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Memo: COVID-19 Update

Date: Monday April 20th, 2020

To: Life Members; Alberta Soccer District Members; Associate Members

CC: Alberta Soccer Board of Directors & Staff

Please see several Membership Updates below:

Membership Video Conference

As previously noted, Membership Video Conferences have been scheduled to occur bi-weekly, the next Video Conference is scheduled for **Monday April 27th, 2020**. Two different times (9:00am & 7:00pm) have been scheduled as it was difficult to schedule a single meeting that would capture the attendance of most Districts. The Meeting Invitation has been sent to the **District Administrative Leads** to respond on behalf of their District. Log-in details and a tentative Agenda will be communicated on the preceding Saturday to the Meeting date. If there are any Agenda items that you wish to add or any specific questions/information you wish answered/addressed at this meeting please email slowther@albertasoccer.com by the Friday preceding the meeting and we will attempt to have the information on hand for the meeting.

Membership Video Conference COVID-19 Survey Results

Please see information relating to the Post Conference Survey for the April 13th, 2020 Video Conference at the link below:

[Post Conference call COVID-19 Survey Results - April 16 2020](#)

Suspension of Soccer Activities

As previously communicated Canada Soccer is the sole authority regarding the Suspension of Soccer Activities at the link below:

[Canada Soccer Announces Suspension of all sanctioned soccer as precaution against COVID-19](#)

Canada Soccer are in constant contact with the Government of Canada and Health Agencies and will communicate updates where appropriate. We do understand that a consistent timeline for all Districts to communicate to their Members across the Province would be



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helpful. Alberta Soccer is currently advising all Member Districts and their affiliated organizations to not plan for soccer activity in **MAY**.

Due to closure of recreational facilities and sports fields in several Municipalities across the Province until the middle or end of June, Alberta Soccer will consult with Canada Soccer to get an update on the duration of the Suspension relative to the situation in Alberta. We will communicate to the membership any anticipated changes to the suspension after this consultation with Canada Soccer.

Referee Department

2020 Online Outdoor Refresher – March 26th, 2020 Start

ASA Online Outdoor Refresher

For referees, or anyone interested the full Laws of the Game are also available on an App – **IFAB 2019-20 Laws App**

Laws of the Game & Trivia Quizzes

April 6 2020 - Quiz

April 13 2020 - Quiz

2020 Outdoor Refresher ‘Office Hours’ follow up with instructors – April 15th, 2020 Start
Link to be shared with Referees who complete the “Online Outdoor Refresher Course”.

2020 Entry Level Online Modules – Tentative June 1st, 2020

Link to be shared when available.

2020 Mini Referee Online Pre-course – Tentative June 1st, 2020

Materials to Districts May 15th, 2020

Link to be shared when available.

ALL UPDATES REGARDING COVID-19 REFEREE PROGRAMMING CAN BE ACCESSED VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://albertasoccer.com/referee/covid-19-impact/>



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Technical Department

Alberta Soccer Technical Team Webinars – April 23rd, 2020

Pre-register:

9AM session here: bit.ly/3eI6K1h

7PM session here: bit.ly/2xIn7tK

Safe Sport eLearning Module:

Online Safe Sport Learning Modules

Canada Soccer Community Stream Online Courses – April 21-23, 2020 Start
Registration Link to be shared when available.

Government of Canada COVID-19 Response Programs

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

To help businesses keep and return workers to their payroll through the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, proposed the new Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. This would provide a 75-per-cent wage subsidy to eligible employers for up to 12 weeks, retroactive to March 15, 2020.

We have done our best to summary the information below, however, for the most accurate information please review the information via the following Link:

[Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Information](#)

Program highlights:

Note: These are program highlights only – please take the time to read the details in the link above to see how the program applies to your organization.

- Eligible employers include non-profit organizations and registered charities that have seen a drop of at least 15% in their March revenues (down from 30% in previously announced versions of the 75% subsidy program) and 30% in following months.
- For non-profits and registered charities, the calculation includes “most forms of revenue” but excludes revenue from non-arm’s length persons.
- A non-profit or charity **can choose to include revenue from government sources or not**, however, you must be consistent in your approach throughout the program period.



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- Subsidy applies to remuneration paid between March 15 and June 6 and is the greater of:
 - 75% of remuneration paid up to a maximum of \$874/week; or
 - the amount of remuneration paid, up to a maximum benefit of \$847 per week or 75% of the employee's pre-crisis weekly remuneration, whichever is less.
- “Eligible remuneration” includes salary, wages, and other remuneration like taxable benefits.
- For employers that are eligible for both the CEWS and the 10% wage subsidy for a period, any benefit from the 10% wage subsidy for remuneration paid in a specific period generally reduces the amount available to be claimed under the CEWS in that same period.
- Payments will be made via cheque or direct deposit.

Applying for CEWS:

Applications for the CEWS program must be made by your organization through the Canada Revenue Agency's “My Business Account” portal. No detailed information on “How to Apply” has been provided by the government, however, it is stated on the website that further information will be shared shortly.

The Canada Emergency Benefit Account (“CEBA”)

The CEBA is another part of the Federal Government’s COVID response that provides much needed credit for small businesses to pay for immediate operating costs such as payroll, rent, utilities, insurance, property tax, or debt service. It is 100% funded by the Government of Canada.

- It is available to Canadian employers with \$50,000 to \$1 million in total payroll in 2019 and operating as of March 1, 2020. This includes smaller businesses and other eligible employers such as not-for-profits.
- Under CEBA, financial institutions will be able to provide interest-free credit facilities of up to \$40,000 to eligible businesses.
- If the loan is repaid by December 31, 2022, 25% (up to \$10,000) will be forgiven.
- If the loan is not repaid by December 31, 2022, the remaining balance will be converted to a three-year term loan at 5% interest.

This program is now available at various financial institutions and credit unions. If your organization is applying for CEBA, most financial institutions are requesting that employers provide their T4 summaries from 2019. Therefore, you should be prepared to provide that information.



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All information on Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan can be found here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

Alberta Soccer Activities April 2020

As per the request from the Membership on the last Video Conference asking for an update on Staff Activities for April. The following departmental activities have been compiled.

[Technical Department Activities - April 2020](#)

[Referee Department Activities - April 2020](#)

[Competitions Department Activities - April 2020](#)

[Programs and Events Activities - April 2020](#)

Previous Alberta Soccer COVID-19 Communications

[March 16, 2020 Alberta Soccer Communication to Membership](#)

[March 20, 2020 Alberta Soccer Communication to Membership](#)

[March 23, 2020 Alberta Soccer Communication to Membership](#)

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact Shaun Lowther:

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