

August 14, 2020 CUSA Membership Update

As we reach the mid point in August sports across the province remain restricted to cohort groups of sizes not exceeding 50 individuals. While we were originally optimistic when we were able to move to Phase 2 of the Alberta Relaunch that we would have had increased cohort sizes by fall that does not appear to be an opportunity on the horizon.

All is not bleak. We have had a number of teams participating in various styles of cohorts over the past few weeks and have not had any reported issues from these activities. That is promising indication that the steps in place to ensure the safety of players and officials is working.



Fall Cup

While the late summer / fall weather in Calgary is often some of the best for playing outdoor sports we are pleased to announce the hosting of a Fall Cup. This will be offered in a very similar style as our traditional Pre-Season Tournaments where by you will have the opportunity to enter a team, will be places in a group of 4 teams and have four games. Each team can have a maximum of 11 registered players and coaches and the total group will form a cohort for the duration of the competition. All games will be 7v7 at the Calgary Soccer Centre utilizing the cross field pitches. For more detailed information or to register follow the [Fall Cup](#) link.

Indoor Season

For the past several years we have been able to offer to our membership **Four Programs, One Season**. Unfortunately, as we plan to start the Indoor Season with AHS Cohort restrictions still in place that will mean each player will need to determine which program they want to participate in. For the foreseeable future players will be able to participate in only one program, or more specifically one cohort. This includes those players who also officiate – unfortunately how the current AHS/ASA Guidelines are written officials will also be part of the cohort and therefore individuals will need to decide are they going to be a player or an official for the season.

We are encouraging that all players and coaches start thinking about what their plans for the Indoor 2020 21 will be.

-  Boarded Soccer
-  COED Soccer

- 8v8 Boardless Soccer
- Futsal
- Game Official
- Coach – external (not a player coach)*

*Coaches are able to be part of multiple Cohorts provided they Social Distance in the Cohorts that they are coaching.

Facility Updates

An added twist, if COVID itself wasn't enough, is facility operations. Not all information has been finalized yet however, we do know that all venues will be requiring extra time between games for cleaning meaning start times for games will be adjusted within all venues. Yes that does have the potential for all teams to have some later game times than traditionally we have had.

Another development over the summer has been the removal of the boards from Calgary West Soccer Centre. This will increase the locations and opportunities for more boardless teams and games while consolidating the boarded game to Calgary Soccer Centre and Genesis Centre for Wellness.

Ambrose University has informed us that they have made the difficult decision and will not be renting their gymnasium to external groups this winter season. We are currently looking at alternatives.

CUSA Membership Survey

Early next week you will receive a short survey that we will encourage you to share with your players. It will be seeking your input into your programs of interest for the Indoor Season; it will help give us insight into what you our members are looking for as we move into yet another season with restrictions in place. It certainly will not be binding but will help provide us with an indication where the interests and concerns lie.

We hope everyone is staying safe and getting outside to soak up the sunshine. Any questions can be directed to info@cusa.ab.ca.