



ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Memo: COVID-19 Update

Date: Monday April 6th, 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 13th, 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

As promised, please see information relating to the Post Conference Survey as well as documentation on the District Financial Analysis Summary.

[Post Conference Call COVID-19 Survey Results - April 6 2020](#)

[District Financial Summary - April 6 2020](#)

Canada Soccer Suspension of Activities

There continues to be several enquiries as to when the suspension of soccer activities instituted by Canada Soccer will be lifted. Unfortunately, Alberta Soccer is not authorized to lift the suspension. Canada Soccer is the sole authority regarding the Suspension, and they 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 helpful. Alberta Soccer is currently advising all Member Districts and their affiliated organizations to not plan for soccer activity in **April**. Due to closure of recreational facilities and sports



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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](#)

Laws of the Game – March 31st, 2020 Start

For coaches and players who are interested in what the Laws of the Game changes will be when soccer resumes, this presentation from IFAB has all the details along with videos.

[2019-20 Laws of the Game changes.](#)

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 6th, 2020 Start

[April 6 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 April 25th, 2020

Link to be shared when available.

2020 Mini Referee Online Pre-course – Tentative April 25th, 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 “Fireside Chats” – April 8th, 2020 Start

11:00am Chat & 7:00pm Chat.

Skill Challenge Videos (1st of 3 weekly skills challenges) – April 6th, 2020 Start

Alberta Soccer - Bottle Dribble Challenge

Technical Team Webinars – April 16th, 2020 Start

Link to be shared when available.

Safe Sport eLearning Module - April 3rd, 2020 Start

Online Safe Sport Learning Modules

Canada Soccer Community Stream Online Courses – April 6th, 2020 Start

Link to be shared when available.

Podcast/discussion of Grassroots Preferred Training Model – Content is developed and is currently being reviewed/edited.

Link to be shared when available.

Grassroots Coaching Circle Meetings – Airdrie: April 7th, 2020 Grande Prairie: April 9th, 2020

Link to be distributed to session participants

Women in Sport Initiatives

Learn about strategies community, provincial, and national service providers in Canada have used to better understand the needs of newcomer girls and women and increase their engagement in healthy living, physical activity and sport programs.

Quality engagement in physical activity can further the integration of newcomer women and girls into their communities and positively impact their overall quality of life.

With funding from Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada, Canadian Women & Sport supported 20 organizations over the past two years to engage newcomer women and girls. This webinar will review their challenges and successes, and discuss tangible tips and guidelines that sport and community organizations can use in designing their own programming.



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Please access the recording of a Webinar that took place on March 26th, 2020 at the link below:

<https://womenandsport.ca/learning-opportunities/webinars/supporting-newcomer-girls-through-sport/>

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, the 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.

This wage subsidy aims to prevent further job losses, encourage employers to re-hire workers previously laid off as a result of COVID-19, and help better position Canadian companies and other employers to more easily resume normal operations following the crisis. While the Government has designed the proposed wage subsidy to provide generous and timely financial support to employers, it was done with the expectation that employers will do their part by using the subsidy in a manner that supports the health and well-being of their employees.....

More Information can be found here:

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

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>

Previous Alberta Soccer COVID-19 Communications

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

[March 20, 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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