



# ALBERTA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

*The Governing Body of Soccer in Alberta*

## COVID-19

Alberta Soccer – Return To Train Webinar

June 10, 2020

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# Agenda

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5. Government of Alberta
6. Physician
7. Sport Law & Strategy Group

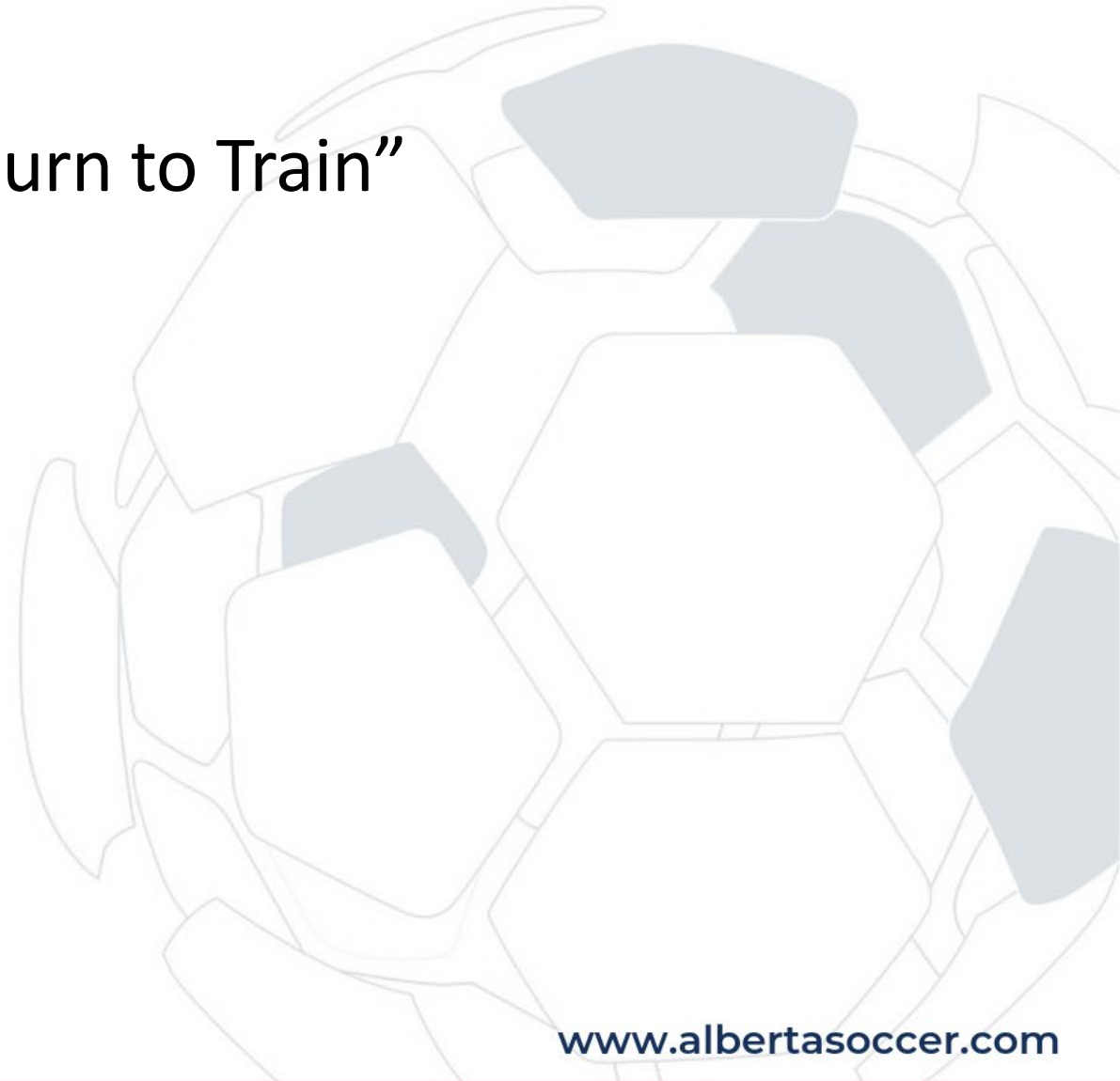
# Agenda

8. AON Insurance

9. Return to Soccer – Stage 1 “Return to Train”

10. Comments / Questions

11. Adjournment



## 2. Opening Remarks

Shaun Hammond

# 3. Introductions

## a. Government of Alberta

- i. Marvin Dobish – Sport Consultant, Sector Development
- ii. Steven Patrick – Sport Consultant, Multisport Games  
(working on Return to Play with Policy & Strategy)

## b. Canada Soccer

- i. Earl Cochrane – Not Sure of his Title
- ii. Jason Devos – Director of Soccer Development

## c. Medical Practitioner

- i. Noel Grisdale – MD, CCFP

## d. Sport Law & Strategy Group

- i. Steven Indig - Lawyer

# 3. Introductions

## e. AON Insurance

- i. Steven Beeston – Account Executive

## f. Alberta Soccer

- i. Shaun Hammond - President
- ii. Shaun Lowther – Executive Director



# 4. Government of Alberta

Marvin Dobish, Sport Consultant, Sector Development

Steven Patrick, Sport Consultant, Multisport Games,  
working on Return to Play with Policy and Strategy

Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Branch  
Ministry of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women  
Government of Alberta



# 4. Government of Alberta

Guidance Documents created by Alberta Health, in conjunction with Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR) Branch:

<https://www.alberta.ca/guidance-documents.aspx>

- Guidance for Organized Outdoor SPAR – Stage 1  
<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-organized-sport-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>
- Guidance for Indoor SPAR – Stage 2  
<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>

# 4. Government of Alberta

## Cohorts / Mini Leagues

- Groups of 50 people may train and play together in a cohort
- This will include all personnel (players, coaches, officials) not able to physically distance. Coaches may coach multiple cohorts ONLY if physically distancing
- Athletes are asked to participate in only 1 cohort at a time
- Cohort duration – through the end of Stage 2, or earlier with 2 week quarantine
- Players should physical distance where possible, when not playing (sidelines)

# 4. Government of Alberta

## Other Considerations

- Daily Screening and Participant Tracking (2 weeks of records)
- Cleaning of Shared Equipment (soccer balls)
- No shared personal items (towels, water bottles, shared snacks)
- Frequent hand sanitation, refrain from touching face while participating, even with gloves
- Spectators maximum 100, physically distanced, cheering discouraged

# 6. Canada Soccer

Earl Cochrane  
Jason Devos



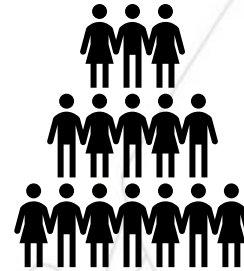
# 5. Canada Soccer – Risk Assessment



Understanding  
COVID-19



Emergency  
Response

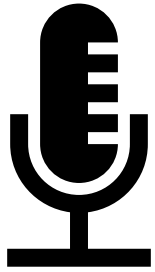


Stakeholder  
Coordination

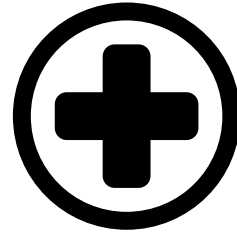


Governance

# 5. Canada Soccer – Risk Assessment



Communication



Public Health



Mitigation

# 5. Canada Soccer – Technical Mitigation (e.g.)

## AGE & STAGE CONSIDERATIONS – PHASE 1



Active Start U5-6	FUNdamentals U7-U9	Learn to Train U10-U13	Soccer for Life U13+
<p>1 Player + 1 Parent/Guardian/Sibling</p> <p>Children at this age may struggle to maintain social distancing and complete technical-based activities. We cannot expect young children to be responsible for maintaining social distancing.</p> <p>Using a parent or sibling will aid the coaches to deliver different activities as the child will have a parent/guardian/sibling to help manage them and some of the logistics to ensure social distancing is maintained. Social distancing does not need to be maintained by people from the same household. This will help create opportunities to plan activities that include a partner or opposition.</p> <p>Be overly conservative when spacing out areas to maintain social distancing.</p>	<p>1 Player + 1 Parent/Guardian/Sibling</p> <p>Children at this age often need interaction with someone to remain engaged and complete technical-based activities. We cannot expect young children to be responsible for maintaining social distancing.</p> <p>Players may not have yet developed focus to find isolated practices with a ball enjoyable. Therefore, utilizing a parent/guardian/sibling to partake in the practice will provide a more fulfilling experience as it will increase the number of different activities the player can experience as social distancing does not need to be maintained by people from the same household. This will help create opportunities to plan activities that include a partner or opposition.</p> <p>Be overly conservative when spacing out areas to maintain social distancing.</p>	<p>Players in the L2T stage should be engaged in the progression of activities within training session during Phase 1.</p> <p>Players at this age need monitoring but may be ready to maintain social distancing as directed. Level of support is based on the maturity of the athletes.</p> <p>Engaging players on their strengths and weaknesses within different activities is a strategy coaches can utilize to differentiate (individualize) tasks.</p> <p>Individualized consideration will help keep the players engaged and focused. Creating fun challenges that include social outcomes will provide an enjoyable and exciting practice environment.</p> <p>Be conservative when spacing out areas to maintain social distancing.</p>	<p>Players in the S4L stage should be engaged in the progression of activities within training session during Phase 1.</p> <p>Players should understand what social distancing is and be able to respect the social distancing requirements in place within their province while at soccer.</p> <p>Engaging players on their strengths and weaknesses within different activities is a strategy coaches can utilize to differentiate (individualize) tasks.</p> <p>Individualized consideration will help keep the players engaged and focused. Creating fun challenges that include social outcomes will provide an enjoyable and exciting practice.</p> <p>Be conservative when spacing out areas to maintain social distancing.</p>

RETURN TO SOCCER



# 5. Canada Soccer – Response Action Plan



SPOC

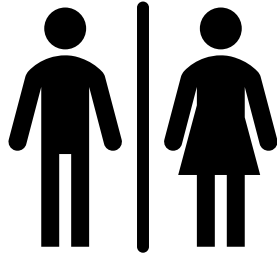


Communication  
System



Advise Sick  
Individuals

# 5. Canada Soccer – Response Action Plan



Isolate the Sick at  
Club Activities



Clean & Disinfect



Notify Health  
Authorities and  
Close Contacts

# 6. Medical Perspective

Noel Grisdale - MD

# 6. Medical Perspective

- General Comments
- Managing risk
  - Sanitization, physical distancing, and adherence to guidelines
  - Individually and collectively

# 7. Sport Law Strategy Group

Steven Indig

# 7. Legal Perspective

- Legal Perspective – Steven Indig
  - Insurance
  - Negligence
    - Duty of Care
    - Breach of the Standard of Care
    - Causation
    - Damages
  - Risk Management Techniques
    - Standard of Care
    - Corporate Shield
    - Waivers, Assumption of Risk and Declaration of Compliance
      - Execution
      - Waivers vs. Assumption of Risk
  - Litigation Matters



# 8. AON Insurance

Steven Beeston

## 8. Insurance Perspective

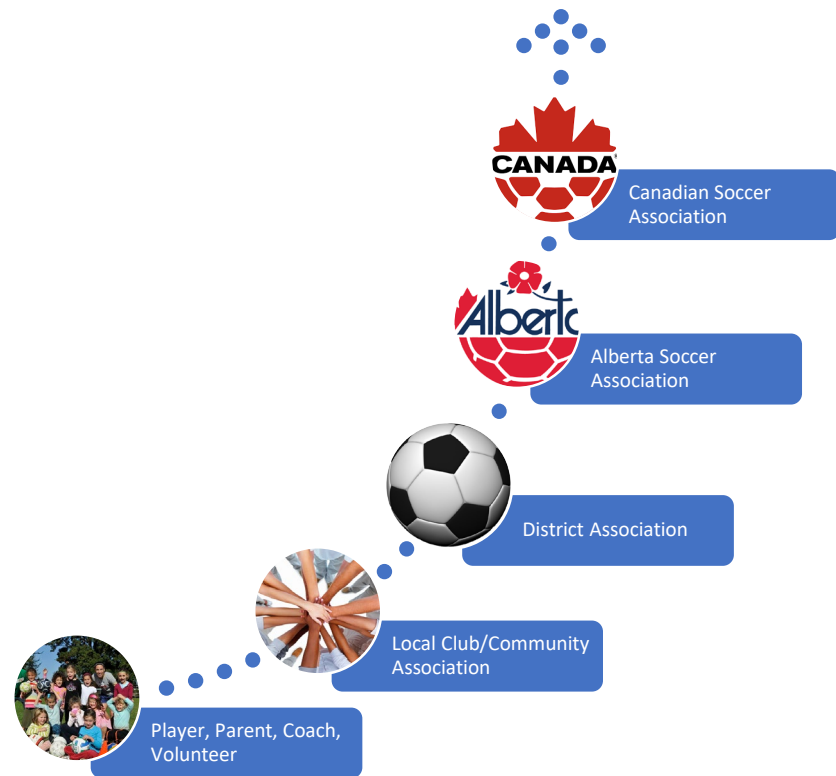
- Following legal, all participants for return to play (includes coaches and parents on behalf of minors) must review the return to train guidelines prior to engaging in activities.
- All participants (or parents on behalf of minors) must read, understand, and sign the Liability Waiver and Declaration of Compliance. This must be signed prior to the activity.
- All activities must be sanctioned for insurance coverage to apply.



## 8. Insurance Perspective

- No coverage shall apply should ASA not sanction the training, and all must confirm to ASA that all COVID-19 protocols are reviewed, completed, and understood to ensure that all persons engaging in activity are **safe**.
- Given new guidelines by the Government of Alberta safety of the participants still needs to be at the top of the priority list when it comes to a *Return to Train/Play*.

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train



## STRUCTURE OF SOCCER IN ALBERTA

The Structure of Soccer in Alberta determines the flow of information as well as the authority for decision-making for all sanctioned soccer activity in our province.

Alberta Soccer governs the activities of our District Association who then oversee the activities of all Local Club/Community Association in their jurisdictions. District Association internal structures are unique across our province.

In as much as we have attempted to provide clarity throughout this document for how a soccer team in Alberta may begin to train together, it is important to consider the flow of information and authority for decision-making based on the internal structure of the District Association you belong to.

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train

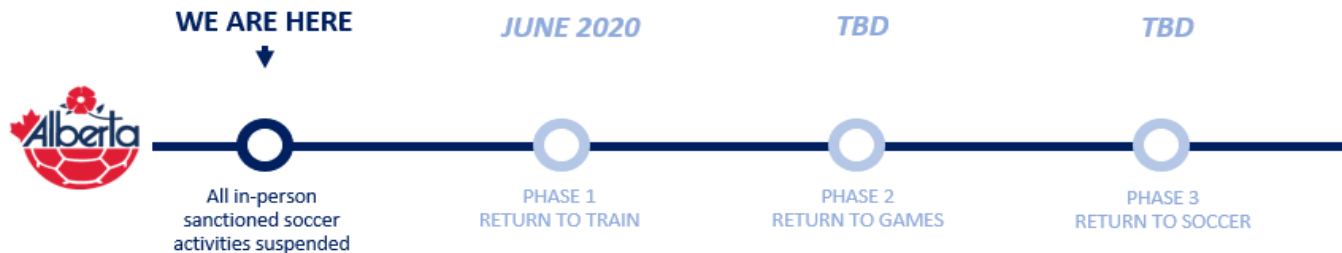
## INTRODUCTION

Alberta Soccer, like all of our members are looking for the day when we can return to the sport we love. **However, we must first receive confirmation from our provincial government, Alberta Health Services, Canada Soccer, and our insurers on when a Return to Soccer is permitted, and under what conditions.**

In meeting the requirements within *Canada Soccer's Return to Soccer Guidelines* and in consideration of Alberta Health guidelines, Alberta Soccer has developed these *Return to Soccer Guidelines*. These Guidelines are meant to help support affiliated clubs/teams, administrators, coaches and anyone organizing soccer related activity under the Governance of Alberta Soccer in their decision-making surrounding *Return to Soccer*. The Alberta Soccer "Return to Soccer Plan" will be a 3-Phase approach:

- Phase 1 – Return to Train (modified training), - **ON OR AFTER JUNE 12, 2020**
- Phase 2 – Return to Modified Games (modified games & modified training), - **ON OR AFTER JUNE 19, 2020**
- Phase 3 – Return to Soccer (regular competition, games and training). **TBD**

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train



## RESPONDING TO CHANGING CONDITIONS

Due to the nature of the Covid-19 pandemic, we must be prepared to respond to changing conditions provincially, regionally and within our individual organizations. If health situations change, we may be required to return to a previous phase of Return to Soccer or cease soccer activity all together. As Alberta Health Services monitors the provincial progression through Alberta's Relaunch Strategy, we expect that they will continue to advise sport organizations on how they can lead their sport through the stages of relaunch. Alberta Soccer will provide the applicable health and safety guidelines that must be implemented in order to safely move from one phase of the Return to Soccer plan to the next.

**IF** public health restrictions should be reinstated and soccer activity is NO LONGER permissible OR we must return to a previous phase, Alberta Soccer will communicate this change directly with District Associations. District Associations will distribute this messaging to their impacted Club/Community Associations, players, parents, coaches, and volunteers. Changes will also be posted on the Alberta Soccer website and social media accounts. Immediate compliance is expected.

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train

For individual teams / clubs / communities / districts to receive the approval for Phase 1 - Returning to Train, they must complete the following steps:



## STEPS TO RETURN TO TRAIN FOR CLUBS / TEAMS

**Alberta Soccer** distributes *Return to Soccer Guidelines – Phase 1* & Link to *Canada Soccer’s Risk Assessment Tool* to Districts to provide to individual Clubs / Communities in their jurisdiction.

**1** **Individual Club / Team** implement the required minimum standards in training programs and verifies compliance in Canada Soccer Risk Assessment

**Individual Club / Team** complete the self-assessment tool and submit to Canada Soccer

**2** **Individual Club / Team / Districts** attend Return to Train Webinar scheduled by Alberta Soccer

**Canada Soccer** provides feedback on completed self-assessment

**3** **Districts** with Alberta Soccer review Canada Soccer feedback and verify with Club / Team their approval to offer organized training.

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train

## GENERAL ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

All soccer activities must comply by these basic safety requirements.

Requirement	Description / Application	Link to Resource
Oversight	<p>The activity must be overseen by a responsible person over the age of 18 who must ensure public health guidelines are adhered to.</p> <p>Individuals exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 must be sent home immediately as per CMOH Order 05-2020</p>	<a href="#">CMOH Order 05-2020</a>
Social Distancing	<p>The activity must comply with current Social Distancing restrictions issued by Alberta Health Services</p> <p>Individuals MUST maintain physical distancing of at least 2 meters from others, unless they are from the same household or cohort family.</p> <p>Drop off and pick up protocol should be clearly mapped out with protocols for ingress and egress communicated and marked to ensure social distancing requirements are maintained. No loitering before and after training is permitted.</p>	<a href="#">Practice Physical Distancing</a> <a href="#">Guidance For Organized Outdoor Sport</a>
Gatherings	<p>The activity must comply with current gathering restrictions issued by Alberta Health Services.</p> <p>Groups must be limited to 50 people or fewer.</p> <p>Soccer Application: Unless otherwise stated by the municipality/city, this is a maximum of 25 people per ½ of a FIFA regular 11 v 11 full-size soccer field.</p>	<a href="#">Restrictions on Gatherings</a>
Groups	<p>The activity must be limited to Small Groups</p> <p>Groups must physically distance from other groups.</p> <p>Soccer Application: The recommendation is solely to in-Club activity and MUST keep to within District Geographical boundaries. The accompanying sample sessions provide for up to 25 people per ½ of a FIFA regular 11 v 11 full-size soccer field.</p>	<a href="#">Guidance For Organized Outdoor Sport</a>
Hygiene	<p>Activity organizers must communicate appropriate hygiene measures for the activity in advance to all participants.</p> <p>Activity organizers must ensure participant compliance with all hygiene measures.</p> <p>No spitting, clearing of nasal passages, handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, chest bumps, or group celebrations allowed.</p>	<a href="#">Infection Prevention and Control</a>
First Aid	<p>Activity organizers must ensure personal protective equipment is immediately available IF first aid treatment is required.</p> <p>Recommendation that a family member attend to injured player, if available. If not possible, attending person must wear medical gloves and mask when 2 metre distance cannot be maintained.</p>	<a href="#">Guidance for Wearing Non-Medical Face Mask</a>

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train

## ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDELINES

Organizations providing soccer training must abide by these guidelines when organizing an activity.

Requirement	Description / Application
Registration	<p>All participants must be registered for “<u>Outdoor Soccer</u>” as per the established process with their Club/Community, District and Alberta Soccer.</p> <p>Recommend online registration only (no cash transactions)</p>
Waivers & Declarations	<p>All Participants (or parents/guardians if under 18 years of age) must sign the Informed Consent – Assumption of Risk Waiver plus provide a Declaration of Compliance prior to participating in any sanctioned soccer activity.</p> <p>Prior to participating, Participants must be made aware and acknowledge that although exposure to COVID-19 is unlikely, it is possible, and Participants are participating voluntarily in Alberta Soccer activities with a foreknowledge of the risks.</p>
Scheduling & Event Management	<p>Activities must be scheduled to allow sufficient time between sessions to avoid any overlap of players on the field and/or congestion during pick-up / drop-off.</p> <p>Participants must arrive dressed for training &amp; immediately depart at the end of training.</p>
Participation	<p>Participation must be limited to players that are born <u>in 2011 or earlier</u>. Participants must be able to understand and adhere to the distancing measures and recommendations issued by Alberta Health Services.</p> <p>Vulnerable persons, such as older adults, individuals with underlying medical conditions, and/or are at risk due a compromised immune system must NOT participate.</p>
Parents / Guardians & Carpooling	<p><b>Parents/Guardians must drop off &amp; pick-up their child at the established entrances and exits.</b></p> <p>For safety reasons, parents may be asked to remain nearby in vehicles and/or designated areas. Designated areas must adhere to group size and social distancing guidelines.</p> <p><b>Contact Tracing information must be maintained for attending parent/guardians as well as participants.</b></p> <p><b>Participants should only carpool with individuals from their household or cohort family.</b></p>
Spectators	<p>Spectators are NOT allowed.</p>
Equipment	<p><b>Any equipment used during training sessions must be clean and sanitized both before and after every session.</b></p> <p>Recommend that ball washing stations be made available at ingress and egress to ensure individuals sanitize personal equipment before and after training.</p> <p>A single individual should be assigned responsibility for the management and cleaning of all equipment.</p>

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train

## ORGANIZATIONAL GUIDELINES

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Food & Water	<p>No sharing of water bottles or communal water coolers; Individual participants must bring their own water.</p> <p>Snacks should be discouraged, however if allowed, participants may only consume food brought from their own household.</p>
Personal Protective Equipment	<p>Provide your staff/coaches with any protective items required by the health authorities and ensure that each member of your staff washes and/or sanitizes their hands regularly.</p>
Hygiene	<p>Provide the ability for participants to wash or sanitize hands before, during, after training. If you do not provide, request that participants bring their own hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol to training.</p> <p>All participants should follow proper respiratory etiquette.</p> <p>Recommend that participant shoes are sanitized before and after training.</p>
Health Check	<p>Include the daily requirement for any and all staff/coaches and participants to provide verbal confirmation as per a “COVID-19 symptoms checklist” to ensure they are not experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19</p> <p>If an individual is exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, they must be sent home immediately.</p> <p>If an individual is experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose or sore throat, they are legally obligated to self-isolate.</p> <p>As per the Declaration of Compliance, they are NOT permitted to return to training for 14 days from the day they last experienced symptoms.</p>
Contact Tracing	<p>Contact tracing logs for all participants and parents/guardians dropping off players must be completed for every training activity and be available to be accessed quickly to ensure efficient contact tracing.</p> <p>Contact Tracing logs can be done online or completed onsite by a responsible adult. Records must be maintained for a minimum of 6 weeks</p>
Response Plan	<p>Activity organizers must develop Communication Protocols for rapid response when issues are identified through screening, self-reporting of symptomatic participants. Canada Soccer is currently developing a “Response Plan Template” which will be distributed upon receipt.</p>



# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train

## SOCCER TRAINING COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

The following provide the health and safety precautions that must be followed to ensure the reduction of exposure and/or spread of Covid-19 during soccer training.

Requirement	Description / Application
Physical Distancing in Soccer Training	<p>Remind and enforce physical distancing requirements between coaches, players, and parents/guardians; Do not allow spectators</p> <p>Recommend that only one parent/guardian drop-off and pick-up their child/player</p>
Coaching Training Sessions	<p><b>Only persons over 18 may be responsible for overseeing soccer activity.</b></p> <p><b>Preference should be given to a select group of coaches (Academy staff, Technical Directors, etc.) to lead training sessions.</b></p> <p><b>Limit the number of team staff (coaches, managers, etc.) that are on-field, noting the requirement to have a specific number of coaches to lead the session and all while adhering to the ‘Rule of Two’.</b></p> <p>Position players in designated and well spaced-out stations/areas on the field.</p> <p>Session activities must ensure players do not touch the ball with their hands, chest, or head.</p> <p>No goalkeeper training is allowed as the use of hands to touch the ball with or without gloves is prohibited.</p>
Use of Equipment in Training	<p><b>Use cones and signage to identify physical barriers for player entry and exit, session activities, and for player drop-off &amp; pick-up to ensure 2 metre social distancing maintained</b></p> <p><b>Set-Up: Coaches must take charge of set up and collection of equipment.</b></p> <p>Use of: Exercise caution with any and all equipment that is being used and players must avoid touching equipment with their hands, head, or chest.</p> <p>Sharing: Try to restrict soccer ball use; one ball per player as much as possible.</p> <p><b>Players are encouraged to bring their own, sanitized ball to training sessions.</b></p> <p>Activities must not include the sharing of common equipment (except for soccer balls during foot-to-foot exercises), unless the individuals are from the same household.</p> <p>If the ball is shared for activities, the following must be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players cannot use their hands, chest, or head to touch the ball.</li> <li>• Participants soccer shoes must be disinfected prior to removal.</li> </ul> <p>Sanitize: Clean and disinfect equipment prior to and after every session.</p>
Contact Tracing	<b>Contact training logs listing all the participants must be completed for every training session and kept on file for a minimum of 6 weeks.</b>
Health Check	<b>Verbal health checks for symptoms must be completed prior to every training session.</b>

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train

## APPENDIX 1: RESOURCES

*Canada Soccer 'Return to Soccer Guidelines'*

☞ <https://www.canadasoccer.com/canada-soccer-outlines-return-to-soccer-guidelines-as-part-of-safe-sport-roster-p162638>

*Alberta's Relaunch Strategy*

☞ <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-relaunch-strategy.aspx#stages>

*COVID-19 Info for Albertans*

☞ <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

*Workplace Guidance for Business Owners*

☞ <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-workplace-guidance-for-business-owners.pdf>

*Restricted and Non-Restricted Services*

☞ <https://www.alberta.ca/restricted-and-non-restricted-services.aspx>

# 9. Return To Soccer – Stage 1 Return To Train

## APPENDIX 1: RESOURCES

### *Help Prevent the Spread*

→ <https://www.alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread.aspx>

### *Guidance for Organized Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation*

→ <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-organized-sport-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>

### *Guidance on Outdoor Activities*

→ <https://www.alberta.ca/guidance-on-outdoor-activities.aspx>

### *ABTraceTogether*

→ <https://www.alberta.ca/ab-trace-together.aspx>





#### APPENDIX 4: PLAYER CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to help your player prepare for the pitch safely.

Phase 1 –Return To Train

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##### Before you Leave Home

- DO NOT leave home if you are feeling unwell or showing signs of COVID-19 Symptoms (Fever, Cough, Shortness of Breath, Sore Throat or Runny Nose).
- Check for fields closures.
- Eat before you come – no food or drink on premises.
- Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and warm water.
- Thoroughly wash water bottles with soap and warm water.
- Bring thoroughly washed equipment (uniforms, socks, shin pads, personal soccer ball).
- Use the washroom.
- Register your attendance for contact tracing.

##### Arrival at Field/Facility

- Enter through established entrances.
- Respect social distancing guidelines.
- Register temperature/active symptom screening.
- Wash at provided handwashing stations.
- DO NOT share water bottles.
- Follow traffic flow signs to your location.

##### After activity is Complete

- NO LOITERING.
- Exit through established exits.
- Wash at provided handwashing stations.
- Follow traffic flow signs out of your location.
- Respect social distancing guidelines.
- Thoroughly wash water bottles with soap and warm water.
- Thoroughly wash equipment (uniforms, socks, shin pads, personal soccer ball).



# 10. FAQ

As testing for COVID19 is open to everybody, could parents that already tested negative be allowed to observe training sessions from the sidelines while still observing the social distancing rules?

**IN PHASE 2 SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED**

Tracing and tracking each individual player can be done by clubs but I'm reading it as parents or guardians too how will that work and what if they don't leave the car?

**IN PHASE 2 SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED**

What is the exception on ball sharing im reading this as tho its fine to include this in session providing its foot to foot training?

**YOU ARE CORRECT**

What are the fees to register an individual player?

**DETERMINED BY CLUB/COMMUNITY**

Are the ASA/CSA phases of return to play tied directly to the GoA stages of re-opening? If not, what are the other criteria for the phases?

**NO THEY ARE NOT TIED DIRECTLY, PROTOCOLS DEVELOPED BY AHS & SPAR DETERMINE RETURN TO PLAY PHASES**

Will ASA/CSA provide a template for the Risk Communication Strategy and Medical Response Plan? Will this encompass the process to report to external stakeholders, and a mechanism for collaboration and coordination between health sectors and the Provincial/Territorial member associations?

**A CSA RESPONSE PLAN TEMPLATE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE DISTRICTS**

Who ultimately gives the approval to get back on field? ASA or CSA or Districts??

**DISTRICTS & ASA**

We should eliminate ban on spectators and change to one family member per participant, consistent with BC and still confirms to Government regulations. Current ban will be unenforceable and create huge problems for staff at staffed facilities.

**IN PHASE 2 SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED**

We should change minimum age by one year so as not to break up the u9's age group

**IN PHASE 2 YOUNGER AGE GROUPS WILL BE ALLOWED**

# 10. FAQ

ASA should develop a safe goalkeeper training protocol to separately present to Government for comment. This is not difficult to do perfectly safely.

**GK TRAINING WILL OCCUR IN PHASE 2**

Why is ASA requiring clubs/ teams all to complete risk assessments? This is not required in CSA 5 steps. Districts should be sufficient. Assessments are a tool to devise mitigation of risks which has already been done by ASA. Districts will mandate compliance with ASA RTT guidelines, not optional.

**THIS IS A CSA REQUIREMENT**

What is the current position of our Insurance carrier with regards to return to train, then return to play? Will there be coverage for board members in case of any future lawsuits due to COVID related situations.

**IF ASA GUIDELINES ARE NOT ADHERED TO BY THE ORGANIZATION, THE CLUB/DISTRICT COULD BE LIABLE. THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD HAVE D & O INSURANCE IN PLACE TO COVER THE BOARD IF THEY ARE NAMED IN A SUIT**

For the Symptoms Checklist for Staff/Coaches/Participants, can the six questions be asked to a group for a training session? For instance, ask 10 youth at the same time all 6 questions (while they are maintaining physical distancing). Or does each youth have to be asked all 6 questions individually each training session?

**ASK PLAYERS INDIVIDUALLY**

As a sanctioned academy with ASA, are we asking our members to sign the same waiver, and pay the fee to ASA about it?

**ENDORSED ACADEMIES MUST ADHERE TO THE RETURN TO TRAIN GUIDELINES AND PAY THEIR ENDORSEMENT FEE, THEY MUST HAVE THEIR OWN INSURANCE.**

Can we start on goalie kicks along with normal warm up?

**GK TRAINING WILL OCCUR IN PHASE 2**

In Phase 1 during training sessions is shooting allowed?

**YES BUT NO GOALKEEPERS**

Would you be able to address guidelines (if different) for Academies in Alberta to reopen. Can you please talk about specifications for Academies if different from club or other organized soccer.

Thank you

**ENDORSED ACADEMIES MUST ADHERE TO THE RETURN TO TRAIN GUIDELINES AND PAY THEIR ENDORSEMENT FEE, THEY MUST HAVE THEIR OWN INSURANCE.**

# 10. FAQ

Are we having Cup based outdoor soccer competition or just a partial league games series given we are In June already.

**DISTRICTS WILL OFFER A MODIFIED SEASON**

Will the players born after 2011 be included in phase 2 or will they have no season?

**YES THEY WILL BE INCLUDED IN PHASE 2**

Season dates Will it be practices only to start or straight into season. Extra precautions we are required to enforce.

**PRACTICES ONLY TO START, AT A MINIMUM FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES**

Length of season , will it change dependant upon when we are allowed to begin?

Safety precautions for various age groups?

**DISTRICT WILL DETERMINE SEASON LENGTH. WE WILL ADHERE TO AHS GUIDELINES**

Will there be an age restriction to Return to play?

**NOT IN PHASE 2**

Return to train states 14 days away from training if symptomatic. If a negative COVID test is obtained from AHS can a player return prior to 14 days isolation.

**WE WILL GET A MEDICAL OPINION ON THAT**

What responsibilities will be required by coaches on hygiene at practise and games

**FREQUENTLY WASHING HANDS, POSSIBLY SANITIZATION OF EQUIPMENT IF CLUB DOES NOT PROVIDE STAFF**

Who will be responsible for providing PPE for coaches?

**CLUB OR DISTRICT**

Since players are limited to 2011 or earlier, does that mean the season for U5/U7 and some U9 (2011/2012) will be cancelled?

**NO, IF THE DISTRICT & CLUB WISH TO DELIVER PROGRAMMING FOR THOSE AGE GROUPS IN PHASE 2**



# 10. FAQ

Since vulnerable persons can not participate does that mean kids who indicated asthma as a health condition when registering will not be able to participate?

**VULNERABLE PERSONS MUST NOT PARTICIPATE**

Should contact tracing information be stored by the coach?

**STORED BY CLUB OR DISTRICT**

What if a coach/player doesn't practice social distancing?

**CONTACT YOUR CLUB/DISTRICT**

What would be the steps for follow-up to look into these concerns.

**CONTACT YOUR CLUB/DISTRICT**

How will the "return to play" plan be communicated to parents? For example explaining that there won't be games, no keeper training, the requirements for social distancing.

**THROUGH THE DISTRICT AND/OR CLUB**

Is there an estimated timeline for "Phase 2"?

**AFTER JUNE 19**

What health restrictions need to be lifted before moving to Phase 2?

**DETERMINED BY AHS**

If the season begins and the numbers spike, will the season be shut down?

**IF IT IS DETERMINED BY AHS/GOA THAT WE NEED TO BE SHUTDOWN WE WILL BE SHUTDOWN**

If the above answer is yes, can the decision for return to play be in a tournament fashion? This way we will not have the league in a waiting fashion, as is occurring in the NHL.

I personally support the tournament system for the remainder of the 2020 season.

**SEASON FORMATS TO BE DETERMINED BY DISTRICTS**

# 10. FAQ

Am I held accountable in case god forbid a child gets sick (covid)

**NOT IF THE PROTOCOLS ARE ADHERED TO**

How long will the season run and from when to when?

**TBD BY DISTRICTS**

Is the final decision made on salvaging the season?

**THAT IS WHAT WE ALL ARE ATTEMPTING TO DO WITH THE RETURN TO TRAINING PHASE**

Forgot to ask. I may not be off work in time for the webinar. What happens then? Can I use the link anytime after that?

**THERE WILL BE A LINK TO A RECORDING**

Most of the practice sessions provided with the ASA Return to Play Document include a passing element does that mean that passing (or sharing) the ball is allowed? AHS had previously Banned sharing the ball unless with members of the same household or cohort family.

**YES PLAYERS CAN SHARE THE BALL**

Has ASA applied for and received Funding through the Canada Heritage Emergency Covid Fund. Can these funds be used to offset Grassroots fees to \$0 to help local clubs and families financially.

**HERITAGE FUNDING IS NOW WITH THE PROVINCES AND THE GOA IS DEVELOPING PROCEDURES ON HOW TO DISTRIBUTE THIS MONEY, MONIES WILL FLOW DOWN TO DISTRICTS AS PART OF GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY SPORT CANADA**

When can we return to actual play? If professional teams are now able to play, why do we need such an extensive step process for non-professional players to return to practice and play?

**PROFESSIONAL TEAMS HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ACCESS TESTING AND WORLD CLASS MEDICAL PERSONNEL, COMMUNITY SPORT DOES NOT HAVE THE SAME RESOURCES**

How high is the risk? Is it worth all the trouble?

**THERE IS STILL RISK, HOWEVER ARE CHILDRENS AND ADULTS PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH WORTH THE RISK AND HAVE STEPS BEEN TAKEN TO MITIGATE THAT RISK! PARENTS MUST DETERMINE THIS.**

# 10. FAQ

Allergies etc... how do we make kids not play / have 14 day post symptom restrictions, when kids sneeze, cough, or have runny noses from weather/allergies?

**WE WILL GET A MEDICAL OPINION ON THAT**

When it be safe for group games?

**RESTRICTED GAMES (COHORTS) WILL BE ALLOWED IN PHASE 2**

How is the 2 meter distancing will apply in to the practice or games?

**2M PHYSICAL DISTANCING CAN BE APPLIED IN PRACTICE SETTINGS**

Would all players/coaches be wearing mask when playing or practicing?

**IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PLAYERS TO WEAR MASKS WHEN PLAYING SPORTS SUCH AS SOCCER. COACHES MUST WEAR MASKS IF THY CAN NOT ADHERE TO PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

U7 and U8 parents are hoping to get their children out to play games with various city teams. Is there still a possibility for a league for these players or will it be up to the clubs to create an inter-club program?

**YES THERE WILL BE RESTRICTED GAMES IN PHASE 2 FOR YOUNGER AGE GROUPS**

Thank you for all your hard work to get the players out to train and possibly play the game!

What is the policy about younger players under U10

**YES THERE WILL BE RESTRICTED GAMES IN PHASE 2 FOR YOUNGER AGE GROUPS**

Will documentation be required at the field? Is there going to be keeper training allowed?

**CONTACT TRACING LOGS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED AT THE FIELD OR ONLINE. GK TRAINING ALLOWED IN PHASE 2**

In the training layout examples the player grids are side by side. This would mean that the players could accidentally come shoulder to shoulder if they were focused on passing in front and not what the player beside was doing. Should there not be a 2 meter block between each players space, making it impossible for them to come any closer then 2 meters at their closet point with in their own space?

**YES THERE SHOULD BE A 2M SAFE ZONE BETWEEN GRIDS**

In the event that an abbreviated season happens, will the proposed registration fees be prorated from the current 2020 CMSA fees?

**ASA DOES NOT DETERMINE FEES THAT DISTRICTS OR CLUBS CHARGE**

# 10. FAQ

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**DISTRICTS/CLUBS HAVE THE OPTION TO EITHER CONTINUE AND OFFER A MODIFIED SEASON OR CANCEL THE SEASON ALL TOGETHER**

When can we start with summer camps this year and what are the restrictions (How many players max. are allowed)?

**10 PLAYERS IN SUMMER CAMPS, THEY CAN START IN PHASE 2**

Who will be setting the dates for Phase 2 and Phase 3 to start ?.

**PHASE 2 NOT BEFORE JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**

How long will each phase be ?

**LENGTH OF PHASES WILL BE DETERMINED BY AHS & GOA**

Will you get age groups be considered down the road depending on how the older groups work out?

**YOUNGER GROUPS IN PHASE 2**

Should we expect indoor to open at all?

**YES**

Can we train as a group of 20 and limit the touching of ball with hands to the goalkeeper?

**IN PHASE 2 GK CAN USE THEIR HANDS**

Can we train as group of 20 and document attendees for tracking purposes

**YES YOU NEED TO KEEP A LOG FOR CONTACT TRACING**

Is Phase 2 & 3 of ASA Return to Soccer linked directly to Gov't of AB Relaunch Phases 2 & 3?

**ASA RETURN TO SOCCER STAGES ARE LINKED TO AHS/GOA GUIDELINES NOT PHASES**

Will this be available offline for those teams that currently do not exist (CUSA has zero registered teams/players currently)

**YES**

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**YES A RECORDING WILL BE AVAILABLE**

# 10. FAQ

Declaration of compliance includes team name - what happens with transfers or multiple teams in different programs (Indoor we have players on 4 different teams in different programs).

**INDOOR IS A DIFFERENT SEASON AND NEW WAIVERS NEED TO BE SIGNED**

When will we see Phase 2 & Phase 3 plans to enable us to prepare sufficiently for their implementation and delivery at a District Level - our Quick Start?

**WE DO NOT HAVE PLANS AS STAGE 2 WILL BE MODIFIED GAMES THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY AHS/GOA GUIDELINES, STAGE 3 IS BACK TO REGULAR SOCCER**

What is the expected response time from CSA to the Risk Assessment Tool everyone is required to complete?

**EXTREMELY QUICK**

Why are 2012 players not included?

**THEY CAN NOT ADHERE TO PHYSICAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS IN PHASE 1, BUT WILL BE INCLUDED IN PHASE 2**

Risk assessment Tool. Where to get this document?

**DISTRICTS HAVE THE LINK**

Does the youth waiver negate any insurance program with the Soccer Association?

**NO IT DOES NOT**

Will cleaning supply's be provided to coaches/trainers?

**CLUBS/DISTRICTS WILL NEED TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION**

Number of participants per field / 50 person mass gathering limitation is defined but what are the guidelines for appropriate group or field spacing as it relates to multi field facilities such as indoor in Edmonton.

**PHASE 2 INTRODUCES LARGER GATHERINGS AND SPACING OF GROUPS**

# 10. FAQ

What are the penalties should teams/clubs be found in breach of the "Return to Train" protocols?

**BROUGHT IN FRONT OF A DISCIPLINE PANEL FOR SANCTION**

Currently registered 2012 players who are playing with the 2011 age group, are they allowed to participate in phase 1?

**NO**

Do clubs need a COVID related insurance or is it enough if players accept COVID related waiver through CMSA?

**WAIVER THROUGH CMSA IS ADEQUATE**

Do you plan any soccer activities for U6 and U8 kids and what is the procedure during Phase 1 re-opening?

**YOUNGER PLAYERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN PHASE 2**

Most things have been adequately addressed. We could use some clarification on guidelines or protocols with regard to permitting the use of washroom facilities.

**THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE "BIZ CONNECT" PAGE OF THE GOA COVID-19 WEBPAGE**

Who is responsible for monitoring/enforcing mandatory protocols?

**THE CLUB OR DISTRICT**

can the parents drop off the players and watch the practice from inside their own vehicles

**YES**

Are we allow to do training sessions for U-5 & U-7 ?

**YOUNGER PLAYERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN PHASE 2**

# 11. Next Steps

1. Analyze Government Documentation
2. Adjust the Return to Play Plan
3. Stage 2 – Return to Modified Games Board to Approve
4. Stage 2 - Return to Modified Games Published
5. Stage 2 – Return to Modified Games Operational



# 12. Adjournment

**CLOSING REMARKS**

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Thank-you



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