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## **MAY 1, 2020 LEAGUE UPDATE**

For the foreseeable future we will be providing you with a weekly update on all things related to CUSA and the status of soccer as we are aware. Just a reminder that the CUSA Office will remain closed to the public with staff working remotely for foreseeable future. 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. Phone messages are being received intermittently and response time will be slower than by email.

### **ALBERTA'S RELAUNCH STRATEGY: OPENING SOON**

The news does mean that there is a future on the horizon, however, based on what documentation has been released so far there organized team sports are a ways off yet (Phase 3) with no set timeline and a number of other factors that come into play yet. We are working with ASA on what some of the return to play strategies might be - thinking venue logistics etc. If you want to provide your thoughts on what some of the terms and conditions for the sport should be participate in the [Alberta Soccer Return to Play Protocols Survey](#).

Prior to CUSA programs resuming there are a number of other agencies that have to sign off with various permissions and lifting of restrictions. Those include:

1. Alberta Government's Provincial Restrictions: [AB Relaunch Strategy Report](#) Sport venues stay closed in Phase 2 and the 2m distance remains in effect - great to make the game higher scoring but probably not realistic.
2. [AHS](#) has not yet announced what restrictions, if any, they will apply to public recreation facilities - both Indoor and Outdoor.
3. [Canada Soccer](#) has to lift the nation wide suspension of all soccer activities - currently in effect for all of May;
4. [City of Calgary](#) has to lift its State of Emergency. Within this order is the [closure of sport and recreation facilities](#) within the City.

Yes, all of this might happen relatively fast and perhaps we will be at Phase 3 of the AB Gov't Plan by late June or July. If we do we will mobilize quickly and get organized programs occurring. We do know that when we are able to return to *normal activity* different individuals will respond at different levels of comfort.

We will be working to ensure we can assist in getting the membership on the pitch as fast as possible. The work that we have been focused on is all the behind the scene work to ensure we are ready for when that opportunity presents itself.

### **MISSING THE GAME AND HAVE SOME TIME ON YOUR HANDS?**



Canada Soccer has released **Canada Soccer Nation Inside** You will find an extensive and growing list of resources and activities there. Canada Soccer's **Men's EXCEL 101 webinar** featuring Men's National Team Head Coach and Program Director, John Herdman and National EXCEL Program staff on **Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 ET/12:00 PT.**

### **Coach Education:** ([Resource link here](#))

Ever wonder how a coach got to where they are? Join Manager of Coach Education Matt Thomas as he interviews other coaches to discover their unique coaching journey. Podcasts can be found on the Alberta Soccer YouTube Channel. Click [HERE](#) to start listening!



We are excited to announce that the new online community workshops are now available. Canada Soccer has developed online theory content for each of the 4 community workshops (Active Start, Fundamentals, Learn to Train and Soccer for Life). For the first time you can access the coach education programming where you want, when you want. The CSA is utilizing the Google Classroom platform to offer the theory component of each of the workshops free of charge. Start your coaching journey now.

Interested coaches are to register by Clicking [HERE](#) and to view a brief tutorial video on the new process click [HERE](#) Courses included are: Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learn to Train, Soccer for Life

**Referee Education:** ([Resource link here](#))

Referee Refresher courses for registered, returning referees.

**Fitness activities for you and your family.**

[AB Gov't Be Fit](#)

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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