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Annual General Meeting - Technical Committee Report December 15, 2021

Current Committee: Erin Hopkins (Chair), Morvarid Akhgar, Lee Kormish, Jason Trask

Former Committee: Jenna Zee

Operations Coordinator: Ifman Huerta

This year was similar to 2020 for the Technical Committee; the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic meant that most decisions, rule changes and considerations also remained within the context of the pandemic and evolving restrictions. We are very grateful to the office staff, who worked tirelessly for another year which included a large interruption of our winter and summer seasons. The Technical Committee commends them for the great and continued efforts. The lessons learned from the adjusted pool sizes and game formats that were implemented in the 2020 mini-leagues made the implementation of 2021's summer leagues format much easier.

Several considerations were brought before the committee. Some changes brought in 2021 by the Technical Committee included:

- Streamlining the rules to a single set, allowing members to find them all in one location.
- For indoor, we removed the burden of printing game sheets from team contacts by having them present at the soccer centres.
- Creating rules around team name creation to ensure that each team has a unique name identifier, and creating some security for maintaining team names.
- Ensuring the age eligibility for the Coed Masters league is aligned with the new age eligibility for the Women's Masters league.

While the Technical Committee discussed several issues, due to the nature of the ever changing and evolving situation with the pandemic, many of the decisions which would typically be handled first at the Committee level were deliberated on by the full board. It was exciting for the Committee that more regular play resumed for the indoor 2021-22 season, and we hope the Committee will return to serving other interests of the soccer membership for 2022 and beyond. We expect that the flexibility that was required in our leagues during these last two challenging years of COVID-19 will help in future discussions with respect to new offerings. We look forward to exploring some of these in 2022, while also working to maintain a safe and fun environment for our membership.

Erin Hopkins

Director & Technical Chair
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