

ALBERNI ATHLETICS SOCCER CLUB (AASC) BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2025 | Echo Field House, 4200 Wood Ave, Port Alberni, BC

Board Members Present: Ralph Spencer, Karen Freethy (part), Jeremy Linning, Stephanie Linning, Shane Longman, Amy Anaka, Danielle Hahn, Tim Crosby, Richard Giele, Damon Rampanen

Staff Present: Karysa Brossoit

Call to Order: 8:32 pm

1. CURRENT AND PROPOSED FEES AND STRUCTURE

Introduction: Stephanie was Chair of Fees Committee, which reviewed current (2024/25) and proposed (2025/26) fees and structure. Hadn't reviewed fees for years, since COVID. Looked at what charging equated to. Current cost: Turf use based on registration within a division (same regardless of how often it is used). Timbits jerseys provided for up to U8 (which we'll make work).

Explained columns in current and proposed fees table, which listed all divisions from U8-U14+, West Coast, rep, development soccer (DS), spring soccer, and new proposed high performance practice for U14+ rep players. Also reviewed costs per player summary and details.

Table included: number field times per week, if jersey is included, number of weeks of playing, season start and stop - for all divisions, including the West Coast.

- Cost for West Coast relatively the same as other divisions.
- U12/13 and U14+ fees can be combined for house and rep.
- KidSport registrations only allow one, so one registration could help to maximize funding.
- Proposed Monday night high performance, after DS for 14+ boys and girls.

Comments:

- Explained proposed combined rep and house fee for U12/13 (\$330) and 14+ (\$300).
- Possible surplus: Could be large, what do we plan to do with it. This year was one off cause MWC surplus. What's the surplus look like for 600 kids if we increase? Need to list priorities, have strategic planning to prioritize (full time Technical Director, coach support, have had limited fee increases (\$10 last season). Surplus may not be as much if most register with early registration discount.
- Travis requested Kevin Lindo MPI to come do coaching support (lead for DS, high performance group, lead on field for practices for 3 hours, Saturday mornings coach lead). Asked for quote but don't have it yet.
- Can adjust fees how Board feels is justified and is comfortable with taking many things into consideration. If we go indoors rental fee: will have a cost. More expenses coming. Let's make it affordable. Bring little kids in to get involved. Little kids only play 1 day a week. Field lining, paint, veo, refs. Little kids don't get charged/cost the \$124/player. Not subsidizing the U5-U7 as much as table shows. If no increase to little, then we should increase the older. Littles aren't subsidizing Club. Gaming grant helps cover costs. Other Clubs and local activities are increasing fees. Variables are unknown. Might have to pay for fees, etc. City may not put in user fees (youth organization). So many expenses in the world. Increase at older age group only.

Motion: To raise U8-U13 house fees by \$20. Seconded.

Discussion: Potential \$8,830 increase. Will that cover the potential shortfall. Need to factor in early registration discount as if all use discount, then no increase. \$4,800 spent on previous in lead coaching. Would like a club house and another turf. Millions in infrastructure. Not a bad thing to have some surplus. Have 25,000 people and no soccer club house. Rugby different culture. Turns 15 gets job and quits. Don't have adult teams in Club.

Motion carried.

Adopted 2025/26 season house fees:

Alberni Valley U5-U7 and U14+ house fees stay the same:

U5 \$80

U6 \$130

U7 \$130

U14+ \$170

Alberni Valley U8-13 house fees increased by \$20 to:

U8 \$180

U9 \$180

U10 \$190

U11 \$190

U12 \$190

U13 \$190

West Coast U8/9 and U10-13 house fees increased to match Alberni Valley:

U8/9 \$180

U10-13 \$190

U14+: Only on field 1 time per week. 2 half seasons? Registration in fall, then again in new year. No refs. One registration, but longer break. For house players not playing rep.

West Coast

Motion: To increase West Coast fees to be the same as Alberni Valley fees for the same division. Seconded. Motion carried.

Rep

Motion: \$500 total U12/13 rep fee inclusive of house fee (\$190), rep fee (\$160), kit (\$100 for jersey, shorts, socks), and spring (\$50). Seconded.

Discussion: Articulate rep fees clearly. Yearly jerseys equals sponsorship. Reduce to \$400 with option to sponsor. Coulson wants to sponsor. Working on sponsorship letter.

Motion defeated.

Motion: \$400 total U12/13 rep fee inclusive of house fee (\$190), rep/veo fee (\$160), and spring fee (\$50). Seconded. Motion carried.

14+ rep. Friday night house not included. \$300 fee not including house or rep kit. Keep \$400 for rep.

Motion: \$400 total U14+ rep fee inclusive of house fee (\$170), rep/veo fee (\$180), and spring fee (\$50). Seconded.

Discussion: Add questions in registration to clarify.

Motion carried.

Adopted 2025/26 season rep fees:

U12/U13/U14+ registration fee is \$400 inclusive of house, rep, spring, and veo fees:

- U12 house (\$190) + rep including veo (\$160) + spring (\$50) = \$400
- U13 house (\$190) + rep including veo (\$160) + spring (\$50) = \$400
- U14 + house (170) + rep including veo (\$180) + spring (\$50) = \$400

Motion: Late registration fee of \$40 and early registration discount of \$20. Seconded. Motion carried.

Development Soccer (DS): 1 night a week. Fall or winter.

Table DS, spring soccer, and proposed new high performance practice fees until next Board meeting.

Motion: For the meeting to be adjourned. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 9:40 pm