Regional Club Charter

The Regional Club charter is a commitment between Washington Youth Soccer, a member Association, and a chartered Regional Club to work together to serve the highest level of development and play, and improve the quality of development across the association.

Once this charter has been assigned, it can only be removed by Washington Youth Soccer, only with documented cause processed through the Regional Club subcommittee, and only after all avenues for resolving conflicts or performance issues have been exhausted.

Washington Youth Soccer commitments

Washington Youth Soccer commits the following:

- To assist club administrators in operating a high level youth program through programs to improve governance and financial practices
- To provide Washington Youth Soccer's Long Term Development Program as a framework for Associations and their Regional Club to leverage to drive development
- To represent high performing clubs in national and where appropriate, international youth development matters
- To support our Association and Regional Club player and parent education and welfare programs
- To monitor the Association and Regional Club continued compliance with Washington Youth Soccer's Regional Club charter program
- To develop relationships, programs and opportunities for players, coaches and administrators from diverse socio-economic communities
- To organize and support the Regional Club subcommittee, including direct ongoing representation from the Regional Club Directors of Coaching and Presidents/ Executive Directors
- To organize and operate a Regional Club league with the following structure:

Age group	Regional Club league maximum
• U10	• 4 six-a-side teams
• U11	• 3
• U12	• 3

• U13	• 2
• U14	• 2
• U15 and above	• 1 A team, B team if qualified. Non-qualified B teams move to Open league; A teams have that option as well

a. Associations greater than 6k may be provided an extra slot for U10, U11 and U12 development in the RCL
b. Associations greater than 8k may be provided 2 extra slots for U10, U11 and U12 development teams in the RCL, and 1 extra team at U13 and U14 in the RCL.
c. All mergers of clubs currently in the RCL will waive the team limitation for a minimum of one year upon review of the RCS.
d. All mergers of Associations currently represented by clubs in the RCL will waive the team limitations for a minimum of one year upon review of the RCS and the Oversight Committee (Soccer Operations Committee).
e. At U10, additional teams from regional clubs wishing to participate in the RCL may be included at the joint request of the Regional Club and their association.
f. At U11 and above, additional teams from regional clubs wishing to participate in the RCL may petition the RCS for inclusion on the basis of:
    - Cost containment (ie: coach runs the groups as an Academy format)
    - Travel considerations (pairings, etc)
    - Competitive ability

Association Commitments

Member Association commits to the following:

Technical Criteria:

Washington Youth Soccer associations shall implement all of the following **Technical** criteria in support of the Regional Club charter program:

- Jointly support and fund a designated Club / Association Youth Development Director (B license or higher, or commitment to achieve within two years). Appointed by the Regional Club, reporting to the Director of Coaching
- Enable the Regional Club in the incorporation of Washington Youth Soccer's LTPD model and culture into Association programs
- Ensure attendance at RC Youth Development Director annual workshop hosted by Washington Youth Soccer in order to support YDD's role
- Actively facilitate Washington Youth Soccer Regional Club /Association support/health check visit (every three years)

Organizational Criteria:

Washington Youth Soccer associations shall implement all of the following **Organizational** criteria in support of the Regional Club charter program:

- Maintain good standing with Washington Youth Soccer
- Actively support the Technical criteria listed above and effectively respond to future changes
- Ensure compliance with Washington Youth Soccer, Regional Club League, and local Association disciplinary and ethical standards and codes of conduct
- Actively implement approved Regional Club programs across the association as where required
- Facilitate and enable communications, ongoing alignment with mod and select programs, and field access as required to support the Regional Club
- Implement structural and/or bylaw changes to align to approved changes to the Regional Club charter
- Support Association and Regional Club compliance with the Regional Club Code of Conduct

The Regional Club charter establishes a baseline number of teams that the Regional Club must be allowed to field. Although a Regional Club may form fewer teams based on their particular situation, the association must support the Regional Club's ability to establish and serve the following:

Age group	Minimum as allowed by charter
• U10	• 4 six-a-side teams (more with association approval) • Also, Regional Clubs may offer a separate Academy training program with no formal teams, not competing/ overlapping with association rec programs
• U11	• 3
• U12	• 3
• U13	• 2
• U14	• 2
• U15 and above	• 2

Regional Club Commitments

Regional Club commits to the following:

Technical Criteria:

Washington Youth Soccer Regional Clubs shall implement all of the following **Technical** criteria:

- Club Technical Director with an A License (B license planned commitment to achieve A license with two years)
- Jointly support and fund a designated Club / Association Youth Development Director (B license or higher, or commitment to achieve within two years; also a commitment to achieve a National Youth License within two years). Appointed by the Regional Club, reporting to the Director of Coaching
- Incorporation of Washington Youth Soccer's LTPD model and culture into the club development plans
- Maintain a defined Club training curriculum & development plan
- Minimum coaching requirements (C License or higher head coach, and applies to (A) teams only (automatic 18 month window for any existing or new coach to achieve))
- Two (2) Club Continued Professional Development Workshops will be organized annually by Washington Youth Soccer in two accessible locations. 50% attendance per year will be expected for all non C license coaches; or can be replaced by a club-lead workshops with pre-approval by Washington Youth Soccer Technical Director
- Implementation of an annual performance evaluation process, which includes measurement and evaluation of coaching staff for quality assurance
- Actively facilitate Washington Youth Soccer Regional Club /Association support/health check visit (every three years)
- 50% participation in quarterly Technical Director need-based workshops conducted by Washington Youth Soccer Technical Director (by Director or A/B licensed substitute)

Organizational Criteria:

1. Washington Youth Soccer Regional Clubs shall implement all of the following **Organizational** criteria:
    - Maintain good standing with Washington Youth Soccer and local Association
        - Properly maintained club bylaws
        - Board/ governance practices in compliance with Washington Youth Soccer, Association and Club bylaws
        - Sound financial management practices, in compliance with Washington Youth Soccer, Association and Club bylaws

    - Legally constituted 501(c)(3) non-profit organization or affiliated with such an organization
- Document compliance with Technical criteria listed above and effectively respond to future changes
- Ensure compliance with Washington Youth Soccer, Regional Club League, and local Association disciplinary and ethical standards and codes of conduct
- Consistent participation in Washington Youth Soccer Regional Club subcommittee and related activities
- Comply with the Regional Club Code of Conduct

Association and Regional Club modifications

The Member Association and Regional Club agree to the following modifications:
<agreed upon modifications to the standard charter captured in this section. Must be approved by Washington Youth Soccer/ Regional Club subcommittee and Governing Boad>

Approval

The undersigned commit their organizations to the rights and obligations defined in this charter document.

Washington Youth Soccer	Member Association	Regional Club
_____	_____	_____
Signature	Signature	Signature
_____	_____	_____
Name	Name	Name
_____	_____	_____
Title	Title	Title
_____	_____	_____
Date	Date	Date
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	Association	Regional Club