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BC Soccer has become aware of a recent blog post containing serious allegations of misconduct against organizations and individuals inside and outside the British Columbia soccer community.

The behaviour described in the blog post is contrary to the values of player safety, inclusion and respect that are central to BC Soccer's mandate. BC Soccer strongly condemns such behaviour wherever it takes place and has policies and procedures in place to address complaints and discipline those who have participated in such behaviour. The complaint process in the BC Soccer Judicial Code is available to anyone who feels they are a victim of a breach of BC Soccer's rules, regulations or the Judicial Code and its associated policies and who wishes to proceed with a complaint under the Code.

The safety of all members of the soccer community, and in particular youth participants, is of the utmost importance to BC Soccer. BC Soccer requires that adult employees and volunteers undergo a Criminal Record Check in order to participate in all BC Soccer related activities.

In regard to the BCSPL club referenced in the blog, the club has informed BC Soccer that as of today, coaching changes have been made.

BC Soccer, like other provincial associations, do not have regulatory jurisdiction over professional clubs which are directly governed by the National Association. Although BC Soccer has authority over amateur soccer in the province, it does not directly appoint coaches other than for the Provincial Program. Coaching appointments for teams in the BCSPL and other leagues are the responsibility of the clubs.

BC Soccer encourages all individuals who experience bullying, harassment and sexual misconduct in soccer to report the incident or behaviour to BC Soccer and pursue a complaint against the organization or individual involved.

Per BC Soccer:

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