

# Southern Alberta Summer Games

Raymond July 8 – 11, 2020



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**Date:** Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11, 2020

**Time:** See schedule when posted

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### **Locations:**

**U13 - Victoria Sports Park, BISSET and WILDE field, 350 E 100N, Raymond, AB**

**U15 - Victoria Sports Park, SMITH field, 350E 100N, Raymond, AB**

**U18 - Victoria Sports Park, COMET field, 350E 100N, Raymond, AB**

**Events and Age Groups:** All ages are as of January 1 of the current year

**U13 - Co-Ed:** under 13 years - born in 2007/2008

**U15 – Co-Ed:** under 15 years - born in 2005/2006

**U18 – Co-Ed:** under 18 years – born in 2004/2003/2002

### **Eligibility:**

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Rep players are not eligible. Players must not have participated in a Tier 1 or 2 game/tournament within the last 12 months.

### **Regional Representation:**

**U13** is open to a maximum of 12 teams. **U15** is open to a maximum of 10 teams. **U18** is open to a maximum of 6 teams. Regions will be able to register a 2<sup>nd</sup> team, but those teams will be placed on a waiting list in order to prioritize equitable regional representation. Teams on the waiting list will be advised of registration acceptance on a first come first served basis. The host community has the first opportunity to fulfill the schedule upon registration of uneven teams.

**ALL** teams must register a minimum of 11 and a maximum of 18 players.

### **Format:**

Age Division	Game Time	Half Time	Ball Size	Goal Frame
U13	2-35 min halves	5 min	#5	8'x24'
U15	2-40 min halves	5 min	#5	8'x24'
U18	2-45 min halves	5 min	#5	8'x24'

A maximum of 2 games per team per day will be played. Format for all competitions will be determined by the sports competition committee following review of the registrations received. All effort will be made to ensure teams will play **no more** than 2 games per day and a minimum of **3** games assigned per team.

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### Rules and Regulations:

1. Rules to be governed by the Alberta Soccer Association rules unless otherwise stated.
2. Every athlete must be able to produce appropriate identification at all times.
3. A minimum of 60 minutes prior to your first game Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a **mandatory** check in for head coaches at the main soccer tent. A designated sports representative will review the code of conduct, rules and expectations of tournament participants as well as review any required game sheets and schedules.
4. All participants must be present at least 30 minutes prior to the event starting time indicated on the schedule. Any team late or not present for their event shall be eliminated by default.
5. For expediency, the coach is required to provide a roster of players, including scratches and tiered player declarations before each game to the referee. This document is to be signed, dated, and timed.
6. A field marshal shall be provided by the SASG host community. The field marshal will be identified to the referee and will act on behalf of the referee by reminding parents/spectators to act in a manner not bringing the game of soccer into disrepute, diffusing potential problems before they arise, and dealing with unsportsmanlike conduct.
7. All teams are encouraged to wear regional colours. Should two teams have the same coloured jerseys the away team will wear pinnies.
8. Coaches are only allowed to midpoint of the field.
9. Spectators are to be on the opposite side of the field from the players. No coaches are allowed on the field with the exception of an injured player. No spectator may impinge upon the Assistant Referees pathway along the out of bounds line. The referee may stop or delay the game until these safety requirements are met.
10. Referees must write down the start time on the game sheet so as to avoid any discrepancies.
11. A team must register a minimum of 11 players and a maximum of 18 players, as well as a coach and a manager or trainer.
12. A minimum of 7 players is required to play or the team with the roster deficit registers the loss.
13. A minimum of 2 boys and 2 girls must be on the playing field at all times. Teams that do not have 2 girls on the field at all times will play short handed
14. No player will be allowed to play on more than 1 team at the Games
15. Prior to each game, referees will check each players equipment.
16. Hard casts and knee braces with any metal are considered to pose a danger to both the wearer and other players and are not permitted to be worn. The practice of padding a hard cast or knee brace with metal does not reduce the element of danger.
17. All players must wear shin pads covered with socks. Metal cleats on shoes are not allowed.
18. At the referee's discretion, substitutions may be allowed during stoppage in play, by either side.
19. A substitute player must report to the assistant referee of the game.
20. Mercy rule in effect: if a 7 goal or more lead exists after the first half of anytime during the second half, the current score will be recorded as the final game score. It will be left up to the discretion of the coaches if the rest of the game time will be played for fun and in the name of good sportsmanship.
21. The referee has the final decision. Good sportsmanship is expected of all coaches, parents and players.  
**Abuse of any referee will not be tolerated. One warning from the referee may be given; ejection will result if a second offence occurs.**
22. The SASG has a **zero**-tolerance harassment policy. If a competitor, coach, parent, or spectator is abusive in any way towards the officials, other competitors, or volunteers, they will be immediately ejected from the competition.

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23. All rules for soccer not posted can be found at the following link  
<https://albertasoccer.com/referee/resources/>
24. Provided the principles of the rules are maintained, the rules may be modified in their application. Any errors or omissions in rules listed above will default to the current Laws of the Game wherever possible.
25. The SARA Board and the SASG soccer sports committee takes the safety of the participating athletes very seriously. There for a concussion protocol is instituted following inline with Alberta Soccer and Canada Soccer's concussion Return to Play regulations. There are times when players get knocked around and **may** appear that they are fit to play. However, with any head or neck contact, or suspected contact, the player(s) involved must be assessed on the sideline. The player must be withdrawn from play immediately an assessed for a minimum of 15 minutes before they can return to play. If the player is assessed to have any of the red flag, or suspected head/neck injury as laid out in the ASA concussion protocol they will be immediately removed from play and must be assessed by medical staff. In order to return to play a letter of return to play must accompany them and be shown to sports organizers. Please remember this is just a game and your athletes' health safety are more important than a game result.

### Tournament Points:

Points will be awarded for wins/losses and ties. Regular games will be allowed to end in a tie.

Points will be awarded for the following:

- Win - 3 points
- Tie - 1 point
- Loss - 0 points

In the event of a points tie between teams, to determine playoff spots or ranking, points tie breaker will be decided on the following:

- a) Previous match results – the most points gained in the match(es) between the teams concerned shall be used to determine the final standing.
- b) Goal differential – for any team still tied, by deducing goals against from goals for, in all games, the highest goal difference shall be used to determine the final standings.
- c) Fewest goal conceded – for any teams still tied, the fewest goals conceded, in all games, shall be used to determine the final standings.
- d) Highest goal scored – for any teams still tied, the total of goals scored in all games shall be used to determine the final standings.
- e) For any teams still tied, penalty kicks shall be taken to determine which team advances to the next stage of competition. ASA penalty kick rules shall apply.

Playoff games will **not** be allowed to end in a tie. The games will follow this tie-breaking procedure:

- a) During medal rounds, if the game is tied, **U13** teams shall proceed to penalty kicks according to the rules as outlined below.
- b) During medal rounds, if the game is ties, **U15 & U18** teams shall play an additional 20 minutes consisting of 2 10-minute halves. If the game is still tied after the extra time has been played, penalty kicks shall be used as outlined below.

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- c) Penalty kicks shall be taken alternatively by 5 different players of each team. Only the players on the field at the end of the game are allowed to take the initial penalty kicks, and one of the penalty kicks must be taken by a female. The goalie may take a penalty kick. A coin toss will determine which team will kick first.
- d) If the game is still undeclared, a sudden death shoot-out shall occur. Teams shoot alternatively, using different players each round. Shooters cannot repeat until all players on a team have had a turn.
- e) Goalies must have 1 foot on the line until the ball is shot and cannot stand behind the line. Only one goal will be awarded to the winning team from the shootout.

### **Tournament Draw:**

Tournament draw format to be determined by the sports competition committee upon final receipt of team registrations. This draw will include the procedure to determine the playoff and ranking in the event of a points tie. Format may include, brackets, pools, tournament draw, round robin and elimination.

### **Registration deadline:**

Registration deadline as designated by your regional director. All registrations are done through your regional director, who will determine the regional deadline. The registration fee must also be submitted to your regional director as well as any tier 3 declarations (maximum 3 tier 3 players per roster) including their signed tier release from their current team. Signed consent forms must accompany the waivers.

### **No late registrations will be accepted.**

Events will be cancelled if there are less than 3 teams registered. Should any event be cancelled due to lack of registrations, the athletes being affected by the cancellation will be given an opportunity to re-register in another suitable category if the event is scheduled to run.