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BC Soccer Policy

Policy Type	Operational Policy
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Policy Name	**Scholarship Policy**

Policy Statement
The BC Soccer Scholarship's Policy provides for annual scholarships to support and champion the efforts of youth soccer participants entering approved post-secondary institutions.

Purpose
To support selected BC Soccer youth participants, reach their post-secondary objectives.

Standards

1. BC Soccer will establish the number of scholarships on an annual basis.
2. The number of scholarships will be based on the amount donated by organizations to support the program.
3. Each scholarship will be a maximum of $2000.
4. BC Soccer will award scholarships to youth who are currently participating in affiliated soccer as a player, referee, coach, or administrator and have done so for 3 or more years.
5. The qualifications of recipients:
    a. Proceeding from Grade 12 to any university in the province or other secondary institution approved by BC Soccer's Scholarship Panel.
    b. Attending a post-secondary institute, but who are under 19 years of age as of January 1st, of the current playing season.
    c. Must have demonstrated good citizenship, personality, and leadership.
6. All applicants must follow the scholarship application process to be considered for a BC Soccer Scholarship. BC Soccer reserves the right to forego processing any applications from applicants who do not follow the procedures in place.
7. Scholarship funds will be disbursed only after the recipient submits all required documentation, as outlined in the Scholarship Procedure available on the program's webpage.
8. A scholarship that is awarded but not availed of within two years of the winner's high school graduation will be deemed null and void. The amount will be redirected into the program and allocated for a future scholarship award.

Definitions
Youth Participants - BC Soccer affiliated participants who are under 19 years of age as of January 1st of the current playing season.

Guidelines
N/A

Applicable Operational Policies
N/A

Compliance to BC Soccer Governing Documents

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