



BC Soccer Policy

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Policy Name	Out of Province Travel Policy

Policy Statement

BC Soccer supports varied competitions that may require BC Soccer affiliated teams and players to travel out of province.

Purpose

To ensure BC Soccer approval processes are in place for affiliated youth clubs/teams and adult teams to travel out of province or to compete against teams from outside of British Columbia.

Standards

- Only BC Soccer members and/or affiliate organizations in good standing with BC Soccer may travel out-of-province
- This policy applies to any BC Soccer affiliated team or organization wishing to play in an out-of-province tournament or to play against a team, or teams from outside of British Columbia.
- All teams must complete the appropriate [BC Soccer Travel Sanctioning form](#) and receive BC Soccer approval before any out-of-province travel can take place.
- For tournaments in Canada or the United States, the Travel Sanctioning form must be submitted to the BC Soccer offices at least 30 days prior to the team's scheduled departure.
 - Applications received less than 30 days prior to departure may not be approved.
- For tournaments outside of Canada and the United States, Canada Soccer requires that the completed form be submitted to the BC Soccer offices at least 6 months prior to the team's departure date accompanied with the fee established by Canada Soccer.
- No application for travel sanctioning of a soccer activity will be considered unless such application has first received the endorsement of the appropriate member District or Adult League.
- Any team travelling outside British Columbia shall:
 - Comply with BC Soccer bylaws, rules, regulations, policies and directives in addition to those of the Association in whose territory the game, or games, are to be played.
 - Be subject to disciplinary measures taken by BC Soccer, in the event that your team is reported for misconduct.
- BC Soccer affiliated teams will:
 - not enter tournaments that are not approved by the provincial, State or regional association under whose jurisdiction the tournament organizing group falls.
 - not play against teams who are not properly affiliated directly or indirectly with their respective National governing body.
 - only roster players that are "registered or under permit" for a sanctioned tournament.
 - Not roster any players who are under suspension for a sanctioned tournament
 - Designate one team official to have a copy of the approved Travel Sanctioning form when travelling outside the province in case the affiliation status of the team is questioned.
- Canada Soccer sanctioning is also required when travelling outside of Canada.
 - In this instance, a fee is charged by the Canada Soccer for this service.

- Teams must include the fee along with the completed travel form, when submitting to the BC Soccer offices.
- BC Soccer will forward the Travel Sanctioning form and fee to Canada Soccer once BC Soccer approval has been granted.

Definitions

Sanctioned tournament: a tournament who has received proper sanctioning from the governing body under the jurisdiction of Canada Soccer, Concacaf or FIFA.

Guidelines

N/A

Applicable Operational Procedures

- Any team applying to play outside of BC will first submit a Travel Sanctioning form to their youth district or adult league for permission to travel, and secondly to the BC Soccer offices for approval.

Compliance to BC Soccer Governing Documents

In accordance with BC Soccer's "*Bylaws 3.4.a.ii*" all member organizations must comply with the applicable Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Judicial Code and Policies, other Policies, decisions and directives of BC Soccer and the statutes, bylaws, regulations, directives and decisions of Canada Soccer, FIFA at all times

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