
MARCH 25, 2020 LEAGUE UPDATE

In an effort to be as transparent as possible as we chart a course in this unprecedented situation we wanted to share with you an update on CUSA Programs and the 2020 Outdoor season. The CUSA Office is closed to the public with staff working remotely. To reach any staff member please communicate by email. General questions can be sent to info@cusa.ab.ca and will be directed to the staff member responsible to respond. Phone messages are being received intermittently and response time will be slower than by email.

As we wrap up the Indoor Season and continue to prepare for the 2020 Outdoor Season, we are looking for ways to ease some of the uncertainty that many of our members are facing. On a bi-weekly basis, we will be meeting with representatives of the Alberta Soccer Association and other districts around the province to develop contingencies should the COVID-19 pandemic stretch further into the summer months.

Indoor 2019-20

Unfortunately when [Canadian Soccer](#) suspended play on March 13th it brought an abrupt end to our **2019 20 Indoor Season** and cancellation to the **2020 Indoor Nations Cup**.

- **Indoor 2019 20 Final Standings** will be prorated on team winning record ratio for the season. Final Referee Evaluations are due Friday for those games completed on March 12th. This will be included within your team's Fair Play Points for the calculations toward the final Fair Play for the division. All Team Awards and end of season credits will be applied onto your Team Account in RAMP in the upcoming days. If you have questions on the account please email them direct to info@cusa.ab.ca.
- For those teams that had registered for **Nations Cup** we are in the process of issuing full refunds. If you paid by credit card online you should see the refund on your account. If you made payment in the office by debit, cash or credit card you should have received a request from the office on how the refund will be processed. If you have not received this

communication please contact patti@cusa.ab.ca at your earliest opportunity. All these refunds should be processed by the end of this week.

Outdoor 2020 and Coed Summer 2020 Programs

As we start to receive more inquiries regarding the 2020 season we wanted to provide an update of current status. Currently there is no target date for when CSA will lift their suspension of play, nor is there any discussion when the City of Calgary will remove their restrictions on sport field access.

- **Team Registration and Fees:** As of now we have suspended registration and all the associated timelines until we have an idea when we will be given authority by CSA to resume any sort of activity. Upon receipt of that notification we will provide all teams the opportunity to reassess their available player pool and complete the registration process. For those teams who have already registered and paid their deposit we will be reconfirming with you prior to the launch of the *new 2020* season on your intentions. We recognize that it is very difficult to confirm your team and ensure suitable players to proceed when training and tryouts are on hold.
- **Season Start:** The latest information we currently have would indicate that no one is expecting any activity in April and potentially into May. We have a province wide conference call Monday morning at which time ASA will be providing us with as much information that they can.
- **Season Costs:** This is a big one and another that is front and center with what options will exist when we do resume playing. ASA is looking at the overall business impact that this unprecedented situation has found us all in. We anticipate that there will be adjustments to the fees to reflect changes made in the season duration and competitions offered. We also recognize that, with the number of layoffs that have occurred due to the current situation, financial constraints may be challenging for many of you. We will be working with our partner agencies in the delivery of our programs to drive the pricing as low as possible. Until

we confirm what those might be we will not be changing our posted fees. Regardless of changes to actual season the deposit of \$1,500 will be applied towards that balance.

We know that everyone has questions and that there are very few answers that are concrete at the moment. What I can assure you is we will be doing everything that is reasonable to provide a soccer league/experience this summer. As we are able to have answers to the when and how to resume activities and what that entails we will communicate to the membership with what options exist.

What we are encouraging our membership to do right now is follow the directions and advice of WHO, Alberta Health Services and Canadian Soccer among others. Practice Social Distancing – **DO NOT HOLD TEAM PRACTICES or TRYOUTS!** Once we have a target date to resume we will provide everyone ample opportunity to evaluate their ability to form teams for the 2020 season.

We are, like probably most workplaces, working remotely and will be reviewing emails throughout the day. Stay safe and healthy. If you have other questions don't hesitate to reach out. We will be happy to help you out!

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