

Referee Pre-Game Script for COVID-19 Precautions

To be read to all members of the Team Cohorts prior to the match

This game is being played under the Alberta Soccer COVID-19 ‘Return to Modified Games’ plan. The game will only begin or continue if the requirements of the plan are being followed by all participants and spectators. The game may be – stopped, suspended or terminated by the referee for any breach of the requirements of the plan by participants or spectators.

A reminder of some important things to keep in mind today:

- All attendees who are NOT a part of the cohort group will maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters at all times.
- Participants who ARE a part of the cohort group will maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters when NOT playing in game.
- The game ball and two spares have been sanitized in your view by the home team and will be re-sanitized at half-time and any other time that the referee deems necessary. Players may request that the ball be re-sanitized or that a spare, sanitized ball be used if the game ball has been touched frequently by players’ hands (throw ins, saves etc.)
- No spitting, clearing of nasal passages, handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, chest bumps, or group celebrations allowed.
- Spitting on the field or clearing of nasal passages onto the field or a person’s clothing, or a goalkeeper spitting on their gloves will be treated as follows:
 - The first incident will result in a verbal warning to the individual.
 - The second incident by that same person will result in a Yellow Card (Caution) for Unsporting Behavior.
 - The third incident by the same person will result in a second Yellow Card (Caution) and therefore a Red Card and dismissal from the game.
- Yelling or shouting at ANY person will be a minimum YELLOW CARD and, at the referee’s discretion may be a RED CARD if excessive.
- If there is a physical altercation involving no more than two players, those players will receive a RED CARD and be required to leave the field.
- If there is a physical altercation involving more than two players, the game will be terminated.
- We hope you enjoy the game within the Spirit of Fair Play and the Modified Games plan, but please be mindful that being allowed to participate in team sports at this time is a ‘privilege’ not a ‘right’. Please follow all guidelines so that we can all have the opportunity to enjoy the ‘Beautiful Game’ for as long as possible.
- Thank you!

