
August 28, 2020 CUSA Membership Update

INDOOR SEASON

We are working with our various facility partners as we start to organize for the Indoor Season. To aid both our members and our selves we have developed a short survey to help focus discussions on what teams and players are considering for the upcoming season. You can access the survey from the icon here as well as on our website and on our various social media platforms. The survey will remain open until Monday for you to provide your comments and recommendations.



Registration for the 2020 Indoor Programs will open September 8th. More details on the programs offered will be announced then.

Based upon the responses we have already received we did want to respond to some of the questions people have asked. Most of the modifications for the Indoor game are linked back to the guidelines provided by Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Soccer. Today AHS has released an update to the [Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation guidelines](#). Over the next few days we will be reviewing these to see if any of the updates will impact how we can deliver programs over the Indoor Season.

Facility cleanliness and operations: While CUSA does not have direct control over any of the Indoor venues the comments and concerns we have received have been shared with the appropriate facility operator.

Each facility operator is required to develop their own operational plan that meets or exceeds the guidelines required by Alberta Health Services. Currently the most recent guidelines for facilities are here [Indoor Recreation Entertainment \(June 9\)](#). As we prepare our seasonal information we will be including in each team's information package the details we receive from the venues where their games will be played.

Facilities are required to provide increased cleaning to high traffic and common touch areas – like the team benches and doorways. The need for this additional cleaning will cause increased times between games and therefore impact some of the more traditional game start times.

Player's compliance with COVID Guidelines: As each team and player registers for the season they are required to sign a Declaration of Compliance. While we recognize that this is a document and a player's actions may deviate we are anticipating that players and teams will demonstrate their best efforts in aligning their actions with the guidelines outlined for the sport and facilities. We have made some adjustments within our Discipline Code and Alberta Soccer have specific instructions for referees on some actions however, our first goal is to try and ensure that players and officials are educated on the necessary steps rather than a direct punitive action. We really are venturing into

unprecedented times and will require the collective support for the membership to have a successful relaunch of the Indoor Programs.

Should we experience the unfortunate development of a confirmed or suspected case of COVID from one of our teams or facilities CUSA will work the point of contact to provide the information to AHS for their notification of the incident. Accuracy of the game sheets and team tracking of attendance at their own training sessions will be critical in the success of this process. We will provide more information in your Team Packages prior to the start of the season.

Roster sizes: The restrictions on the cohort size are direct from Alberta Health Services and not something that CUSA has the ability to deviate from. There limitation to 50 for players, coaches and officials has a major impact to all sports. We appreciate some of the suggestions provided for alternative league structures. We will be reviewing them as we continue to look at our Indoor programs. What we do know is that the number of teams registering for a particular level of a particular program will also impact what we can provide.

Program Costs: We are aware that limits to the roster size will impact the cost per player for the program. A team playing in a *mini league* of 4 teams with 11 players per team will still face the same costs for referees and field rental as if the team had a traditional roster size of 20+ players. CUSA is reviewing our Indoor Fees to help keep the cost per player as minimal as possible. To accomplish this you will notice when we launch the Indoor Team Registration some changes to operations for the teams that will enable us to decrease some operational expenses even further while still providing the level of service our membership expects.

REFEREES:

All the local associations are offering fall outdoor programs and will be offering Indoor modified games. Anyone who is interested in being involved as an official and have not yet registered and completed the online training for 2020 can find [further information here](#) or contact Alberta Soccer Referee staff at programs@albertasoccer.com.



FALL CUP

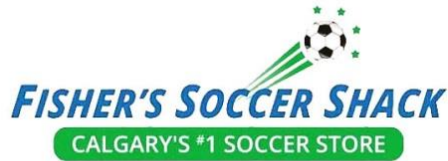
While the late summer / fall weather in Calgary is often some of the best for playing outdoor sports we are pleased to announce the hosting of a Fall Cup. This will be offered in a very similar style as our traditional Pre-Season Tournaments where by you will have the opportunity to enter a team, will be places in a group of 4 teams and have four games. Each team can have a maximum of 11 registered players and coaches and the total group will form a cohort for the duration of the competition. All games will be 7v7 at the Calgary Soccer Centre utilizing the cross field pitches. For more detailed information or to register follow the [Fall Cup](#) link.

Registration has been extended until Monday morning. Alignments and schedules will be released on Monday.

Men's Competitive	Men's Intermediate		Men's Recreational
Brothers United	Aces FC	Greta FC	Chinooks Old Boys
Calgary Celtics U35	Baile de Munique	Latin Furia Soccer Club	Eagles
Chinooks United FC	Calgary Cityzens	Magic	Eldorado Kickers B
Colombia	Crusaders FC	Rangers FC U35	Hot Dawgs FC
PRIMO FC	EMFC Blue Devils	Timberhawks	Orinoco FC
United Nova FC	EMFC Spurs	United Nova FC Marauders	Southside Rangers
	Foothills Fire	United Nova Spitfire	Svk Old Boys FC
Master's Competitive		Masters Recreational	COED
Bridge City United	FCR	Calgary Gunners O35	
CAF Over 35	Neighbourhoods	CFC Dynamos	
Calgary Boom Legends	Pisco SC	Fusion F.C. O35	
Chieftains	Punjab United		
Eagles O35	Tequila FC		
EMFC Crew	Villains Alumni O35		
FC Calgerona	White Eagles O35		

We continue forward under the current AHS Guidelines and Phase 2 of Alberta Soccer's Return to Play Plan. Should either of these change prior to the start of the Indoor program we will amend our planning accordingly. Each facility is also finalizing their Indoor operational plans that may require adjustments to how we traditionally offer programs. All these steps are combined to ensure that the game can return as safe as possible for all those involved: players, coaches, officials and spectators.

Staff are working at the CUSA Office Tuesday through Thursday and can be reached by phone on those days. Teams can make appointments on those days to come into the office. Any questions can be directed to info@cusa.ab.ca and it will be redirected to staff member responsible for that area to respond back.



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