

JUNE 12TH, 2020 LEAGUE UPDATE

Progress continues on many fronts as we near returning to the pitch. With the release of *ASA Return to Soccer Plan - Phase 1 - Return to Train* last week, Government of Alberta moving to Phase 2 of the Relaunch today and City of Calgary lifting the Local State of Emergency at midnight last night the circumstances that have kept everyone on the sidelines for the past 3 months have changed dramatically. Alberta Health Services responded positively to the lobbying by sport groups across the province and moved Team Sports ahead into Phase 2! This advancement came with a number of very [specific restrictions](#) that all sports must abide by. Currently Alberta Soccer is reviewing the new criteria and will release by June 19th their *Phase 2 - Return to Play - Modified Games*.

The advancement to Phase 2 for Team Sports now requires those indoor and outdoor sport facilities to develop their operational protocols outlined by Alberta Health Services prior to their opening for the public. In some cases it also means that the operators now have to rehire staff that was released when the facilities were closed. We are working with our facility operators to learn what venues will be open for our use as we move into the next phase and start to introduce scrimmages prior to the final phase of returning to the traditional game. ([City of Calgary update June 12th](#)) We fully expect that in Phase 2 we will be providing some 7v7 mini league opportunities with either compressed league or City Cups in Phase 3. Additional details on the mini league will be available by June 23rd with an anticipated start date of July 6th (subject to field access). As we learn more on what venues will be available to us, with what restrictions we will provide additional detail on what programs we will be able to offer. We appreciate your patience as we hurry up and wait for these details.

Return To Train - Phase #1 starts June 12th

Teams and Training groups can begin training effective today, June 12th, providing they align their practices with those stated in [Phase 1 Return to Train of the ASA Return to Soccer Strategy](#).

- 📌 Registering your team for the *Return to Train* program. Registration is now live on the CUSA website. The link is here and on the website. **Register:** [Outdoor 2020 Return To Train](#). There is no Team fee to register for training.
- 📌 Completing the [CSA Risk Assessment Tool](#). We recognize that some of the questions are designed more for League than Team requirements. We will work with teams when we get a copy of your submitted response back on areas that you may not be sure of.
- 📌 Either participated on the online webinar June 10th or [watch the video now available online](#) presentation slides [here](#). It provides additional detail on the purpose of the *Return To Train* protocols and discusses components of Phase 2 - *Return to Play - modified Game*.

Player /Coach Registration

Once Teams or Training Groups have completed the above steps then player registration can occur. **At this time online only.** All players will need to access the registration through the online [RAMP account](#). New players can create a new member account. CUSA Administration will confirm the registration when you come to the office to have your photo ID developed.

- All players and coaches must be registered **PRIOR** to participating in training.
- For the *Return to Train* phase ID cards **will not** be required.
- At the time of registration each player will be assessed a **\$15 affiliation fee** that is mandatory. This fee is your ASA/CSA affiliation which includes your player insurance. Payment by credit card online is required.
- Coaches the affiliation fee is only due once. If you are a player coach please register as a player first and email info@cusa.ab.ca to be registered as a coach without having to pay the fee a second time.
- The affiliation fees will not be charged to the players or coaches again if the team or training group participates in the mini leagues or league activities later in the summer.
- All players and coaches must complete the new waiver and declaration of compliance to be eligible to participate. These are included as part of the on line registration process.

Coaches and Players prior to commencing training:

- Review the [Alberta Soccer Team/Club Checklist](#) prior to running any training sessions.
- Review the [CSA Response Action Plan](#) and designate someone from your training group to be responsible for responding to ALL COVID-19 concerns.
- Complete the register temperature/active symptom screening prior to each training session.
- Determine how your team will conduct Contact Tracing for all team training sessions. Contact Tracing Logs **MUST** be kept for 2 week increments. (or encourage your team to use [ABTrace Together App](#))
- To help with some suggested on-field activities ASA has developed the following: [ASA Back to Play – Session Plan Guidance & Templates.](#)

CUSA is committed to assisting our membership as move closer to the safe and measured return to training and playing the sport of soccer. At each step along the way the risk of choosing to participate in the activity ultimately remains with each participant to determine their comfort level. CUSA continues to be part of the conversations with Alberta Soccer, City of Calgary and our colleagues with CMSA and CWSA working towards resuming the game.

The CUSA Office remains closed to the public at this time. We continue to prepare for when we will reopen and provide player registration. Additional details on this will be available in the coming days.

I will conclude with the same message **scrimmage and game play remains prohibited on City fields for a short window of time**. It remains with each of us to follow the steps and guidelines provided to ensure we can continue to move through the next stages of the Relaunch and ultimately to our new normal. Stay safe and healthy, we are close to having you on the field again. If you have other questions don't hesitate to reach out. You can reach any staff member by email. General questions can be sent to info@cusa.ab.ca and will be directed to the staff member responsible to respond.

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