



Memo

To: BOTSC Members
From: Chris Lynch
Date: Nov 05, 2023
Re: Proposed changes to the BOTSC Constitution for the 2023 AGM Received by deadline of Oct 28th & Nominations for 2024 Executive.

1. Received from Mike Shaw

1.1. A proposal to modify By-Law 3, Replacement and Substitute Players section C.

1.2. By-Law 3 section C as currently written:

Section C. Substitute Player Guidelines during Playoffs and Finals

- A. During the group stage of the play-offs a team may request substitute player(s) (from the spare list) if their roster is expected to be BELOW 12 players.
- The substitute player(s) must be of equal grade or lower grade to a missing player – no higher.
 - Maximum number of substitute players per team / per game is 2 (two).
 - On the day of the game should the team requesting substitute player(s) have 12 or more of its' regular team players available at any time during the game, the substitute player(s) will not be permitted to play.
 - Substitute player(s) may not be used at the expense of playing time for actual team members.
 - During the knock-out stages of the play-offs (e.g., semi-final and final games) substitute players will NOT be allowed, and teams must only use existing players assigned to the team.

1.3. Proposed change:

1.3.1. Section C. Substitute Player Guidelines ~~during Playoffs and Finals~~

1.3.2. During the regular season and group stage of the play-offs a team may request substitute player(s) (from the spare list) if their roster is expected to be BELOW 12 players.

1.4. **Rationale:** To clarify the difference between Replacement players and Substitute players.

2. Received from Mike Shaw

2.1. A proposal to modify By-Law 4, Player Resignation, section C.

2.2. By-Law 4 section c as currently written:

- A resigning player must complete a resignation form before a team can request a replacement player. The convener can sign this form.

2.3. Proposed change:

c. A resigning player will send an email to the convener who will forward the request to the Registrar.

2.4. Rationale: To speed up the process.

3. Received from Mike Shaw

3.1. A proposal to modify By-Law 3 Section C. Substitute Player Guidelines during Playoffs and Finals

3.2. By-Law 3 section C as currently written: - See 1.2 above

3.3. Proposed change:

Remove in entirety – Replace with **No Substitute players allowed in any play-off games.**

3.4. Rationale: None provided

4. Received from Mike Shaw

4.1. A proposal to modify By-Law 3, Replacement and Substitute Players, section A.

4.2. ADD New Section d. The Registrar will send a Bi-weekly list to all convenors of players on the waiting list with their position, grading and the date they applied to be put on the waiting list.

4.3. Rationale: None provided

5. Received from Peter Gray

5.1. A proposal to modify By-Law 3 Section C. Substitute Player Guidelines during Playoffs and Finals

5.2. By-Law 3 section C as currently written: - See 1.2 above

5.3. Proposed change:

By-Law 3 Section C, para (A) Delete “the group stage of”. Remove para (B) 4.

5.4. Rationale:

5.4.1. After playing the entire season and working hard to reach the play offs, it's unfortunate that the rules, as they stand today, penalize a team and have them play shorthanded, should they have injuries, vacations, or suspensions.

5.4.2. The Club is designed to be 11 v 11, and recreational for fun.

5.4.3. In addition, teams don't want to win a game against a shorthanded opponent, and opponents most certainly don't want to compete with no substitutes, or a full team of 11 players.

- 5.4.4. There's an argument that in the heat of Summer this is a somewhat dangerous practice too.
- 5.4.5. All players are rated, so in the play offs, the 1st call up out of the hat should be the lowest rated guy.
- 5.4.6. The skill or talent might not be the same as the missing player(s), but at least it will mean that 11 play 11, with substitutes.
- 5.4.7. With the above in mind, it's a fairly simplistic fix, levels the playing field, without bias, improves health and safety. The irony is that the call up player pool are typically in attendance watching.

6. **Received from Chris Lynch**

- 6.1. A proposal to modify By-Law 3: Replacement and Substitute Players, Section C.
- 6.2. Add new a. The Substitute Players lists consists of individuals from the Associate Members, Masters Only Members and Club Waiting List candidates who have registered to be on the Substitute list.
- 6.3. Renumber remainder of Section c.
- 6.4. **Rationale:** To define what constitutes a Substitute Player, in conformance with Article 9, duties of Substitute Player Coordinator.

7. **Received from Wally Rozenberg**

- 7.1. Following amendments are proposed for the "B" division only.

- 7.1.1. A proposal to modify By-Law 5: Associate Members & Waiting List.

Maintaining and implementing a Spare List has resulted in confusion and unfair play for those on the list and the teams they are assigned to. Many part-time players are taking advantage of this situation playing only a few games in a season. Paying a minimal amount for this privilege only encourages these players from not joining a team. The Club has an established waiting list that addresses players waiting to get on a team. **I suggest the Club remove the Spare List from this By-Law.** This change will push part-time players to play an entire season. It will also remove the administrative burden associated with this list.

- 7.1.2. A proposal to modify By-Law 6: Team Selection & Player Draft

Using Conveners to draft teams was intended to balance teams in the division. Unfortunately, this system has introduced bias into the draft and team selection process resulting in unbalanced teams. To remove bias from the process, **I suggest the Club remove Conveners from the process and establish a Divisional Selection Group to rate players and draft balanced teams. Then allow team members to select a captain for their team.**

- 7.1.3. A proposal to modify By-Law 14: Cup Tournament

B Division playoffs bring an elevated level of competition. With the playoffs comes the unneeded intensity and lack of fair play to win a game. It also requires a Referee (sometimes two) and two Lines People to keep the game under control. It contradicts the intent of the Club to develop and encourage sportsmanship and good fellowship among all participants. *I suggest the following changes to remedy the situation.*

Play all games in the regular schedule and keep standings. The team with the most points at the end of the season is awarded the B Division Cup Trophy.

In place of the end of season play-offs I suggest a one day good-will tournament formatted similar to the international tournament to end the season on a high note followed by our clubs last Pub Daze.

If adapted, there would be about \$480 savings from not having linesman. Savings could be used to augment costs for the final Pub Daze.

8. Received from Marino Casciani

8.1. A proposal to modify Article 6: Executive Committee

8.2. Add new Section I: In recognition and appreciation of the work done by the Executive Committee, each committee member plus a partner/spouse will be allowed to attend the BOTSC Annual Banquet and Awards Night for free.

Nominations for the 2024 Executive received by October 28th

Position	RUN 2024	Name	Nominations received by deadline
President	NO	Brian McLaughlin	Michael Moore Murray DePape
VP / Registrar		Michael Moore	Phil Prata. Marty Wilson
Treasurer	TBD	Janet Barrett	
Secretary	Inc	Chris Lynch	
Match Secretary	Inc	David Wright	
Communications	Yes	Marino Casciani	
Referee Coord	No	Len West	
Discipline Comm		Murray DePape	
Equipment Mgr	Yes	Frank Mascitelli	
Social	Yes	Reza Soufian	Reza Soufian
 			
A Div	TBD	Geoffrey Sookram	
A Div	Yes	Gerard Kelly & Rob Todd	
A Div	No	Simon Tinker	
A Div	Yes	Rick Moretuzzo & James Smith	
A Div	No	Martin Wilson	
A Div	Yes	Mike Marsden & Wade Beattie	
 			
B Div	No	Alex Boyd & Adrian Caulcott	
B Div	Yes	Michael Shaw	
B Div	Yes	Frank Rosati	
B Div	Yes	Jeff Pearson & Frank Mascitelli	
B Div	No	Mike Figliola & Marino Casciani	
B Div	No	Brian McLaughlin	