

Dear fellow members,

This year, on September 15th, 2020, we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of Calgary United Soccer Association. We acknowledge the efforts made by committed individuals to amalgamate the various soccer organizations in Calgary under one association in 1980. The newly formed association started with just 30 teams and 600 players and has grown to over 500 teams and over 10,000 registered players and coaches. CUSA offers indoor and outdoor programs for Men's and Co-ed as well as Men's and Women's Futsal. We should all be proud of the strength of our association and of our growth.

During the past four decades, CUSA has seen great success at all levels including at the national level with Calgary Caledonian, better known as Calgary Callies, winning the Challenge Trophy four times. The Challenge Trophy is the highest national amateur soccer cup awarded by the Canadian Soccer Association. We follow a great and long tradition of soccer in Calgary dating back to the late 1800's with the first notes of soccer being played by the North West Mounted Police E regiment and Calgary citizens. In 1913, the Black Cup was established, and continues to be awarded, as our oldest cup, by CUSA in modern times.

CUSA and our members are facing unprecedented times, working together, we will build a stronger community on the pitch and as well as off the pitch. Our commitment to be inclusive throughout the past 40 years has brought together many individuals and communities which reflect our great city through the passion for our sport. Soccer has been a conduit to help create everlasting friendships and provide a path for a sense of belonging to not just the soccer community but a connection to our city.

With CUSA's commitment to giving back to the community, and on behalf of the board of CUSA and the staff, I am very honoured to announce that CUSA has started a scholarship program for our members. We will be awarding 4 scholarships of \$1000 to represent the 4 decades of CUSA's storied existence.

CUSA is very committed to being a leader in amateur organized sport that by building on our rich heritage and being inclusive to all, we help build an improved community on and off the pitch. Together, CUSA and its members will continue to grow soccer, and our association while having a positive social impact in our city.

Together for the love of the game,

Raj Uppal
President
Calgary United Soccer Association