

# BC Oldtimers SOCCER

For Fun & Fitness

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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"**

This is information for all teams in 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.

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## **BCOTS League Rules**

### **For Over 40's, 50's, 55's and 60'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 \$70 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**. Managers may fill out the "Incident Report" located on the front page of the website. [www.bcots.org](http://www.bcots.org)
- 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.  
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## **League Policies on Referee Abuse**

### **For Over 40's, 50's, 55's and 60'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.**
  - If you feel strongly about the quality of the officiating, fill out the "Incident Report" located on the front page of [www.bcots.org](http://www.bcots.org) and we will review 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

**"FOR FUN and FITNESS"**

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

## Age Qualifications

### **For Over 40's, 50's, 55's and 60'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.

To be eligible to play in the Over 55's, a player must already be 55.

To be eligible to play in the Over 60's, a new player must already be 60. Players under 60 (within reason) already on the team prior to joining the Over 60 Division will be grandfathered.

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**