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To: Alberta Soccer: Life Members, District Members, Associate Members, Member Clubs, Players, Parents & Coaches

CC: Alberta Soccer Board of Directors, Staff and Canada Soccer Staff

It is with regret that Alberta Soccer announces that Canada Soccer REX Programming for the 2020-21 season has been cancelled. As the COVID-19 Pandemic continues to create obstacles on all aspects of everyday life, the financial decisions that Alberta Soccer has needed to make is taking its toll on various programs within the Association.

Alberta Soccer is still very much committed to providing opportunities for all levels of play within Alberta. The **Alberta Youth Soccer League** scheduled to begin play in the spring of 2021 will give ambitious young female and male players a platform to elevate their skills and showcase their ability to decision makers in Professional and National Team environments. In addition to scouting players within League play, Alberta Soccer will facilitate “best on best” scouting weekends for National Teams, MLS, CPL and University coaches.

Although the REX program has been instrumental in assisting many aspiring young female players to progress to Canadian National teams, economic decisions made by funding partners, Canada Soccer and Alberta Soccer has made the program unsustainable. However, it is Alberta Soccer’s belief that Alberta “players of potential” will still be identified and placed in front of coaches and scouts to enhance their ability to be selected for higher levels of play. Alberta has always been a hotbed of soccer in Canada and will continue to be so. The number of players selected to play for Canada and Professionally from the Province is a testament to the ability of and environments that have been created by Alberta Soccer Districts, Clubs and Coaches.

The resumption of REX Programming within Alberta will be assessed in consultation with Canada Soccer and potential partners on an Annual Basis.

If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact Shaun Lowther via email: slowther@albertasoccer.com