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**Annual General Meeting - Technical Committee Report
December 17, 2020**

Current Committee: Patrick McKenna (Chair), Morvarid Akhgar, Brendan Simpson, Jason Trask, Jenna Zee
Operations Coordinator: Ifman Huerta

It was a slower year than others for the Technical Committee. With the impact of COVID-19 affecting several seasons this year many of the major decisions were taken at the Board level rather than this Committee. There were however some smaller rule and regulation clarifications thought through and presented by the Committee which again were eventually considered and decided on by the Board.

As with other Committee chairs and our Board as a whole, the SAS Staff carried a great and unusual burden this year with our Executive Director away on maternity leave *and* a global pandemic hitting us. As always, this Committee could not function without their integral assistance.

I would like to note that while many of the changes implemented to allow us to keep playing during pandemic restrictions were largely handled by the Board directly, these changes should not be considered of persuasive precedence. For example, the mini-leagues and abbreviated play-offs were tried once, on short notice, and future public health restrictions might very well require different considerations and/or adaptations in the future. Nonetheless, the staff and Technical Committee do have some history now to work with and learn from for application in the future.

It is recommended that our staff continue to stay in close contact with public health authorities, Canada Soccer, and Saskatchewan Soccer Association so that we have the relevant information on which to base any changes needed for our own leagues and the safety of our members. With this approach it is hoped that we can once again offer our members some soccer activities within safe and informed conditions.

Patrick McKenna
Director & Technical Chair
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