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Welcome to the "B.C. OLDTIMERS Soccer League"

By the time players are mature enough in years to join our League, we expect them to be mature enough in character to grasp and endorse the mandate of our league – **"For Fun and Fitness"**

We have prepared an information package for new teams which covers the principles and the few rule changes applicable, specifically to our league.

In summary they are;

- 1) The information in this package is to be made known to **ALL** team members. This is the manager's responsibility.
- 2) There is to be **NO** abuse of game officials. Only **written** complaints about officiating will be accepted and acted upon. Game Officials are ALWAYS paid if the game is ON.
- 3) **NO** playing of underage players. Remember the purpose of the League. Requests for a player's ID shall be handled in a courteous manner.
No ID – No Play!
- 4) League and field fee's are to be paid promptly. This is a cheap sport and there is no reason that such low expenditures should be a problem.
No Pay – No Play!
- 5) Causing deliberate injury to another player, game official or spectator is an automatic indefinite suspension – whether as instigator or by retaliation.
(see League Disciplinary Procedures)
- 6) The League endorses the Parks Boards' policies of '**zero tolerance alcohol**' at the parks and the policy of rigidly observing 'field closure' during bad weather.

Sincerely,

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BCOTS League Rules

For Over 40's, 50's & 55's Teams

The League Rules of the same as F.I.F.A. Rules except for the following changes:

- 1) **No Slide Tackles.** (Sliding saves by the Goalkeepers are permitted)
 - This infraction draws a yellow card and an indirect free kick

- 2) **A 10 Minute Cooling-Off Period** is given at the referees discretion to a player for:
 - A tendency to rough play
 - Persistent verbal harassment of opponents or fellow team member
 - Initial dissent towards Referee

THIS OFFENCE NOW DRAWS AN AUTOMATIC YELLOW CARD

- 3) **No Charging the Goalkeeper**
 - Indirect Free-Kick

- 4) **Player Substitution**
 - In any 'deadball' situation by either team regardless of possession.
 - During a 10 minute 'cooling-off' period penalized players shall be replaced.
 - **A Red-Carded player may not be replaced in the Over 40's**

- 5) The referee will **immediately STOP PLAY** when a player appears to be injured.
 - The ball does not have to go out of play

- 6) In the Over 50's League, aggressive and boisterous play will not be tolerated.
 - Referees will invoke ruling under term #2

- 7) **As A Courtesy and to make the game more enjoyable for ALL Players, Teams shall be equalized in numbers to start the game. Up to the minimum of 11 players**



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League Policies and Directives

Please ensure that **ALL** your members, **READ, UNDERSTAND** and **COMPLY** with these guidelines.

- 1) Team Managers and Players must make every effort to curb the use of foul language, the flagrant drinking of alcohol and indiscrete urination in public parks. It is Parks policy to withdraw the use of the fields where this kind of behaviour is reported. Teams without a field cannot participate in our leagues.
- 2) The Home Team must line the field and provide nets and corner flags so that the referee can do his job properly. Failure to do so could result in the referee cancelling the game, in which case the **HOME TEAM is responsible for paying the full \$50 to the referee.**
- 3) It is League Policy that if a game starts late because teams or fields are not ready on time, then the referee is **not obligated** to add the lost time to the end of the game, but he is still paid his full fee.
- 4) **HOME TEAM** must have a change of strip – where colours clash.
- 5) Complaints about the quality of the officiating will only be given serious consideration if they are **IN WRITING** and **SPECIFIC**.
- 6) The game officials are notified of any suspended players. Teams caught playing with suspended players will be fined and/or suspended from the league. The League requests your co-operation in supporting and enforcing these policies.
- 7) When both teams and the referee arrive at a field and it is deemed unplayable BY THE HOME TEAM MANAGER, because of last minute bad weather, the referee is not paid.
- 8) **ABSOLUTELY NO UNDERAGE PLAYERS.
NO ID – NO PLAY**



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League Policies on Referee Abuse

For Over 40's, 50's & 55's Teams

- 1) **TEAM MANAGERS** and other **TEAM MEMBERS** are responsible for the control of abusive players. **Get them off the field !!!!**
 - **Complaining is contagious.**

- 2) Teams exhibiting control problems will be suspended from the League for 1 year.

- 3) **Complaint Forms.** (also available on the web site @ www.bcots.org/forms)
 - If you feel strongly about the quality of the officiating, send it to the league and we will act on it.
 - Be specific in your criticism.
 - Check that the other team agrees with your assessment.

- 4) Remember that our Referees operate without the benefit of qualified linesmen and can only call what they see.

The League would also like to remind all Teams that our mandate is

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which is why points and League standings were abolished. Let's enjoy the fact that we are all still playing!



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Age Qualifications

For Over 40's and 50's Teams

NO underage players are allowed in either the Over 40's or Over 50's Leagues

To be eligible to play in the Over 40's, a player must already be 40.

To be eligible to play in the Over 50's, a player must already be 50.

It is the Team Mangers responsibility to check the age of any of his players. Playing Underage Players is CHEATING and is unfair to legitimate players. Teams playing underage players face a one year suspension from the league.

Every Team has the right to request proof of age from another team before and during a game, **without HASSLE!!!!** Again – **NO ID – NO PLAY**



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League Disciplinary Procedures

- 1) Within **24 hours** of the game the Referee must fax a report of any red-card infraction to the head of the Disciplinary Committee
@ Fax # 604-421-7044 or e-mail dovorian@telus.net
All reports must include the names and team of the carded player(s) plus details of the incident(s). Head referees have a standard report form from our leagues.
- 2) Yellow cards are also recorded and will result in 1 game suspension if five are accumulated within one season. Two yellow cards in one game result in a red card and a 1 game suspension. A player receiving a red card automatically sits out the **Next game – no exceptions!**
- 3) When a player refuses to give his name to the referee, it becomes the Team Managers responsibility to provide the information. Refusal by the player doubles the assessed penalty and refusal by the manager could result in a one month suspension for the whole team.
- 4) **PENALTIES**
For the following offences the MINIMUM disciplinary action will be:
 - a) Kicking - 3 game suspension
 - b) Punching - 3 game suspension
 - c) Fighting - 3 game suspension
 - d) Tackling with intent to injure - 3 game suspension
 - e) Spitting - 3 game suspension
 - f) Head-Butting - Up to 1 year suspension**For CAUTIONABLE OFFENCES the MINIMUM disciplinary action will be:**
Sliding Tackles
 - a) First Offence – Yellow card and free kick against
 - b) Second Offence (same game) – Red card and ejection**Two Red Cards** (in a season) An extra 3 game suspension
Three Red Cards (in a season) Indefinite suspension pending a review by Disciplinary Board
- 6) A player has the right to appeal his suspension to the Disciplinary Board BUT he will automatically sit out the next game while his appeal is under review.

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- 7) The fielding of underage players in either league shall result in the indefinite suspension of the offending team from the league schedule, subject to the posting of a performance bond at the sole discretion of the League Executive. (No League Fee re-imburement).
- 8) **For the following offences towards Game Officials the MINIMUM Disciplinary Actions are:**
- 8a) **Persistent criticism and disputing of referee's calls**
- (for which the player has been sent off)
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| First Offence | - 2 game suspension |
| Second Offence (in a season) | - 4 game suspension |
| Third Offence (in a season) | - 3 month suspension |
- 8b) **Insulting Conduct**
- i) **Deliberate insulting conduct towards Game Officials:**
- **Definition**
 - Personally insulting remarks and/or allegations, and/or physical actions without physical contact.
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| First Offence | - 1 month suspension |
| Second Offence (in a season) | - 2 month suspension and conduct review |
- ii) **Persistently insulting conduct towards Game Officials:**
- for which a player has already been ejected or removed from the bench.
 - Same definition as above
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| First Offence | - 2 month suspension |
| Second Offence (in a year) | - 4 month suspension and conduct review |
- 8c) **Physical Contact – Non Violent**
- Deliberate, sustained or repeated physical contact with game official, with no degree of violence.
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| First Offence | - 3 month suspension |
| Second Offence (in a year) | - 6 month suspension and conduct review |
- 8d) **Physical Contact with a Game Official in an attempt to intimidate or injure**
- Spitting is included in this category
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| Minimum Sentence | - 3 month suspension with posted bond when re-instated |
| Any Repeat | - Sine Die suspension |



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Team Managers and all team members are responsible for the control of problem players.

Failure to observe the basic standards of behaviour will result in a team's expulsion from the league and/or the posting of a good conduct bond for a period of three years.

Head Referees are copied immediately with the decisions of the disciplinary committee and any players who are caught playing while suspended will have their suspension doubled.

The Team Managers will be held accountable for the enforcement of all suspended players.

CONFIRMATION

I have read and understand the rules of the "BC Old Timers Soccer League" and agree to share this material with my team players.

Team Name

Manager

Date

Please sign above and attach with your completed Team Application Form