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RESTRICTIONS TO SPORT

WHEN WILL THE RESTRICTIONS END?

Based on information we have at this time, all levels of sport will be restricted for at least three weeks starting November 27, 2020. Our understanding is that restrictions will be in place until at least December 18, 2020, and the government will further review restrictions prior to Dec. 15, 2020.

ARE ALL SOCCER ACTIVITIES PART OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS?

Yes. This restriction includes all soccer-related activities including, but not limited to, all members of the Alberta Soccer Association. The following activities are all currently prohibited:

- (1) No games
- (2) No off-field sessions (unless virtual)
- (3) No team dryland
- (4) No team building (unless virtual)
- (5) No skill sessions

ARE WE ABLE TO PRACTICE OUTSIDE AS A TEAM?

All levels of sport (whether indoor or outdoor) are currently restricted. Outdoor social gathering limits of 10 persons are not to be applied to team training activity. Current restrictions indicate any team activity involving more than ONE person is not allowed.

CAN WE DO INDIVIDUAL TRAINING?

The current Government restrictions will only permit one-on-one training. No team/group activities are permitted to operate. Our understanding is that facilities may rent time for one person training only; all inquiries surrounding this must be directed to your facility of choice.

IS THERE LOBBYING TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR SPORT TO CONTINUE DURING THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS?

Various sports provincial bodies continue to work with SPAR (Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch of the Alberta Government) to communicate the various measures in place and the benefit of sport, however, we do not expect restrictions to be lifted prior to December 18, 2020.

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR AN ORGANIZATION TO APPLY FOR AN AHS EXEMPTION?

There is a suite of criteria for a Sport Exemption to be met. These include that there is aggressive testing and other extensive measures in place including a 14-day isolation period, private training facilities and others, in essence a sport bubble like several of the professional sport leagues. This is not financially viable for local amateur sport to pursue.

ARE WE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT DEFINED 'PURPLE' RESTRICTED AREAS TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCCER ACTIVITIES?

No. All team soccer activities are strictly prohibited. Based on clarification via SPAR (Sports, Physical Activity and Recreation), teams are not permitted to travel to a community that is not currently within a 'purple region' to host a practice or game.

WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT IF WE IDENTIFY OPERATORS OR INDIVIDUALS ACTING OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER?

Violations of Public Health Orders are subject to fines up to \$1,000 and complaints can be submitted to the Public Health Inspectors by [clicking here](#)

CUSA LEAGUES

2021 SCHEDULED GAMES

All games up to and including Dec. 22, 2020 are cancelled. There are still a lot of details that need to be clarified and worked out upon return to Soccer activities. It is too early to determine what the structure of soccer will look like when we return. However, when it is permitted to return to games, we will pick up the schedule at that date. All cancelled/missed games will not be rescheduled.

WILL CUSA'S SEASON BE EXTENDED DUE TO THE PAUSE?

At this time, the season is already scheduled to mid April. An extension of the indoor season would impose of the beginning of the Outdoor season. At this time, there is no intention to extend in the Indoor season.

LEAGUE FEES

As we have communicated from the onset and put into practice in March 2020, CUSA will refund the costs of cancelled games to all teams. As we move into December and await further updates regarding the possible extension of restrictions, refunds will be reviewed in the new year; once there is better understanding of how much of the season is played. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we manage this process.

We have also amended the due date for the Balance of Fees until January 15th. This date could change depending upon our actual commencement of games in the January. The total fees due will be adjusted as well to reflect the totals number of games a team will be playing.

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN ENGAGE WITH OUR PLAYERS AND TEAMS DURING THE PAUSE?

CUSA encourages teams to participate in virtual team activities using Zoom or another online meeting application.

IS THERE DATA THAT INDICATES WIDESPREAD COVID TRANSMISSION IN SPORT?

Alberta Soccer Association and other Provincial Sport Bodies worked hard to set up guidelines and protocols to keep members safe and programs running during the pandemic. To date, there has been minimal impact to CUSA games due to positive test results. Sport is one of a number of activities that has been identified as a High Risk Environment where the virus could be spread to high numbers of contacts should an individual participate when asymptomatic.