

# British Columbia Christian Soccer League Constitution

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## 1. Our History

It has been my pleasure to get the BCCSL off the ground. The goal was to gather interested leaders, see a constitution drafted, and turn over the running of the League to a capable committee of several Christians from different churches, as “in a multitude of counselors, there is safety.” My vision is that the game of soccer be an enjoyable means of fellowship for all involved.

It is hoped that the BCCSL will provide opportunity for soccer enjoyment and fulfillment under regulations that promote high sports standards, enabling the participants to enjoy sport while putting Christ first in their lives and not interfering with regular church attendance.

Our goal is to see structured competition in soccer provided, where Christ and fellowship between brothers and sisters in Christ and churches are the priorities, followed by quality and sportsmanlike competition. It is our goal to promote and maintain the positive aspects of the game in an environment where participants can grow in Christian character and

fellowship. May the Lord bless and have His way in the League, and may it be dedicated to the unity and fellowship of the Body of Christ.

Originally written by founder Manfred Schulz (late 1970's)

## 2. Our Vision

We acknowledge the tremendous foundation built in the past by men like Manfred Schulz. It is our desire to see the BCCSL continue to be a League that promotes high sports standards, fun, and fellowship between brothers and sisters in Christ. Above all, our prayer is that the BCCSL will bring glory to God. It is our vision for this soccer League to be used as a tool to reach out to people outside the church walls and see them introduced to Jesus. We want to seek the Lord to guide this League and we dedicate it to the fellowship, unity, and growth of the Body of Christ.

Revised by Dave Sattler (2003)

## 3. Statement of Principles

The Purpose of the BCCSL is:

- a) To glorify God through the playing of the game of soccer.
- b) To permit its members to enjoy organized soccer played in the fellowship of other members of the Body of Christ.
- c) To promote friendships within each church team.
- d) To promote inter-church fellowship and unity.
- e) To encourage its members to be witnesses of Christ reaching out to others both on and off the field.

#### 4. Definitions (to help readers better understand the policies and procedures)

- a) Executive Committee is comprised of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Scheduler, the Registrar and others as elected by the membership.
- b) Manager is the official representative from each team. The Senior Pastor of the sponsoring church confirms the appointment of the manager annually. Two church teams require the confirmation of the team manager by the Senior Pastor of each church.

#### 5. Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee shall conduct the administration of the League.

- a) Duties of the Executive Committee:
  - a. To establish, maintain, and administer a suitable organization to supervise the affairs of the League.
  - b. To make or authorize such financial arrangements as may be necessary for the operation of the League.
  - c. To determine and enforce the policy of the League in accordance with the Statement of Principles (article 1.)
  - d. To rule on matters of discipline when instructed by the President.
  - e. To perform any other functions as may be necessary for the administration of the League.
- b) Voting powers of the Directors. The Directors shall have one vote each on all League matters, including amendments to the Constitution of the League.

c) Meetings of the Board. The President shall, at his or her discretion, call the necessary meetings of the Board. There shall be a minimum of one meeting per year.

d) Duties of the President:

a. Selection and Tenure. The President will be appointed every three years by the membership by majority vote. The President will serve for a three-year term. The President may succeed himself or herself for more than one term. The maximum term is two consecutive three-year terms. If there is no successor the president can be voted to yearly terms until a successor voted upon by the executive committee is found. The former president will offer assistance for one year with the new president to give any needed guidance.

b. The President shall, at his discretion, call the necessary meeting of the Executive Committee and shall chair all meetings of the Board and League meetings.

c. Voting Power. Under normal circumstances, the President shall have one vote. In the event of a tie vote, the vote of the President shall be counted as two votes.

d. Maintaining and communicating the vision and direction of the League.

e. Overseeing the Executive Committee.

f. Assisting with League Discipline.

g. Responding to and directing general League inquiries from the website.

h. Communicating with new teams.

e) Duties of the Executive Committee:

a. Selection and Tenure. The directors shall, from time to time as required, be elected by a majority vote of the membership. The following board positions will be filled as required: a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the Scheduler, the Registrar and other board positions as are necessary each to serve a three year term. Each of the board members may succeed himself/herself for one or more terms.

f) Duties of the Vice-President:

- a. Dealing with and overseeing League Discipline along with the League President.
  - b. Assisting with meeting composition and flow
  - c. Overseeing meetings if the President is unable to attend or in absence of an elected President
- g) Duties of the Secretary:
- a. Keeping accurate minutes of all League meetings.
  - b. Sending out correspondence to League managers.
- h) Duties of the Treasurer:
- a. Collecting all League fees on behalf of the League.
  - b. Keeping all books of account of the League financial proceedings.
  - c. Arranging for League insurance each season.
  - d. Making an annual financial report to the League.
- i) Duties of the Scheduler:
- a. Scheduling all League and Playoff games.
  - b. Coordinating with referees.
  - c. Securing fields at the beginning of every calendar year.
- j) Duties of the Registrar:
- a. Player Personnel: Team info, rosters, player ID and eligibility.

## 6. Executive Sub-Committees

- a. Available Positions. Each Executive Committee member will have a number of people serving under them to assist in carrying out the duties of their job description. Sub-Committee members will be directly responsible to the Executive Committee member above them.
- b. Rules for Serving. Each team must have a member serve on either the Executive Committee or an Executive Sub-Committee every third year. If a team fails to have someone fulfill this duty, that team could be suspended from play for one season or face other discipline, at the discretion of the Executive.