

Frequently Asked Questions related to COVID 19

Registration & Fees

Will SSA be reducing their registration fees for participation?

The SSA Board of Directors have made the decision to rescind the \$2.00 fee increase for 2020 registration.

What if I need to provide refunds?

RAMP had done a great job and has negotiated mass refunds to zero cost. Find out more information [on our website](#).

Return to Play:

Is the outdoor soccer season going to happen?

We know many MOs have chosen to cancel their seasons and remain open to other options when we are able to return to play. Return to play has been a focus for SSA staff since the Government of Saskatchewan made public the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan. We have been asked to provide a detailed plan of what we would do and we want your input. Please fill out [this survey](#), before May 22, to provide your thoughts on what a safe return to play will look like.

What should we be focussing on while we wait to find about returning to play?

There are a number of resources that we have collected that can help you while we can't play soccer.

- Paul Varian presented this [slide deck](#) - 10 productive things for your club to focus on during COVID 19 Lockdown during one of our member sessions.
- [Kickin' it up a Notch!](#) - There are some great resources available to take your organization to the next level!
- [The Coach's Tool Box](#) - The latest and greatest in coaching resources are highlighted in this article.
- [8 ways to Return to Play this Year](#) - There are many ways that we can get back to the pitch, check out our ideas!

Will outdoor provincial competitions be happening this year?

Once the date for Phase 4 of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan has been confirmed we will review feasibility of different provincial competitions and festivals. The restrictions regarding social distancing and max gatherings may impact the feasibility of hosting events.

Will National Championships be happening this year?

April 1, 2020 Canada Soccer made an announcement regarding the National Championships: *"Canada Soccer will continue to closely monitor all COVID-19 developments and will conduct a review June 30 to monitor the feasibility of hosting the competitions in 2020. We will also visit the Regional Masters in the same time frame. Please note, should the 2020 Toyota National Championships go ahead, and having declared your participation, you are unable to field a team in a specific competition, no financial penalty will be imposed for the withdrawal of a team from that championship."*

What is happening with Referee Registration?

At this time any match officials that have officiated games in 2020 should be registered by their respective Member Organization (MO). For referees who are not currently registered and interested in taking online referee education, they will need to follow the registration process provided by their MO listed below under insurance information.

If the suspension of sanctioned activities surpasses the outdoor season we will review policy, registration fees and update members at that time.

Insurance Coverage after May 31:

Are my participants covered when participating online?

On June 1 registration for Indoor expires and we transition to the outdoor season. Members are advised that in order to receive member privileges you must be registered to participate during the outdoor season. Participants include coaches, referees, players, instructors, organizers and any other participating individual. Those individuals not registered with Saskatchewan Soccer will not be eligible for member benefits, including online opportunities, or insurance coverage.

Member privileges including Liability and Accident Insurance will be in place for:

- Member Organizations that have renewed their annual SSA affiliation and offer sanctioned activities that adhere to COVID 19 restrictions which have been mandated by provincial health authorities and general safety guidelines for safe soccer and physical activity
- Participants (Players, Team Personnel, Referees) who are properly registered and in good standing with Saskatchewan Soccer and its Member Organizations. Any person providing training or directing member activities must also be registered; this includes but is not limited to volunteers, staff, Directors and Officers (organizers), coaches, instructors, and assessors.

In order to operate an online sanctioned activity with applicable insurance coverage, members must follow certain protocols, including but not limited to:

- All events require participants to register. Online event access must be confidential and only available to those registered (i.e. not open to the general public and not posted publicly)
- Safety protocols must be adhered to
- The event must be led by an authorized organizer and/or instructor. Online instructors must abide by the provincial health guidelines. All online activities involving physical activity should begin with a thorough safety check to ensure participants can engage safely.

General Activities that may be posted on the SSA or SSA Member websites which are public are not covered for insurance and all participants that engage in such activities do so at their own risk.

Participant Registration during Activity Suspension

All participants must register individually online via the SSA online registration forms for the relevant activity or season. *SSA online registration will be defined as any online registration required prior to the sanctioned event. If the participant is not registered through RAMP, the alternate online registration must contain these requirements:

- First/Last Name, Member Organization, DOB, Email
- Link to SSA Waiver and Privacy Policy: <http://www.sasksoccer.com/content/Amended-Individual-SSA-Waivers>
- Statement 1: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY - BY REGISTERING WITH SASKATCHEWAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION, THEIR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTITIES YOU ARE AGREEING TO SSA WAIVERS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

- Statement 2: Parental Consent - By completing this registration you are declaring that your parent or guardian has given you permission to participate in this activity if under the age of 18.
- Member Organizations registering participants will submit the Outdoor 2020 Amended Registrar Report (ADD ATTACHMENT) no later than September 30, 2020 or 30 days after their last sanctioned event, whichever comes first. No fees are associated with this amended submission.

Should return to play be approved by the provincial government and Canada Soccer additional details on registration and insurance will be provide at that time.

What is happening with coaching and referee courses?

We are pleased to announce that the theory components of Community Stream coaching workshops and the Small Sided Games and Entry Level referee courses will now be delivered by Google Classroom. The new blended format (online and in-person) will allow participants to cover the classroom component online, at their own time, from anywhere they have an internet connection. Participants will register for these online courses through the Clinic Registration form on their Member Organization's RAMP registration platform.

For more information see these pages on our website: [Coaching Courses](#) or [Referee Courses!](#)

What is Canada Soccer doing to help with return to play?

On May 14, Canada Soccer outlined return to soccer guidelines as part of Safe Sport Roster. [View the full release.](#)

The steps outlined in the Canada Soccer Return to Soccer Guidelines include:

1. The easing of stay-at-home orders from the Federal public health authority;
2. The easing of restrictions on public gatherings from the respective Provincial public health authority;
3. The easing of restrictions for field and facility usage by the respective Municipal public health authority;
4. Canada Soccer has received the Return to Soccer Plan from the Provincial or Territorial Member Association, which has been provided to the applicable Provincial or Territorial government department and/or public health authority, and where applicable, has received confirmation from the Province or Territory that it approves of the Plan; and
5. Canada Soccer has received the Return to Soccer Assessment Tool from the member organization and has provided any comments or feedback to the member organization or its Provincial or Territorial Member, if any.

What educational and interactive resources has Canada Soccer made available?

As part of an ongoing effort to encourage, engage and motivate the Canadian soccer community, Canada Soccer has launched the [Canada Soccer Nation Inside platform](#) to unite players, coaches, referees, volunteers, and fans, who are doing their part to stay inside and off the pitch. The platform will provide unique online content, as well as support public health authority messaging in the effort to curb the spread of COVID-19 across our communities.

Canada Soccer has launched a podcast, Inside #CANWNT webinar series, and Men's Excel Program webinar series.

What other supports are available to support Members during this pandemic?

We are compiling a list, [on our website](#), of online learning and engagement opportunities for members.

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