

CALGARY WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION

GENERATIONS UNITING TOGETHER

Over 30 Classics Major (O30CM):

Old format (Prior to Outdoor 2023):

- O30CM teams were inserted into Division 1 as 'guest teams' for the purposes of qualifying for O30CM provincials.
 - This was per the Alberta Soccer requirement that they compete at an equal level of play (O30CM is deemed equal to division 1).
- 'Guest team', meant that team(s):
 - Were not eligible for Division 1 provincials.
 - Were not subject to promotion or relegation from Division 1.
- Any player registered to an O30CM team was required to be 30 years of age or older.
- Any guest player playing up for an O30CM team was required to be 30 years or older.

Current Format (since Outdoor 2023):

• O30CM teams are subject to the same promotion and relegation rules as the other teams in their division(s).

ELIGIBILITY

- Any team in 11v11 Division 1 or 11v11 Premier may declare for O30CM provincials.
 - A team in a lower division who wishes to declare for O30CM must first request to fill a vacancy in either Premier or Division 1 so that they can be eligible to declare for O30CM.
 - The team must indicate to the CWSA prior to the team registration deadline their intent to declare for O30CM. A team that has declared for O30CM provincials will be identified in the alignment and on the CWSA website with 'O30CM' after their team name.
 - A team who declares for O30CM provincials is automatically opted out of contention for the Open provincials in their division.
 - An O30CM team may opt out of provincials per the CWSA's provincial opt out policy.
- An O30CM team must play a <u>minimum of 6 games</u> against equal (division 1 or higher) level of competition with <u>ONLY</u> players aged 30 or older to be eligible for O30CM provincials.
 - o If the team does not play the minimum 6 games they will be automatically opted out of provincials and will be fined in accordance with the CWSA's Provincial opt out policy.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

- An O30CM team may roster any player aged 16+. Players aged 16-29 rostered to an O30CM team:
 - o Can participate in league games vs. 'Open' teams.
 - o Cannot participate in any game vs. another O30CM team.
 - Are not eligible for O30CM provincials.

- An O30CM team may use guest players aged 16+. Guest players aged 16 29 playing up for an O30CM team:
 - Can participate in league games vs. 'Open' teams.
 - o Cannot participate in any game vs. another O30CM team.
- If a team plays an underage player (16-29) in an O30CM vs. O30CM game, they will forfeit the game.

PROVINCIALS (Eligibility and Requirements)

- See the 2025 Alberta Soccer Provincial Championship Rules
 - If an O30CM team does not meet the eligibility requirements for Provincials by the deadlines described in the Provincial Championship Rules, they will be automatically opted out of provincials and will be fined in accordance with the CWSA's Provincial opt out policy.

DETERMINATION OF CWSA's O30CM REPRESENTATIVES

to be finalized upon the release of the final alignment for the outdoor season

- The CWSA will declare a maximum of two teams for Over 30 Classics Major Provincials, based on the declarations received prior to the team registration deadline.
- If all declared O30CM teams are in the same division, their results against each other in their regular league games will determine the representatives (top 2 go to provincials) and their seeding for the competition. The top placed team will be CWSA 1 and the second placed team will be CWSA 2 at ASA Provincials.
- If the teams who declared for O30CM are **NOT** in the same division, the CWSA will schedule additional games (cup competition games) between the declared teams so that each team plays each other once to determine the CWSA representatives for provincials.
 - o All declared teams will share equally the cost of any additional cup competition games.
 - The CWSA will finalize the exact format and additional costs prior to the start of the season.

Example of a possible scenario:

- 3 teams declare for O30CM provincials.
 - o Team A and Team B are in Premier
 - Team C is in Division 1
- Team A and Team B already play each other twice in the regular season. The result of their <u>first</u> game against each other will be as considered both a regular season league game and a cup competition game.
- An additional 2 cup competition games will be scheduled to ensure all O30CM declared teams play each other at least once.
 - o Team A vs. Team C and Team B vs. Team C
 - The top 2 teams in the overall standings of the 3 cup competition games will be used to determine the CWSA representative for O30CM provincials.
- The 3 declared teams will share equally the cost of the 2 cup competition games scheduled.
- In total, 2 provincial cup qualifying games will be scheduled and the cost of these two games will be shared equally among the 3 declared teams.

Cup Competition Games

- The purpose of the Cup competition game(s) is to determine representatives for Provincials and seeding.
 - Only players aged 30+ may participate.
 - o A maximum of 4 guest players (aged 30+), per team may be used.
 - Guest players must be drawn from 11v11 teams in Division 2 or lower.
 - o If the game is tied at the end of regulation, it will go straight to penalty kicks to determine a winner.
 - The winning team will be seeded in provincials as CWSA 1, and the losing team will be seeded as CWSA 2.
- The cost of the cup competition games will be shared equally among the declared Over 30 Classics Major teams. (Cost of one game = artificial turf field booking (1.75 hours) + one Referee + two Assistant Referees x number of cup competition games required).

WITHDRAWAL OF A DECLARED TEAM

- A team who declared for O30CM may opt out of provincials. They will be subject to the CWSA Provincial opt-out policy.
- In addition:
 - o Any cup competition games they were scheduled for will be cancelled.
 - The offending team will be fined in accordance with the CWSA Discipline Code for a Game Default (game not played).
 - o The non-offending team will be refunded their full cost paid for the cancelled game.