



# Proposed Amendment Form

South Fraser District Association Full Member: SFDA BOARD MEMBER  CLUB EXECUTIVE  CLUB COACHING STAFF

Surrey United Soccer Club

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Select the action being proposed:

- Revise current wording
- Revoke current wording
- Propose new wording

Current bylaw wording:

Article 3  
 New Membership Applications - Club Membership shall be open to Clubs that meet the following criteria:  
 a) Are properly constituted Sporting Corporations, registered with the province of British Columbia as a society, sole proprietor, partnership or incorporation and a full member of BC Soccer Association.  
 b) Operate within defined boundaries of the District as set out in the BC Soccer Bylaws  
 c) Submitting an application to the Board showing good and sufficient need for such an application and other documentation as required by the Board evidencing full membership status with BC Soccer, appropriate constitutional evidence in support of (a) above, and written evidence of at least 200 individually registered players for the season in which the club is seeking Membership which have not previously been registered with another Member Club of the Association in the previous 18 months and meet the criteria of the City of Surrey for City-based residents for the purposes of meeting the City's field allocation policy, and  
 d) Obtaining the approval of the Board  
 e) Upon acceptance by the Association pursuant to the terms of this Article 3, becomes a Club Member.

New Member Applications  
 f) In recognition of the COVID-19 impacts on Member Clubs and to maintain a healthy and sustainable District, no new club applications will be accepted by the Association starting from October 1, 2020. New Club Applications will be considered by the South Fraser District Association when registrations reach a level of 80% of pre Covid-19 player registration numbers (based on 2018-19 season 18,050 confirmed registrations), or the sport returns to post-pandemic game play as defined by BC Soccer Association's Rules and Regulations, unaltered (dated June 12, 2010), or the date of September 30th, 2022, whichever occurs first.  
 g) The Board of Directors shall review on September 30, 2022 and determine if this date requires further extension based on any Pandemic effect as it relates to rules and regulations of play and the evidenced number of confirmed registrations (as outlined in f above) within the District and confirmation with the City of Surrey

Proposed text for the existing or new wording:

Article 3  
 New Membership and Club merger Applications - Club Membership for new or merging Member clubs shall be open to Clubs that meet the criteria of the Association's Club Mergers and Acquisitions with Non-Member Organizations Policy in place at the time of the application or merger proposal and, in addition:  
 a) Are properly constituted corporations, registered with the province of British Columbia as a society, sole proprietor, partnership or incorporation and a full member of BC Soccer Association.  
 b) Operate within defined boundaries of the District as set out in the BC Soccer Bylaws, in the case of a merger, both parties must be operating within the District boundaries.  
 c) Submitting an application to the Board showing good and sufficient need for such an application and other documentation as required by the Board evidencing full membership status with BC Soccer, appropriate constitutional evidence in support of (a) above, and written evidence of at least 200 individually registered players for the season in which the club is seeking Membership which have not previously been registered with another Member Club of the Association in the previous 18 months and meet the criteria of the City of Surrey for City-based residents for the purposes of meeting the City's field allocation policy  
 d) Obtain the approval of the City of Surrey Parks Department with respect to the field and facilities available for programming that does not negatively impact the same for current Members  
 e) Obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors who may deny the application for any reason at their discretion  
 e) Upon acceptance by the Association pursuant to the terms of this Article 3, becomes a Club Member.

New Member Applications - delete (f) & (g)

Reason/rationale for amendment:

This bylaw establishes a structured and transparent framework for new membership and club mergers, ensuring that the integrity, sustainability, and operational efficiency of the soccer association are maintained.

- Legal and Organizational Stability – By requiring clubs to be properly constituted corporations registered with the province, this ensures financial and legal accountability, reducing risks associated with informal or unstable organizations.
- Geographical Alignment – Operating within district boundaries as defined by BC Soccer ensures that club mergers do not disrupt existing competitive structures or interfere with established territorial allocations, preserving fairness for all members.
- Demonstrated Need and Membership Base – The requirement to submit an application with supporting documentation, including a minimum of 200 registered players, ensures that new clubs or mergers have a substantial base to justify their inclusion, preventing the dilution of resources and ensuring robust participation.
- Field Availability and Municipal Approval – Ensuring approval from the City of Surrey Parks Department guarantees that new clubs have access to suitable facilities without negatively impacting existing member clubs, thus maintaining equitable distribution of resources.
- Board Oversight and Discretion – Granting the Board of Directors final approval authority allows the association to exercise strategic discretion, preventing potential disruptions, conflicts, or unsustainable expansions that could compromise - the organization's mission.
- Preserving Competitive Integrity – The stipulation that players must not have been registered with another member club within the last 18 months prevents clubs from simply shifting existing players, promoting organic growth and strengthening long-term membership development.
- Streamlining Governance and Membership Criteria – Deleting unnecessary clauses (f) and (g) ensures the bylaws remain focused, precise, and aligned with evolving organizational needs.

This structure supports responsible club growth while balancing the interests of current members and new applicants, fostering a stable and thriving soccer environment.

Per [SFDA Bylaws](#):

**Article 8 Procedure for Amendment.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution or bylaws will only be considered if submitted, in writing, to the Society the Board, or submitted by a member to the Association.. Notice of mention of the proposed amendments must be received by the Society at least 21 days prior to any meeting of the members. All voting Members entitled to vote shall be notified of the proposed Bylaw amendments. All Voting Members entitled to vote shall be notified of the proposed Bylaws amendments referred to in subparagraph (20). Such notification shall be made a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting called for that purpose..

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