

2026 CVUSC President's Report

I would like to begin this annual report by first respectfully acknowledging that we live, play, and learn on the traditional and unceded territory of the Pentlach, E'iksan, Sahtloot, and Sasitla people of the K'ómoks First Nations, the traditional keepers of this land. We are grateful to be able live and play in such a beautiful part of the world and thank the people of the K'ómoks First Nations.

I would also like to thank all of our amazing volunteers, coaches, referees, club members, club staff, and board members for their outstanding leadership and support for the Comox Valley United Soccer Club (CVUSC). We are grateful for you, and we appreciate everything you do.

Our club has continued to grow and prosper thanks to all of the great work by everyone involved, with registrations around 8% higher than last year. For example, our Valley Youth Soccer League (VYSL) has a record 1287 children enrolled and 102 teams in our 2026 Spring Soccer program – another year over year record! We also have teams competing in “playdowns” with the potential for both boys and girls teams going to Provincials this year which is great news ☺

Innovation in the Club – Last year the club purchased two new VEO cameras with detailed analytics and they have been used extensively throughout our club teams to help our coaches and players improve their game. The cameras have the ability to livestream games, or you can rewatch and share the best moments of the game. The analytics features have the further ability to highlight specific moments in the game, or you can create your own clips that will give our players the best chances to develop and grow with these engaging learning experiences. The VEO can also help develop a “player profile”, which our players can then use for seeking soccer scholarships or if required to play at a higher level.

Second Turf Field at Vanier – Tremendous progress has been made in the building of the second turf at Vanier. The foundation has been built and the stadium lighting is up and now the CVRD is waiting for the required 10 consecutive days of +13C to lay the turf so the glue will set properly. It is estimated that the laying of the turf will take place in June 2026. It is planned that this new turf field will be shared by the Valley's soccer, football, rugby, baseball, field lacrosse and field hockey clubs. More information and updates can be found on the CVRD's website.

Budget – The Club continues to be in a solid financial position as it looks to ensure its resilience while also maintaining high quality coaching, referees, equipment, fields, uniforms, and staff.

Club Staff – We would like to thank our amazing team of Ali, Gokhan, Lori, and Cheri who continue to provide outstanding leadership and support to our many players, coaches, referees, and volunteers in the club. We are grateful and appreciate you.

Health and Safety – In 2025, the club procured another AED from Brogan Fire and Safety with this second AED being stored in the club house. The club house is open from Tuesday to Friday and most weekends when games are played on the grass fields in front of the building should it

ever be required. The other AED is stored in the storage container at the Vanier turf. Brogan Fire and Safety also trained another group of our club's coaches, staff, and board members on how to use the AED.

Disciplinary Committee – As outlined in our club's Strategic Plan, the club is committed to "creating an optimal game environment and club culture for referees to develop." To this end, CVUSC has a **“Zero Tolerance for Referee Abuse”** policy on our fields and while visiting other communities. **No exceptions.** To enforce this policy, we continue to maintain a discipline committee specifically tasked with addressing inappropriate conduct related to referee treatment.

Members, Coaches, or Staff found to have violated the "Zero Tolerance for Referee Abuse" policy will face the following consequences:

- **Infraction 1:** Warning (documented)
- **Infraction 2 (Yellow):** Suspension (documented)
- **Infraction 3 (Red):** Elevated Suspension or Expulsion

Finally, the club has been very busy working with our UISA district board to continue to improve all planning and governance related activities to ensure the highest quality of programming for soccer possible. I would like to personally thank the UISA leadership for working with us so well in this regard.

Field House Update: In the last year we have learned more about some of the long-term plans of the CVRD to better support the community and its needs which includes possibly expanding the recreation centre footprint for a third arena. This potential footprint expansion impacts previously planned field house locations so we are on hold for this project at the moment.

Update from UISA President

UISA will soon be proudly hosting the BCSA A Cup Provincials to be held in **Nanaimo, July 2026**! This has been a two-year effort as they started talks with BCSA back in 2023. The opportunity to highlight our district at the Provincial level is something UISA is incredibly excited about and we know it will be a wonderful experience for our soccer community.

There is no financial burden on clubs for this event. The District is not putting additional costs on clubs; we will be getting a grant from BCS which should cover our expenses. This is a tournament UISA actively pursued and successfully bid on, recognizing the positive impact it will have on all nine member clubs and surrounding soccer communities. Our goal is to provide a great experience for the players while strengthening the connection between our clubs with others in the province, and of course, show off our soccer talent and the natural beauty of our surroundings!

The good news is that UISA has already tackled the hardest part, securing the fields, hotel blocks, and key logistics. The groundwork is in place, which means we can now focus on the exciting part: bringing our soccer communities together to create an unforgettable event.

What we need now are volunteers to help bring everything to life. This is where our soccer communities, parents, coaches, and club members can step up and be part of something special. A well-run tournament enhances the experience for everyone involved and a strong group of volunteers will make all the difference in ensuring that teams feel welcome, matches run smoothly, and the event truly showcases what makes our region so special. More information will be posted on the UISA website as it becomes available.

This concludes the President's Report. Thank you for your continued outstanding support of soccer in the Comox Valley.

Best Regards,

Jason Major
CVUSC President