

MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION

June 4th, 2020

To: Alberta Soccer Life Members, District Members & Associate Members

Cc: Alberta Soccer Board of Directors & Staff

Re: Return to Train Activities

The Board of Directors of Alberta Soccer is very pleased to provide the Phase 1 – “Return to Train” documentation to the Alberta Soccer Membership. Please read this memo and accompanying documentation very thoroughly as the information is important for you to assist your Membership to return to the sport, we are all so passionate about.

Return to Play Plan Approval Process & Canada Soccer Process for Lifting Suspension of Soccer Activity

On May 14, 2020 Canada Soccer publicly announced the National Return to Soccer Guidelines, which includes Canada Soccer approving the Provincial Member Association Return to Play Plans. Along with this approval, Canada Soccer will provide Alberta Soccer a link to the Canada Soccer “Return to Soccer Assessment Tool” designed to support Alberta Soccer District Members/Clubs/Zones.

Below are the five steps Canada Soccer has determined for the lifting of the suspension and gradually returning to play:

1. The easing of stay-at-home orders from the Federal public health authority;
2. The easing of restrictions on public gatherings from the respective Provincial public health authority;
3. The easing of restrictions for field and facility usage by the respective Municipal public health authority;
4. Canada Soccer has received the Return to Soccer Plan from the Provincial or Territorial Member Association, which has been provided to the applicable Provincial or Territorial government department and/or public health authority, and where applicable, has received confirmation from the Province or Territory that it approves of the Plan; and
5. Canada Soccer has received the Return to Soccer Assessment Tool from the member organization and has provided any comments or feedback to the member organization or its Provincial or Territorial Member, if any.

The *Return to Soccer Plan* is a three-phased plan which outlines the minimum standards required to support the return to soccer through each phase. **Phase 1 – Return to Train**, is being released first and will support the return to modified on-field training.

ALBERTA SOCCER RETURN TO TRAIN PROCESS

1. **Phase 1 - Return to Train** plan developed in consultation with Canada Soccer and Alberta Soccer members
2. Alberta Soccer's **Return to Train** plan is presented to and approved or deemed compliant to Provincial Health Regulations as determined by:
 - ☒ The Alberta Government and/or Alberta Health Services
 - ☒ Canada Soccer
 - ☒ Alberta Soccer's Insurance Provider

APPROVED/DEEMED COMPLIANT ON JUNE 2nd, 2020
3. Canada Soccer releases their **Risk Assessment Tool** to Alberta Soccer
 - a. As per step 5 of [Canada Soccer's May 13 news announcement](#)
PROVIDE BY JUNE 5th, 2020
4. Alberta Soccer provides to District Members the following:
 - a. **Return to Train Guidelines**
PROVIDED ON JUNE 4th, 2020
 - b. **Canada Soccer Risk Assessment Tool** to Districts to distribute to their Clubs/Zones
DISTRIBUTED BY JUNE 7th, 2020
5. Two members of the District, Club/Zone has attended the Return to Train Webinar being hosted by Alberta Soccer at 6pm on Wednesday June 10th, 2020 (Log-in Details to be Provided)
MANDATORY ATTENDANCE OF TWO CLUB/ZONE MEMBERS (Preferably Administrative Lead & Technical Lead)
6. Canada Soccer has received the Return to Soccer Assessment Tool from the Club/Zone and has provided comments or feedback to the Club/Zone, District Member and Provincial Member if any.
RECEIVED FEEDBACK ON OR AFTER JUNE 7th, 2020
7. Ensure all steps in the Alberta Soccer Phase 1 – Return to Train plan are completed prior to your organization offering soccer activity **on or after June 12th, 2020**.
ALL RETURN TO TRAIN STEPS ARE COMPLETED

SUSPENSIONS LIFTED REGIONALLY

Recent information from both Alberta Health Services and the Alberta Government's *Relaunch Strategy*, highlight the need to address easing of COVID-19 restrictions at a regional level. As such, Alberta Soccer in collaboration with Member Districts intends to lift soccer suspensions by individual clubs/zones throughout their local District.

**Soccer
Suspension
still in
effect**

While we understand the recent opening of municipal and private facilities, alongside the launch of *Stage 1 of Alberta's Relaunch Strategy* may seem confusing. The Suspension of sanctioned, in person soccer activity remains in effect. ALL the **Conditions for Return to Train** MUST be met before we return to the field.

COMMUNICATIONS

We ask that organizations at all levels of membership actively communicate Alberta Soccer's official information updates to the members of their soccer community by posting applicable information on their website, sharing it via email and using social media.

LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OF SOCCER ACTIVITIES

As noted in this Memo the date that on-field sanctioned soccer activity can commence will be on or after June 12th, 2020. All conditions for Return to Train must be met and adhered to.

CLOSING REMARKS

We must be patient! We must be safe! We must be responsible!

To safely and responsibly return to organized, on-field soccer, members **MUST**;

- ✓ Abide by the **Conditions for Return to Train**
- ✓ Respect the **Return to Train Process**

In closing, Alberta Soccer would like to thank all the members, affiliated clubs, and individuals across Alberta for your patience and understanding during these challenging times. We are all in this together and it is imperative that we get this correct for the good of the game and more importantly the health of our participants.