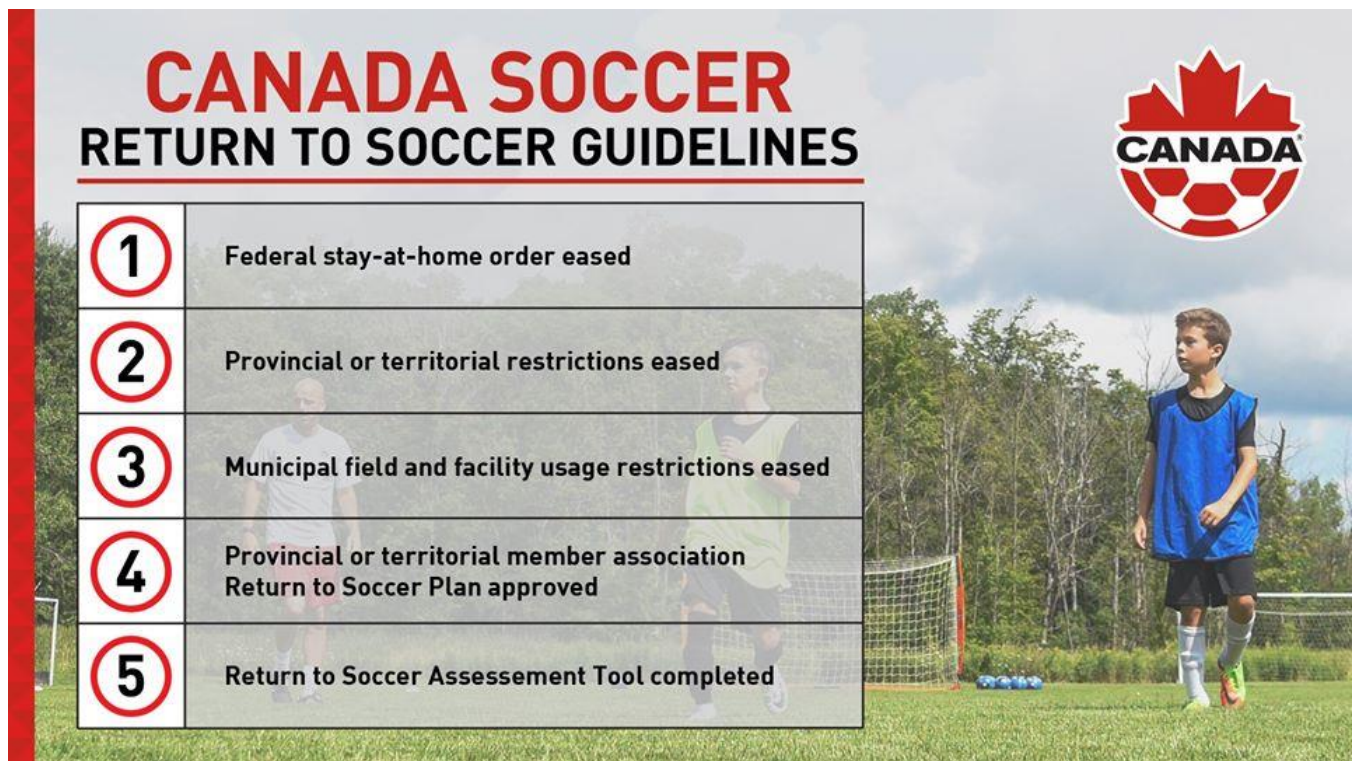



## MAY 15, 2020 LEAGUE UPDATE

By now I would suspect that most have seen various pieces of information that does look to the future of a return to sport. This might be the first glimpse of positive news for those that have been following the guidelines, staying home, perfecting online training and gaming skills! What is important to remember is that the current CSA suspension of all sanctioned soccer activity has not been lifted in Alberta. The graphic below outlines the 5 criteria that must be met before organized team activities can resume.



**CANADA SOCCER**  
**RETURN TO SOCCER GUIDELINES**



<b>1</b>	Federal stay-at-home order eased
<b>2</b>	Provincial or territorial restrictions eased
<b>3</b>	Municipal field and facility usage restrictions eased
<b>4</b>	Provincial or territorial member association Return to Soccer Plan approved
<b>5</b>	Return to Soccer Assessment Tool completed

- The Federal stay at home order is still encouraged to be followed.
- Some Provincial restrictions have been eased however, within Calgary the full Phase 1 Relaunch has been delayed until May 25<sup>th</sup> and the target date the Premier indicated for the start of Phase 2 is June 19<sup>th</sup>.

[Alberta Health Services](#) Orders remain in effect:

- the Order that prohibits public and private recreation facilities from operating.
- the Order requires no group larger than 15 persons to gather in one location.

- the Order on maintaining social distance of 2 meters or more.
- City of Calgary ([May 14<sup>th</sup> order](#)) **prohibits organized and team sports but** has indicated that sport activity like *Sport Training; Skill Training; & Dryland Training* may start to occur on parks and playfields providing:
  - NO shared equipment
  - NO Physical contact
  - All AHS restrictions are abided by
  - *Calgary Recreation is working to re-open sport fields and activate the booking and permitting process and will provide an update by Wednesday, May 20, 2020. They ask that you be patient as they move forward safely. At this time all recreation facilities remain closed as per the State of Local Emergency (May 15, 2020 update).*
- Provincial Return to Soccer Plan Approved. Alberta Soccer is completing their Return to Soccer Plan. Last update indicated that the Plan would be presented to the ASA Board May 20<sup>th</sup> for their approval. It then requires acceptance by CSA and AHS before we can begin to implement its roll out across the province.
  - Alberta Soccer has not rescinded their notice of no programs or activities until the end of May.
- Return to Soccer Assessment Tool completed. Canada Soccer has not yet released this tool to its membership. It is anticipated before the end of May.

No doubt there are other steps that will be added to this list prior to the approval to resume soccer is received. Currently team physical contact sports are in Phase 3 of the [Alberta Government's Relaunch Strategy](#). The goal is to continue to move forward through the Phases without any relapses and large outbreaks of the virus.

**We must discourage Clubs and Teams from organizing Team activities until all five of the criteria outlined in Canada Soccer's Return to Soccer Guidelines are achieved in Alberta and in Calgary.**

We are close, we just need to be patient a little longer and then we anticipate that the ability to start to

train will be reached. Games and organized competition do remain further out in the Relaunch and when introduced will still require modifications from what was the traditional formats.

Guidance for outdoor recreation opportunities is posted on [www.alberta.ca/biz-connect](http://www.alberta.ca/biz-connect), and outdoor recreation businesses should also follow workplace guidance for business owners. As we move closer to returning to training and playing I would encourage you to review these guidelines and consider how your team can incorporate the recommendations into your plans. We are also working on a list of recommendations for teams to consider and will be sharing those in the coming days.

## TEAM REFUNDS

This task draws to a close with updates being posted onto RAMP next week and the cheques being processed and prepared for mailing.

Some more good news as part the Alberta Relaunch two local businesses are open and ready to assist you get the gear you need.

Your two favorite Calgary Soccer stores are teaming up, to bring you great savings!

**FISHER'S SOCCER SHACK**  
CALGARY'S #1 SOCCER STORE

**KICKS SPORTS**

**YELLOW CARD - COVID REOPENING SALE**

**May 14 - 31**

- 20% off all Footwear
- 25% off all Apparel
- 25% off Cavalry Jerseys
- 50% off all club/country Jerseys

Fishers Soccer Shack - Riverbend  
Kicks Sports - Varsity  
Kicks Sports Southland

Special hours  
Wed - Fri 12 - 6; Sat - Sun 12 - 5

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**COVID REOPENING INFORMATION**

- Limit of 3 buying groups in the store at any one time
- Maintain physical distancing at all times
- Hand Sanitizer on site for staff and customers
- Preferred method of payments ... Credit or Debit
- We ask that you limit unnecessary touching of store products
- Curbside pickup orders can still be phoned in.

CUSA is committed to assisting out membership navigate the vast volume of information that is coming forward, from a range of sources, as it relates 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.

Stay safe and healthy. If you have other questions don't hesitate to reach out. To reach any staff member please communicate by email. General questions can be sent to [info@cusa.ab.ca](mailto:info@cusa.ab.ca) and will be directed to the staff member responsible to respond. If you have some creative ideas on how to keep your team connected and fit for resume of play that you want to share we will promote your team through our social media channels. We will be happy to help you out!

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