

BCSA RULES ON POACHING

RULE 4 - CLUB AFFILIATION

General

c) Club shall be allowed to retain the players registered to it until their respective league and/or cup competition commitments have been fulfilled, and the defined playing season is completed, subject to rule 7.

d) Clubs may not register new players for league and/or cup competitions after the expiry date of the playing season for which league and/or cup play is still in progress.

RULE 5 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

General

h) No player will be permitted to register for more than one club at any one time.

i) Exceptions are BC Soccer player programming and school teams, as well as Associate Member Adult League teams. School is defined as those schools affiliated with BC School Sports and post-secondary institutions as recognized by BC Soccer.

i) A player is bound to the club for which the player is signed, unless transferred or released as provided for in these rules, until the end of their assigned team's current playing season.

k) The Interior registration year is April 1 to March 31st of the following year.

- i) Within the Interior registration year, a player may register to one club for the Summer Playing Season and a different club for the Winter Playing Season provided they fulfill obligations to their Summer Playing Season club, per league and/or cup competition rules.

o) Registration is good only for the current season.

RULE 6 – PLAYER RECRUITMENT AND SOLICITATION

a) Recruitment refers to the practice of deliberate and proactive persuasion or enticement of a registered player by an individual or individuals associated with another team or club, intended to convince the player to join their team or club and leave their current team or club during the current playing season.

b) Any recruitment or offer to join a team or club must be initiated by a club Technical Director or Head Coach to the club's Technical Director or Head Coach that the player is currently registered.

c) Unless contact is initiated by the player or parent/guardian seeking to move, no other contact will be made with players from other teams or clubs while the player is properly registered.

d) All clubs and teams are responsible for the conduct of their staff, players and parents regarding recruitment and solicitation.

e) Any team and/or club, which, through its responsible officers or representatives, attempts to directly induce a registered player of a team under the jurisdiction of BC Soccer to leave the team before the completion of the team's league, cup or provincial cup commitments, will be deemed to have committed an offence.

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f) If the alleged offence involves two teams that are members of the same Youth District or Adult League the matter shall be addressed by that Youth District or Adult League.

g) If the alleged offence involves two teams that are members of separate Youth Districts or Adult Leagues, the matter shall be addressed by BC Soccer's Judicial Body.

RULE 7 - TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

General

a) A player is entitled by these rules, to a transfer provided the player has complied with all provincial, district or league rules and regulations and is not indebted to the current club, district or league.

b) A player is entitled to a transfer as hereinafter provided, by January 15th of the current year for the coastal/winter-playing season, except as provided below, and by June 30th of the current year for the interior/summer-playing season, except as provided below. A player shall not be allowed to transfer during the team's playing season without the consent of the club for which the player is registered. A player currently under suspension and seeking a transfer is not eligible to play until the suspension has been served.

i) Once a team plays its first league match in the current playing season any player movement to another club thereafter would be subject to the transfer regulation.

ii) Transfer fees do not apply to transfers received by BC Soccer prior to the registration submission deadline.

iii) Players registered on club in the Under 12 and younger age groups may transfer at any time within their own age group during their playing season.

c) A player who has been registered with BC Soccer by a club for the current playing season shall not be allowed to transfer to any other club unless first having given the club seven (7) days notice by BC Soccer transfer form, of intention to transfer. A club official must respond to the application to transfer within seven (7) days of receipt of such notice. Such permission, when received by BC Soccer or Designate, shall entitle the player to be transferred to any other club as provided by these rules.

d) A player being refused a transfer by the player's club shall be allowed to apply, without fee, to BC Soccer for review. If the releasing club official refuses to sign the application form without just cause, BC Soccer shall have the authority to approve an application to transfer without the releasing club official's signature, subject to paragraph "a", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.

e) A player shall be entitled to the benefits of the Transfer Rule as follows:

i) Within the jurisdiction of BC Soccer, only two (2) transfers shall be permitted during the current playing season; but a player once transferred cannot be transferred back to the original club until a period of thirty (30) days has elapsed.

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f) Every authorized youth player transfer application form and payment shall be sent immediately to BC Soccer. All authorized adult player transfers shall be submitted with appropriate payment to BC Soccer within 7 days of the transfer deadline.

i) Any player registered with a club, which has declared the player surplus to the club's requirements may be granted a release from that club by filing a completed transferor player release form with BC Soccer. Transfer submission shall be subject to the transfer deadline as specified in paragraph "b", Rule 7 - Transfer of Players.

j) All transfers (excluding full member internal transfers) shall be subject to a transfer fee, to be determined and circulated by the Board, prior to March 15th annually, in advance of the forthcoming season, due and payable to BC Soccer, before the transfer can be

l) Players must be transferred seven (7) days before taking part in any provincial cup competition. This rule shall not apply to league matches. A player, after being transferred, may compete in league matches as provided by the rules of such leagues. All player transfers for league matches must be made at least one (1) day prior to the match-taking place. The grace period commences from the date the completed application and fee is filed with BC Soccer. The transfer application shall be authorized by BC Soccer prior to the player taking part in any competition with the new club.

Youth

m) A player transferred to a youth club, to be considered eligible for youth district cup, inter-district cup, regional cup or provincial cup must first play at least one league match in a properly constituted youth league for the club to which they transferred.

n) District approval is required for all transfers.

o) The transfer of youth players to one club in the U-13 or older age groups during any one season shall be limited to three, except in the case of BCHPL clubs which shall have an unlimited number of transfers to/from other clubs. Clubs who transfer players to BCHPL are entitled to the equivalent number of player transfers who shall not count towards the limit of three (3) transfers in one season.