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**Date:** April 14, 2020

**To:** Community Membership

**From:** SPDSA Staff

Good Afternoon Parents,

The SPDSA has been working closely with our governing bodies, Alberta Soccer (ASA) and Canada Soccer (CSA) on how to navigate through these trying times, to reach the goal of getting our young athletes back on the pitch to play. We want to ensure that we keep our members up to date and share information as we receive it.

We recently sent out a survey to our members, that outlined some options on what an outdoor season may consist of. It was clear that many of our members want a soccer program and are anxiously waiting for their children to start playing again.

Based on the feedback, the SPDSA is committed to providing an outdoor program, that will likely run in July, August, and possibly September, depending on field availability and number of players in certain age groups. We will of course look at starting all our programs earlier, if we are able to do so. In addition, we will be providing full day, half day camps as well as academy sessions. Once these programs have all been finalized, we will post information to our website.

The goal of the SPDSA and all other soccer associations, is to create a “quick start strategy” for the reopening of soccer activities. This means that when social distancing has ended and CSA / ASA approves the sanctioning of all soccer activities, the SPDSA will be ready to roll out the season in a very short time frame, of approx. two weeks.

With the season likely being different than normal, we will be looking at how this may or may not impact current fee structures. Dependent upon season start date and duration, registration fees may be modified, and current programs may be different than originally outlined.

The SPDSA is extremely grateful for the support that you have all shown to assist us in continuing to deliver quality programming. We ask that you continue to show this support by remaining registered with the association. This will enable the SPDSA to continue to form teams, and plan and deliver a quality sporting experience for your children.

Over the past few weeks our technical staff have been working to develop content to assist players in maintaining their skills and fitness at home. This program is accessible at [Skills in the Park Home Soccer Program](#). This is a free program, and is not intended to replace an outdoor season. We want to provide tools for the players to keep them engaged during the time of social distancing and continue to practice at their own pace and when it works for their schedule.

In closing, please take care of yourselves and we will continue to communicate as we receive updates from our governing bodies. Please note that the SPDSA staff will be going live on Facebook this Thursday April 16th, at 2:00pm. Please tune in for updates on our programs, and to ask questions you may have about the outdoor season.

Kind regards,