



## **VMSL 2023 Provincial Cup Qualification Policy**

The 24 qualifying VMSL teams for 2023 will be listed on the VMSL home page as they qualify. (Down from 33 spots in 2022)

### **Provincial A Cup - 6 spots / 2 seeds – NO CHANGE**

- Premier Division Champion (seed)
- Imperial Cup Champion (seed)
- Imperial Cup Finalist
- Second in Premier Division (back up seed)
- Third in Premier Division
- Fourth in Premier Division
- If one spot trickles down (i.e., one Imperial Cup Finalist is in the top 4 of the Premier Division), fifth in Premier Division
- If two spots trickle down (i.e., both Imperial Cup Finalists are in the top 5 of the Premier Division), fifth and sixth in Premier Division

### **O35 Provincial A Cup – 5 spots / 2 seeds – NO CHANGE**

- O35 Premier Division Champion (seed)
- Masters A Cup Champion (seed)
- Masters A Cup Finalist
- Second in O35 Premier Division (back up seed)
- Third in O35 Premier Division
- If one spot trickles down (i.e., one Masters A Cup Finalist is in the top 3 of the O35 Premier Division), fourth in O35 Premier Division
- If two spots trickle down (i.e., both Masters A Cup Finalists are in the top 4 of the O35 Premier Division), fourth and fifth in O35 Premier Division

### **Provincial B Cup – 5 spots / 1 seed – (down 2 spots - no preliminary round)**

- Division 2 Cup Champion (seed)
- Division 2 Cup Finalist
- Division 2A Champion
- Division 2B Champion
- Winner of playoff between second place teams in Division 2A and Division 2B
- If one spot trickles down (i.e., one Division 2 Cup Finalist is in the top 2 of either of the Division 2 pools), second place teams in Division 2A and Division 2B
- If two spots trickle down (i.e., both Division 2 Cup Finalists are in the top 2 of either of the Division 2 pools), playoff between third place teams in Division 2A and Division 2B

#### O35 Provincial B Cup – 3 spots / 1 seed – NO CHANGE

- O35 Division 1 Champion (seed)
- Masters B Cup Champion (unless they opt out, e.g., for O45 Provincial Cup)
  - If Masters B Cup Champion opts out
    - Masters B Cup Finalist (unless they opt out, e.g., for O45 Provincial Cup)
- Second in O35 Division 1
- If one spot trickles down (i.e., neither Masters B Cup Finalist is eligible and opts to play in the O35B Provincial Cup), third in O35 Division 1
- If two spots trickle down (e.g., a top O35 Division 1 opts out or qualifies and opts to play in the O35A Provincial Cup)\*, third and fourth in O35 Division 1

#### O45 Provincial Cup – 5 spots / 2 seeds – (down three spots - now an 8 team, 3 weekend cup)

- O45 Premier Division Champion (seed)
- Masters B Cup Champion\* (seed) (unless they are an O35 team or opt for O35B Provincial Cup)
- Masters B Cup Finalist (unless they are an O35 team or opt for O35B Provincial Cup)
- Second in O45 Premier Division (back up seed)
- Third in O45 Premier Division
- If one spot trickles down (i.e., one Masters B Cup Finalist is in the top 3 of the O45 Premier Division or is an O35 team), fourth in O45 Premier Division
- If two spots trickle down (i.e., both Masters B Cup Finalists are in the top 3 of the O45 Premier Division or are O35 teams), fourth and fifth in O45 Premier Division

#### Doug Day U21 Provincial Cup – cancelled by BC Soccer – (4 spots)

All cups - Whenever a provincial cup spot is based on league placement and there is a league placement tie based on points (and it affects provincial cup qualification), then a qualification playoff game will be held if time permits, otherwise the tiebreakers as defined in Rule 5.3 will be used.

All cups - Whenever a provincial cup spot is based on league placement and a team opts out, the spot trickles down to the next placed team in the division.

\*O35B spots can trickle down through Masters B Cup opt outs and also in the case where one or both top O35 Division 1 teams are Masters A Cup finalists and elect to participate in the O35 Provincial A Cup. O45 spots can trickle down if one or two top 6 O45 Premier teams are Masters B Cup finalists and elect to participate in the O35 Provincial B Cup.