

INDOOR 2020 2021 PROGRAM INFORMATION

Registration opens August 21st 2020 – September 15th 2020

Community Outdoor Program

As you know the outdoor season was not what we would have liked it to be. We also know that kids need to begin to play again and wanted to keep you up to date on what our plans are for the indoor season. Please keep in mind that we will follow all Alberta Soccer and Alberta Health Services recommendations and formats may change. So this is what we have planned with the information we have now.

GAME FORMAT COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY INDOOR (U7 to U19):

- We are looking to form cohorts with 4 teams with a maximum of 12 players on each team.... To keep us below the 50 maximum cohort set out by Alberta Health (If AHS increases the Sport Cohort number, we can have more players per team or increase the number of teams)
- The leagues will be round robin formats and we will re-seed the cohort teams after a two-week break (quarantine), so teams will get an opportunity to play others, not just the same 3 teams. We will look at Natural breaks such as December to re-seed.
- Dressing rooms will be available to teams but would encourage players to come dressed for the game.
- Teams to arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to kickoff and to leave right after the game to avoid unnecessary contact in the halls and areas.
- All participants including adults who will be entering the buildings will need to register with facilities and sign waivers online (<https://www.esaf.ca/index.php/covid-19/self-declaration>) (<https://www.esaf.ca/images/waiver%20minor18-19.pdf>) (<https://esaf.ca/images/waiver%20adult19-20.pdf>) , and pre-register for contact tracing (<https://www.esaf.ca/index.php/covid-19/contact-tracing>) – grandparents, cousins or anyone who will be entering the building will need to do this.
- All persons entering the building will need to be wearing a mask regardless if they are players or coaches, according to level two of the Edmonton Facilities mandate (https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/emergency_preparedness/masks.aspx)
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all areas in the building
- Tournaments may not be able to organize due to the two-week quarantine period needed to re-cohort the groups. If AHS increase the cohort number from 50-100 things could change.

- Trialists or Guest players will not be accepted due to the Cohort restrictions
- All parents, players, organization will need to be ready to discontinue the program if Alberta Health Services cancels the Cohort system.
- Every team must have a Covid Contact Person that will be responsible to contact the EMSA office for any reports of possible Covid exposure and follow all protocols from AHS.
- All refunds due to cancelations will be pro-rated depending on the number of games played.

GAME FORMAT CLUB

CLUB INDOOR (U9 – U19)

** Please note that this may change prior to indoor season beginning if AHS changes their cohort sizes.

- All Club teams will follow the same game format below. This means all U9 – U19 Tier 1 – Tier 3 Boarded and Non Boarded.
- U9 Non Boarded teams will play on a 7 v 7 size field but with 9 players on the field at a time.
- U11 Non Boarded teams will play on a 7 v 7 size field but with 8 or 9 players (TBD) on the field at a time.
- Divisions will be formed as normal declaration/allocation process. NO limited number on how many teams in each division but 6 or more teams would be beneficial for scheduling.
- Teams will receive a total 15 games over the course of the entire season.
- There is no set playing day. Teams can play any day of the week.
- Stats will be kept.
- Prior to Christmas 2 teams (cohort) from the same division will play each other twice during the same week. Then the division will break for 14 days where the teams will do their own training, practices, etc.
- The division will start up again after 14 days and then two different teams will meet that week for their two games against each other. Then another 14 day break for that division and then another two teams cohort for 2 games, etc. etc.
- A total of 8-10 games per team will be played prior to the Christmas Break.
- Schedules will only be done up until Christmas. New schedules with possible new groupings will be created to start after the Break.
- Not all teams in each division may play against each other pending on the declaration/division numbers however stats will be still be kept.
- In order for the Soccer Centres not to sit vacant every second week, we will stagger the start date/week for the divisions. So Group 1 divisions will play their games starting week one. Group 2 divisions will play their games starting week two.
- We will not have enough weeks to complete both groups divisions equally by Christmas (10 games total), Group 1 will have their full 10 games. Group 2 will only have 8 games played (short by two games). We will have group 2 divisions play their missing 2 games during the first week of January.

- We will re-evaluate at Christmas and either change some teams up if necessary and continue on with a new schedule in the same format if AHS restrictions remain as is..... Teams will then play a single round robin within their division, which will equal to one game per week (still skipping the 14 days between games) which will give them an additional 5 games to make their game total 15 games which is what we have budgeted for.
- If AHS allows bigger cohorts at Christmas then we will reevaluate again and may change up the format or size of divisions or how they play each other.
- **Roster size will remain as normal as per EMSA roster limits in the Rules/Regs.** Due to the cohorts of two teams playing each other and then taking a 14 day break we do not need to limit the number on the roster to a lower number than what is in EMSA rules.
- Number of players on the field will remain as normal.
- No trialists/guest players permitted.
- Non Boarded games will take place at the Edmonton Scottish Soccer Dome.
- Team trophy will be awarded to the top team in each division at the end of the season.
- All refunds due to cancelations will be pro-rated depending on the number of games played.

All players, team officials and spectators playing **Boarded Soccer** at the Edmonton Soccer Facilities will need to pre-register as per the instructions below:

All participants including adults who will be entering the Edmonton Soccer Association indoor boarded soccer buildings will need to register with facilities and sign waivers online (<https://www.esaf.ca/index.php/covid-19/self-declaration>) (<https://www.esaf.ca/images/waiver%20minor18-19.pdf>) (<https://esaf.ca/images/waiver%20adult19-20.pdf>) , and pre-register for contact tracing (<https://www.esaf.ca/index.php/covid-19/contact-tracing>) – grandparents, cousins or anyone who will be entering the building will need to do this.

All persons entering the Facility regardless whether they are players, team officials or spectators must be wearing a self-provided mask.

All teams playing **Non Boarded Soccer** will need to follow the rules set forth by the Edmonton Soccer Dome as below (file also attached to this email). Please note that they are **not allowing any spectators** into their building this season. Players and Team Staff only.