

# **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.
  - 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 no longer classified as guest teams within their division. Current O30CM teams (Alliance and Tsunami Blues) were grandfathered into their existing positions in the league in Outdoor 2023 and were subject to promotion/relegation based on the final standings of the Outdoor 2023 season.
- O30CM teams are subject to the same promotion and relegation rules as the other teams in their division(s).

#### **ELIGIBILITY TO DECLARE FOR O30CM**

- Any team in 11v11 Division 1 or 11v11 Premier may declare for O30CM provincials.
- Teams 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 <u>at least 6 games</u> against equal (division 1 or higher) level of competition with ONLY 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 an O30CM team plays an underage player (16-29) in an O30CM vs. O30CM game, they will forfeit the game.

# **PROVINCIALS (Eligibility and Requirements)**

- See the 2024 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**

# Outdoor 2024 (DRAFT) – to be finalized upon the release of the final alignment for Outdoor 2024

- The CWSA plans to declare two teams for Over 30 Classics Major Provincials.
- If all declared O30CM teams are in the same division, their results against each other in their regular league games will determine the representatives 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.
  - All declared teams will share equally the cost of any additional cup competition games.