



## **New Transfer Rules for Next Two Seasons** **2010/2011 & 2011/2012**

For the next two years during a transitional period while Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) studies the issues around club boundaries and transfers; there are some new transfer rules.

### **BACKGROUND**

During the LISA AGM held on May 18th, the Club Presidents voted for constitutional changes that will see a number of changes take effect for the upcoming 2010/2011 season, including:

1. The formal acceptance into LISA of a single amalgamated soccer club to replace Gordon Head Soccer Association & Cordova Bay Soccer Association
2. A *club-size*-based transfer system at all divisions
3. The removal of the Coaching Exemption (CE) allowance. (**existing Coaching Exemptions are effectively grandfathered**)

These changes will affect some clubs more than others. For Gorge Soccer Association it means that as we assemble our 2010/2011 youth teams there should be very few changes, each team is still allowed a maximum of 3 out of boundary (OOBs) transfers.

***Gorge teams at u17 and u18 are now permitted 5 OOBs.***

The consensus at the LISA AGM was that these changes will help to further promote the growth of our sport and address some of the inequities based on the demographic challenges many clubs have faced. This is but one phase of a plan that will hopefully be implemented over the next two years.

### **Special Note For Girls U17/U18 Players:**

At the May 30th Lower Island Woman's Soccer Association (LIWSA) AGM rule 3.3 was modified to restrict LIWSA teams from signing any player u17 or younger. Existing youth players are grandfathered. The modified 3.3 rule introduces a 2 player quota on **new under-18** players playing "up" in the Women's league. LIWSA teams are able to 'permit-up' youth to senior's teams.

### **RULE CHANGE DETAILS**

#### **Small Clubs: Salt Spring, Sooke and Prospect Lake**

Under the new rules and regulations the following small clubs are allowed per team, five (5) transfers up to U16 and seven (7) transfers at U17/U18.

#### **Medium Clubs: Cowichan, Gorge, Lakehill and Peninsula**



Under the new rules and regulations the following medium clubs are allowed per team, three (3) transfers up to U16 and five (5) transfers at U17/U18.

**Large Clubs: Bays, Juan de Fuca and GHCB**

Under the new rules and regulations the following large clubs are allowed per team, one (1) transfer up to U16 and three (3) transfers at U17/U18.

Transitional Transfers - A “transitional transfer” is a player who was a bona-fide transfer on a “large” club team in season 2009/2010 (before the merger of CB and GHSA). Transitional transfers apply only to players who were transfers on Bays, Juan de Fuca, Cordova Bay / Gordon Head, because under the change, these clubs have fewer transfers allowed. Without transitional transfers players currently legally transferred to those clubs would have had to move clubs.

### AN EXAMPLE

We will use the example of Bays United to explain a “transitional transfer” ...

Bays United under the new rules of 2010/2011 are allowed only one (1) transfer per team. Their Girl Gold U14 team in 2009/2010 had 3 transfers on it and all the girls are returning to play in season 2010/2011.

The 2010/2011 team (who is now GGU15) has three (3) “transitional transfers” on it. That more than uses up the one (1) transfer they are allowed so they cannot take any other player who is a transfer, but all three transitional transfers can play. In order for this team to be able to bring on another transfer all three girls would have to leave the team.

In the 2011/2012 season one of the transferred girls from the 2009/2010 season (who are now GGU16) decides she does not want to play soccer anymore. This team now has two “transitional transfers” left. They are not able to take any other transfers.

In the 2012/13 season (the team is now GGU17) both girls again join the team. The original 2009/2010 team still has two transitional transfers and can now add one new transfer. Why? Because at U17 and U18 a “large” club can have three transfers at U17/U18, a medium club can have five (5) and a small club can have seven (7).