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We are excited to announce that Team Registration for the 2020-2021 Indoor Winter Season is now open! This will be an unusual season for everyone, so please review all the information in this document prior to proceeding with your team registration. Everything referenced below is in reference to restrictions and rules that come from the <u>Alberta Soccer Return to Modified Games</u> document. It is important that you review this document prior to registering a team. This document is subject to change as per the recommendations from Alberta Health Services and the Province of Alberta and CUSA will make amendments and adjustments to programming as needed throughout the winter season.

Team Registration and Program Choices

- Men's Boarded
- Men's Boardless 7v7
- Men's and Women's Futsal
- COED Boarded

Teams and players are limited to one **sport cohort total**. This means that the typical option of playing both Boarded and Non Boarded, Men's and COED etc over the winter is not allowed, and players must choose one program exclusively. This is also applicable to COED teams, as the players cannot play on both a Men's team and a COED team, they must choose. Be sure to check with your players that they meet the requirements of One Sport Cohort prior to registering your team.

Alignment, League Placement, and Provincials

The alignment for this current season will be based on the best fit for teams that registered rather than the typical promotion and relegation rules that place teams within their divisions. Given the circumstances of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the restrictions in place under Alberta's Phase 2 Relaunch, league alignment for teams in the 2020-2021 season will not be binding. This means that if a Division 1 Boarded team does not register this season, they will not lose their spot in the traditional league alignment. When typical CUSA league play can resume, alignment and team placement will revert back to the standings from the 2019-2020 Indoor Season.

At this time in Phase 2, tournaments and travel to provincial competitions is not permitted. Until such time occurs and AHS allows for tournaments, ASA will determine if they will offer provincial competitions. We will amend and announce any qualifying process and procedure should the environment change.

Boardless Soccer shift from 8v8 to 7v7

Boardless soccer will be played 7v7 moving forward, a change away from the 8v8 program previously offered. This is due to the various sizes of boardless fields available across the province, and the anticipation that when/if Alberta Soccer hosts a provincial competition for boardless soccer, it is expected it will be in the 7v7 format.



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Facilities

The Calgary West Soccer Centre was renovated this summer to be a boardless soccer facility. There are 3 boardless fields now at the CWSC, and boarded soccer will no longer be offered at that facility. Additionally, Ambrose university is not renting their facility to the public, so for this season, Futsal is offered at the Genesis Centre. A breakdown of the facilities for our programs is below;

7v7 Boardless Soccer

- Macron Fieldhouse (formerly Foothills Fieldhouse)
- Calgary West Soccer Centre

Boarded Soccer

- Calgary Soccer Centre Main Building
- Calgary Soccer Centre Annex
- Genesis Centre

<u>Futsal</u>

• Genesis Centre

Schedule and Game Play

CUSA is targeting a season total of 14 games for all teams. In a circumstance where fewer games are scheduled the team fees will be reduced.

Teams within a division will be grouped together into pairs, and they will play each other twice in one week. A 14 day break will then occur. New pairs will be grouped, and they will play each other twice in one week. This rotation will continue on. A hypothetical schedule for the first 6 games of a season can be found <u>HERE</u>

Player Registration and Roster Management

Roster size and registration options are different this year with COVID, please review the points below carefully before registering.

- Rosters will be capped at a maximum of 22 players.
- There will be no guest playing allowed in any program in the 2020-2021 season. This is due to the cohort format that must be followed, and there can be zero exceptions to this rule.
- To transfer players between teams, the player must not be on any roster for a minimum of 14 days prior to being added onto a new roster.
- All players will pay an ASA membership fee at the time of registration of \$20. Individuals who participated in a summer cohort or the Fall Cup will be charged \$5 in recognition that \$15 of the per player fee was paid when registering for those programs. Payment will be made available online and in office for all members.
- Teams can identify up to 3 non-cohort coaches who are complying with the mask and social distance rules



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Team Fees

The fee structure for this season is revised to reflect the current circumstances of no provincial competitions at the end of the season so all teams will be charged as "non provincial" resulting in team fees that are the same for all teams regardless of division registered.

Player fees are being paid by the individual player this season instead of being included in the team fees. All players will be charged \$20 at the time of registering, unless they previously registered this summer in a cohort or the Fall Cup, in which case they will be charged \$5 at the time of registering.

Boarded and Non Boarded Programs (Men's and COED) 14 Games - \$3570.00 per team

Futsal - \$2900 per team

Registration deadline with Deposits of \$1500 due by October 2, 2020 to confirm your position in the league. Space is limited and registrations will be accepted in a first come first serve basis.

All teams must have one person complete the Canada Soccer Risk Assessment and watch the Alberta Soccer Webinar on return to play within 7 days of registering. Both links will be in the confirmation email you receive after registering the team.