
November 13, 2020 CUSA Membership Update

Everyone in the sport community is feeling the impact of COVID-19. Events and competitive seasons at all sport levels are being canceled and training facilities are closing. Athletes, coaches, parents, and sport stakeholders are scrambling to develop contingency plans. Eight months ago we sent you our first COVID Membership update when Canadian Soccer suspended league play across the nation. Today we are facing a regional pause initiated by Alberta Health Services. Nov. 12 COVID-19 Restrictions: alberta.ca.

We realize that many of you have questions that currently we do not have full answers for. For the interim we know that there will be **No** on field soccer activities in Calgary and area for the next two weeks: Nov 13 – 27. This includes all games, practices and team training events.

We will be taking the next week to review what this means for the nearly 100 games impacted by this shutdown. In a traditional year we would be able to reschedule games into open fields regardless of when those rescheduled games occurred. With the current cohort restrictions and availability of fields (7v7) we are investigating what options there are for the games that are impacted by this two week pause. We will be releasing an update by early next week once we have a stronger understanding of the conditions for returning to activity within the Calgary Region. CUSA will continue to work with our facility partners and local associations to ensure that we are ready to return to league play when AHS restrictions are lifted.

Originally the balance of fees was set to be paid in full by November 20th. We have extended that deadline to November 30th to ensure that we are able to incorporate any adjustments to your fees for games that may not be able to be rescheduled. Fee adjustments, if applicable, will be added to your account the week of the 23rd.

In compliance with the AHS recommendations the CUSA Office will be closed for the public from November 13 to the 24th. The staff will be working remotely for the majority of this window of time and as such we would request that you direct your inquiries to info@cusa.ab.ca. Starting on the 25th the office will reopen for player registration and fee payment by appointment only.

This pause in league play serves a larger purpose in helping to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID 19 virus. As stated on the AHS website: *Together, these measures will help protect our health care system, keep schools and businesses open, and protect vulnerable Albertans by limiting the spread of the virus.*

We will provide a further update the week of the 16th. In the meantime stay safe, stay healthy and rest assured we will be ready to resume the indoor season when it is safe to do so.

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