report.

**REFEREE REPORT** – Nothing to report.

### CLUB REPORTS:

- KYSA – Nothing to report.
- LCYSA – Numbers 335 regular, 70 U5/6. Jamboree April 05.
- RYSA – Nothing to report.
- WYSA – Holding summer camps in dome. Thanksgiving U8-10 tournament working with Premier. Registration 750ish. New TD starting March 01. Matt is ED.
- OUFC – Numbers down. Having a spring break camp. Staffing U5/6 instead of volunteers.
- OFC – Planning friendlies for some ages.
- PFC – AGM last week. New Board members, Adam Terheege Chair. New programs coming. Meet and greet this weekend with new TD Andrew. Transitional period. Just launched registration.
- KCITY – Hoping to be in new facility end of week. Have Pro-D and spring break camps.

Melissa arrived 7:37pm.

**CHAIR REPORT** – Met with Chairs and have some topics for business:

Underage players and call-ups - Clubs would like freedom to move players up without limits (used to be 3 times). Not in BCSA rules, up to District. Can't be a detriment to house team. TD decision. Within same Club, grassroots to development or academy to academy, not to miss grassroots games/practices, prioritize team registered to. Academy / development can't play down.

Stuart arrived 7:49pm.

Admin will draft policy. Can always do an email vote. Clubs can have their own rules for call-ups and track if wanted. Last year's provincials picked up from other Clubs. With whole teams playing up refs seem to call size, not level of play.

Admin to contact Al.

Roster size - BCSA only limits provincials. We can make sizes or say Club discretion including bench / parents management. Consensus: leave to Clubs.

U18s – Girls - 23 players. Consensus: play in U15+ division.

Boys – 52 players. Let's push 11v11, even if only 3 teams. Overage players? No. Can do call ups.

Field costs for additional bookings – Not about PFC or profit Clubs. Bookings before fields open, after last league game: Club pays.

Roster selection for competitive – Thought this was decided last year? Reports of poaching, need to clarify when does a player belong to a Club? After BCSPL evaluations, Clubs hold theirs and players can shop around. We could say players are signed with Club January 01. BCSPL is U14 and up, so 11-13 evaluations don't count.

**February 12, 2025 Motion #1158** It was moved and seconded that all Club U14-18 evaluations are held after the conclusion of BCSPL evaluations. Carried by unanimous consent.

Fall soccer – Chairs want fall soccer grassroots 7, 8, 9; Development 10 and up. Balanced teams or levels? Balanced requires monitoring and with short season doesn't matter. Play team up? All Club's choice. Last year we talked about a tournament to determine TOYSL so this may be the future way to go. End of July declaration for fall season. COYSA grassroots in older ages are two years combined but for fall will go single ages. U7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. Age groups are same as next outdoor season, similar to indoor. How are we paying fields/refs? All fall will be charged regular assessment fees.

Super-8 Soccerfest U11/12 – Will not be held in 2025. Will use booked fields to do fall wind up with decisions on ages will be done after declaration.

Poaching – Now saying can't change Clubs after January 01 where previously had no set date. Right now have a problem where they paid, no longer attending and are at another Club. Also encouraging others to move. It can snowball. Once a family commits and pays fees, should be able to rely on them. Maybe a commitment letter? Almost impossible to hold people accountable. Players not in good standing are those not paying. There's a difference between poaching and players moving if there's an issue with a coach. Club looking for backing. Shouldn't be a District thing: If we give Clubs freedom they want, they need to be accountable. Everyone has a story as to why they are moving. Not poaching when a parent is leading it. Should be a TD discussion - where is new player coming from and why. Onus to be on Club.

U9 Development - Was talk of creating U9 development in the future, where is that? Everyone at Chair meeting on same page for not below U10. Can revisit after the fall season.

Was good for the Chairs to get together.

**ADJOURNMENT 8:52pm**

**NEXT MEETINGS:** Thu March 13, Thu Apr 10, Thu May 08, Thu Jun 12