



Updated BC Soccer Association (BCSA) Travel Policy

This policy applies to any BCSA affiliated team wishing to play in an out-of-province tournament or to play against a team (or teams) outside of British Columbia. Permission to travel outside of British Columbia can only be granted to teams that are members in good standing with the BCSA.

- No application for BCSA sanctioning of a soccer instructional venture will be considered unless such application has first received the endorsement of the BCSA member District or Senior League.
- BCSA affiliated teams shall not consider entering invitational tournaments that are not approved by the provincial, State or regional association under whose jurisdiction the tournament organizing group falls.
- BCSA member teams shall not play against teams who are not properly affiliated directly or indirectly with their respective National governing body.
- Teams traveling to a sanctioned tournament have a reasonable expectation that the tournament will be run properly. If not, complaints and concerns can be addressed through the British Columbia Soccer Association to the tournament's sanctioning body.
- Only players that are "registered or under permit" may play for your team at a sanctioned tournament. No players who are under suspension may play in tournaments and disciplinary action will be taken should a player participate in games while under suspension.
- Any team applying to play outside of BC must first submit the travel form to their youth district or senior league board for permission to travel, and secondly to the BCSA for approval. CSA sanction is also required when traveling outside Canada / United States. In this instance, a fee is charged by the CSA for this service. Teams should include the fee (cheque made payable to the BCSA) along with the completed travel form, when forwarding to BCSA. The BCSA will then forward the form and fee to the CSA once provincial approval has been granted.
- If the team is traveling within Canada or the United States, the form must reach the BCSA offices at least 30 days prior to the teams scheduled departure. Applications received less than 30 days prior to departure may or may not be approved. Should the association approve the application to travel the following fee schedule will apply:

Received 30 days or more before departure:	\$75
Received between 2 days before departure:	\$100
Received between less than 48 hours before departure:	\$150
(Provided the BCSA office can complete travel application)	

In instances where the team is traveling to a destination outside of Canada or the United States, the CSA required that the completed form must reach the BCSA offices at least 6 months prior to the team's departure date accompanied with a fee of \$175.

A member of the team staff should take a copy of the approved form when traveling outside the province in case the affiliation status of the team is questioned.

Any team traveling outside British Columbia shall be:

- Under the primary jurisdiction of BCSA and under the secondary jurisdiction of the Association in whose territory the game, or games, are to be played.
- Subject to disciplinary measures taken by the BCSA in the event that your team is reported for misconduct.