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## JANUARY 15, 2021 LEAGUE UPDATE

As 2021 starts we want to wish each and everyone of our CUSA community a Happy New Year. As the COVID 19 vaccination process has commenced around the globe we remain optimistic that this will bring a return to traditional activities within our lives.

We had remained hopeful that earlier this month we would have heard more positive news regarding the return to team sports within the province. Unfortunately, we are still awaiting that news. Currently the return for team sports, gyms and related activities has not been set. Earlier this month the Government of Alberta did indicate they would provide at least a weeks notice when restrictions would be lifted. We can anticipate based upon that comment that we will not be resuming activities on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### What are the plans for the continuation of Indoor 2020 21?

- Our goal remains to be able to provide a meaningful season if the restrictions are lifted in time to allow for us to offer at least 8 games per team. We do not believe there is value in extending the current Indoor season past April 19<sup>th</sup>. We currently are able to achieve this goal.
- When we receive notification that restrictions are being lifted we will communicate with each team prior to finalizing our Return to Season Plans.
- **If** we reach the inevitable window of time that we cannot reasonably proceed with the Indoor Season we will review the status of each team for games play, fees collected and determine what refund or credit is available.
- Team deposits have been collected and we continue to defer collection of the balance of fees until we know when we can Return to Season. The balance of fees will be amended to reflect the games that teams will have, it will not remain at the amount originally indicated for the 14 games.
- For the second year in a row there will not be any provincial championships or the opportunity to host Indoor Nations Cup.

### What are the plans for Outdoor 2021?

- We are optimistic that there will be an outdoor season in 2021, unlike the past year. It is reasonable to expect that the season will, at least, commence with some form of restrictions. What they will look like has not yet been determined although the discussions are starting to occur.
- Our current plans are to open Team Registration in mid February on the anticipation we will have a clearer understanding of what the commencement of Outdoor Programs will involve.

### Virtual Learning Opportunities

The NCCP has been moving many coaching courses to virtual attendance and this down time in league play and training may be a great opportunity to acquire a coaching certification. Currently Alberta Soccer has registrations open for the [C License Course online](#). While you cannot be on the field training

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you can still be learning about the game and enhancing your skill sets. The [CUSA website](#) and social media will post courses as they are announced.

### **Broadview Update**

The project has commenced with a demolition of the trailers and storage shed on site. The final few outstanding items on the Development Permit are being addressed and then construction will commence. It is still on schedule to be completed in time for the Outdoor 2021 season.

Our commitment remains to be able to provide you with a safe environment to play the game you love when the current restrictions are lifted. In the meantime we encourage you to follow the guidelines, do not train or play exhibition games but rather focus on your individual fitness, skill development and most importantly your health, and that of your teammate and families.

Just a reminder that the CUSA Office will remain closed to the public with staff working remotely for foreseeable future. To reach any staff member please communicate by email. General questions can be sent to [info@cusa.ab.ca](mailto:info@cusa.ab.ca) and will be directed to the staff member responsible to respond. Phone messages are being received intermittently and response time will be slower than by email.

Stay safe and healthy. If you have other questions don't hesitate to reach out.