

## **Registration Opens for Alberta Soccer – Phase 2: Return to Modified Game**

We are pleased to announce that we are opening registration for the Return to Modified Game Phase 2 of The Return to Soccer.

Currently registration is restricted to Outdoor Soccer only, we are waiting to hear from the City of Calgary on the status of access to the Indoor Soccer Centre fields for the Indoor Coed Program. Coed teams can form an outdoor cohort should you wish to.

You will see the term cohort used frequently now. For our programs a cohort, as defined by Alberta Health is:

A Sport Cohort must be limited to a maximum of 50 individuals who remain together for the **duration of Alberta's Stage 2 of Relaunch. Individuals may participate in only ONE cohort.**

A Sport Cohort consists of players, referees AND coaches, trainers, and/or managers who DO NOT maintain a physical distance of 2 meters at all times from the cohort group.

Sport Cohorts do not need to keep 2 meters apart however, physical distancing should be practiced when not participating on the field (i.e. on sidelines, before and after activities etc.).

Organizations must keep records of the individuals assigned to each sport cohort and ensure that sufficient oversight is provided to ensure compliance with health guidelines.

Flexibility and accessibility have always been at the forefront of our plans, in order to give our membership the most choice and comfort as we restart playing. With this in mind, you will need to identify a number of options that best suit your cohort.

### Forming a cohort:

- ✦ When you register you will have the opportunity to indicate if you have your own identified cohort group or if you want us to help pair you up with similar level competition. The choice is yours.
- ✦ All members of the cohort must be registered with CUSA before they participate. All registration to be completed online only at this time.
- ✦ Those players and coaches who registered for Phase 1 Return to Train can transfer to any cohort without any additional fee being due. A separate email will be sent to the existing registered teams outlining this process.
- ✦ Any Cohort that was not registered in Phase 1 Return To Train must complete the following steps before being able to commence Modified Games:
  - Review and agree to implement the required minimum standards for soccer programming as per the [Return to Soccer – Phase 2 Guidelines](#).

- Complete the self assessment tool and submit to Canada Soccer. The link to the self assessment can be provided by CUSA staff upon request.
- Confirm that at least 2 individuals from their program have reviewed the [Return to Train Webinar](#) provided by Alberta Soccer. (The presentation slides can be found [here](#)).
- Canada Soccer provides feedback on completed self-assessment. Districts with Alberta Soccer review Canada Soccer feedback and verify with Club/Team their approval to offer organized training.

### Who makes up the cohort?

- ✦ Your cohort group is not restricted to being members of your traditional club or team. We recognize that everyone has different comfort levels on returning to play, even for modified games, and as such we are not placing restrictions on the composition of your cohort. Your cohort can be comprised of players from different divisions, teams, age groups. Members must be at minimum 16 years of age.
- ✦ Coaches and Team Officials will count as a member of your cohort unless they practice social distancing 100% of the time when they are with your cohort.
- ✦ Referees will count as part of your cohort. They cannot play in one cohort and referee in another.

### Can a cohort train or must they play 7v7?

- ✦ The cohort gets to decide. It is our intention to assign cohorts to a field. The cohort determines if they want to use the field for training, play 7v7, 11v11 or any combination of training and playing.
- ✦ The activity the cohort determines must only include members of the cohort. You cannot arrange to scrimmage with another cohort group.
- ✦ Each cohort will need to identify who will be responsible for contact tracing logs for all participants for every soccer activity. Must be maintained for a minimum of 2 weeks.

### Does every cohort have to have a referee assigned?

- ✦ No, your cohort does not need to have a group of officials assigned.
- ✦ Referees will be available to those cohorts that request them. For these cohorts up to 5 officials could be assigned to you therefore decreasing the maximum number of players in your cohort.
- ✦ Referee fee for July 6 to end of August will be \$1,025.00.
- ✦ If your cohort wishes to have officials all your participants will require a CUSA ID Card and will be required to utilize a game sheet per game.
- ✦ ASA has incorporated a requirement for those cohorts utilizing a referee that a specific COVID compliance evaluation must be completed following each mini game by each team.

### Can I choose my preferred field?

- City of Calgary Recreation has limited staffing for a varied amount of amenities at the Athletic Parks. Currently Shouldice, Glenmore, Ernest Manning and the Calgary Soccer Centre are the fields we have access to. The total fields vary each night and week therefore we will endeavor to provide you with your preferred park and evening but cannot guarantee it. You will be requested on your application to provide your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices.
- CUSA will schedule fields on a first come basis for cohorts to access starting the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. Field times will be allocated in hour 45 minute windows. We will be assigning 8 fields during July and August for a fee of \$2,030.00.

### Registration Timelines & Fees

- For cohorts wishing to have fields assigned starting July 6<sup>th</sup> you will need to be registered and paid in full by noon June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We will accommodate *rolling registration deadlines*. Your cohort must be registered by Tuesday the week before fields or officials will be assigned to you. (i.e. July 7<sup>th</sup> for field assignment starting July 13<sup>th</sup>). Fees will adjust based upon the number of fields assigned.
- IF AHS announces that we can move to Phase 3 – Traditional Game Play prior to the end of August we will work with registered cohorts to transfer balance of fees already paid to the Phase 3 Programs.

### Phase 2: Return to Modified Games Summary

- Commences July 6<sup>th</sup> until August 30<sup>th</sup>
- Cohort maximum size 50
- Fees:
  - Fields (8) \$2,030.00
  - Officials (optional) \$1,025.00
  - \$3,055.00
  
  - Player / Coach affiliation fee \$15.00 @

Phase Two registration is now open online only. When you log into your Member Account you will need to select [Outdoor 2020 Return to Modified Games](#) to begin the process.

If you have questions on the process please email [info@cusa.ab.ca](mailto:info@cusa.ab.ca)