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TEMPORARY REVISION TO THE 2021 INDOOR RULE & REGULATION ON MEMBERSHIP FEES

Alberta Soccer has previously communicated temporary revisions to the 2021 indoor membership fees, to assist member organizations with their cash flow due to the impact of ban on soccer activities declared in November and December 2020. The purpose of this memo is to:

- 1) confirm the application of the previously communicated 2021 indoor membership fees; and
- 2) clarify the expectations around membership reporting for the 2021 indoor season.

Summary of Fees

\$8 + GST per player will be assessed on each **indoor participant** as at March 31, 2021.

No indoor fees will be assessed if AHS guidelines do not allow for resumption of indoor programming by early February, 2021.

Payment of fees will be due upon final invoicing in April 2021.

Background

Due to the significant impacts that various government and organizational responses to the COVID pandemic continue to have on soccer in Alberta, we are requesting slightly different membership data than we have in the past, for the purposes of:

- 1) Providing information to support conversations with government and other groups regarding impact of restrictions;
- 2) Tracking registration statistics in a consistent manner with previous years;
- 3) Understanding demographic impacts of pandemic restrictions;
- 4) Assessing Alberta Soccer 2021 indoor membership fees payable by member districts.

In this regard the Alberta Soccer Board of Directors has passed a motion by email to amend the <u>2020-2021 Rules & Regulations on Membership Fees</u> for the 2021 Indoor Season, as follows.



Definitions

Indoor registrant – any player who registers for a fee with an Alberta Soccer member club, community and/or district for an **indoor program**, regardless of whether the player participated in any soccer activity.

<u>Indoor participant</u> – any player who registers for a fee with an Alberta soccer member club, community and/or district for an **indoor program** who participates in some of the indoor program and **did not receive a full refund**. For clarity, any **indoor registrant** from whom at least 50% of original registration fees were retained is considered a participant.

Indoor program – any paid club, community, and/or district player program or event that is offered between November 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021.

An **indoor program** is considered to have **concluded naturally** if substantially all (75%+) of the originally scheduled programming took place.

2021 Indoor Membership Reporting

Districts are asked to report all **indoor participants** as at March 31, 2021 according to previously communicated reporting methods, not later than **April 5, 2021**.

This will comprise the 'final' 2021 indoor membership reporting and should include data for all **indoor participants** in **indoor programs** that were ongoing at or **concluded naturally** before March 31, 2021.

These reported numbers will be used to assess Alberta Soccer 2021 indoor membership fees and to further support understanding of the impact of pandemic responses through winter 2021 on soccer.

In addition to this member data reporting, we are asking that all districts provide the following overall registration numbers using the <u>Summarized Member Reporting form</u> or another convenient reporting method for:

1. All **indoor registrants** as at November 1, 2020

This is to ensure we obtain data regarding registrants willing to participate in indoor soccer under the health restrictions and pandemic conditions through the early fall registration period. Our ability to provide data-driven feedback is vital to inform future decisions.

These reported numbers **will not** be used to assess any Alberta Soccer membership fees. It will be used to establish baseline participant information according to restrictions in place and information available ahead of and at the beginning of the indoor season.

2. All indoor participants as at January 15, 2021

If there **were not** significant changes between November 1, 2020 and January 15, 2021, you do not need to submit this information twice.



These reported numbers **will not** be used to assess any Alberta Soccer membership fees. It will be used to inform consultations on the impacts of pandemic responses on sport during this time period.

Summary Example of reporting requirements

Reporting 'as at' date:	November 1, 2020	January 15, 2021	March 31, 2021
Number of Indoor Registrants	10,000		
Number of Indoor Participants		8,000	4,000
Alberta Soccer Membership Fee			\$32,000
	Used to establish baseline (potential) indoor participation under early fall restrictions	Used to assess impacts of November – December pandemic restrictions on sport	Used to calculate Alberta Soccer levy Used to assess impacts of mid- January – March pandemic restrictions on sport