



ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Memo: COVID-19 Update

Date: Tuesday May 19, 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, however Alberta Soccer received feedback from the Membership that the two scheduled meetings seem to be very different in nature. The Canada Soccer Presidents Forum meet every Monday prior to the 7:00pm Membership meeting and after the 10:00am Membership meeting. The information presented to the Provincial Presidents by CSA sometimes results in different messages being presented during the two Membership meetings. To alleviate this issue the Video Conferences will now be scheduled on Tuesdays.

The next meetings will now occur on **Tuesday May 26th, 2020 at 10:00am & 7:00pm**. The Meeting Invitation will be 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/Sunday 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 these meetings please email slowther@albertasoccer.com by the Friday preceding the meeting and we will attempt to have the information on hand for the meeting.

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](#)

Alberta Soccer previously stated that by May 15th, 2020 a decision would be communicated about Soccer activity in June, unfortunately with the ever-changing landscape COVID-19 has thrust upon us all, Alberta Soccer is not in a position to make that decision at this time. As per previous communications all Provincial Soccer Associations are diligently working with Canada Soccer, Provincial Governments and Insurers to develop "Back to Play Protocols".



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As communicated publicly by Canada Soccer the steps outlined in the Canada Soccer Return to Soccer Guidelines include:

1. The easing of stay-at-home orders from the Federal public health authority;
2. The easing of restrictions on public gatherings from the respective Provincial public health authority;
3. The easing of restrictions for field and facility usage by the respective Municipal public health authority;
4. Canada Soccer has received the Return to Soccer Plan from the Provincial or Territorial Member Association, which has been provided to the applicable Provincial or Territorial government department and/or public health authority, and where applicable, has received confirmation from the Province or Territory that it approves of the Plan; and
5. Canada Soccer has received the Return to Soccer Assessment Tool from the member organization and has provided any comments or feedback to the member organization or its Provincial or Territorial Member, if any.

Referee Department

2020 Online Outdoor Refresher:

[ASA Online Outdoor Refresher](#)

2020 Outdoor Refresher 'Office Hours' follow up with instructors:

Link to be shared with Referees who complete the "Online Outdoor Refresher Course".

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 13 2020 - Quiz](#)

[April 20 2020 - Quiz](#)

[April 27, 2020 - Quiz](#)

[April 30, 2020 - Quiz](#)

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

Safe Sport eLearning Module:

Online Safe Sport Learning Modules

Canada Soccer Community Stream Online Courses:

<https://albertasoccer.com/coach/course-registration/>

Government of Canada COVID-19 Response Programs

The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

More information about the [announced CEWS extension](#) to August 29 will be coming soon. As a Canadian employer whose business has been affected by COVID-19, you may be eligible for a subsidy of 75% of employee wages for up to 24 weeks, retroactive from March 15, 2020, to August 29, 2020.

This wage subsidy will enable you to re-hire workers previously laid off as a result of COVID-19, help prevent further job losses, and better position you to resume normal operations following the crisis.

For the most accurate information please review the information via the following Link:

[Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy Information](#)

Applying for CEWS:

Please click on the link below for information:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/subsidy/emergency-wage-subsidy/cews-how-apply.html>

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.



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- 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.

The Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (“CECRA”)

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses provides relief for small businesses experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. It offers unsecured, forgivable loans to eligible commercial property owners to:

- reduce the rent owed by their impacted small business tenants
- meet operating expenses on commercial properties

Property owners must offer a minimum of a 75% rent reduction for the months of April, May and June 2020.

[Learn more about CECRA](#)

All information on Canada’s COVID-19 Economic Response Plan can be found here:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-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](#)

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

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

[May 4, 2020 Alberta Soccer Communication to Membership](#)

[March 30, 2020 COVID-19 Membership Update Meeting Minutes](#)

[April 13, 2020 COVID-19 Membership Update Meeting Minutes](#)

[April 27, 2020 COVID-19 Membership Update Meeting Minutes](#)

[May 11, 2020 COVID-19 Membership Update Meeting Minutes](#)

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

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