



June 18, 2020

Dear Members,

The Government of Alberta announced the start of the Phase 2 of the Relaunch on June 12, 2020. As part of the Phase 2 of the Relaunch, Government of Alberta allows the return of :

- Team Sports:
  - Outdoor Events for maximum 100 people
  - Sports teams can play in region-only cohorts of up to 50 players (mini leagues)
- Indoor Recreation, Fitness and Sports, including gyms and arenas

<https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-relaunch-strategy.aspx#stage2>

Canada Soccer together with Alberta Soccer decided to provide a Return-To-Soccer template to all the Soccer Districts in Alberta and support them in their bid to return to organized soccer.

Alberta Soccer Return-To-Soccer Plan includes three phases:

- Phase 1: Return-To-Train
  - Modified Training starting June 12
  - ASA full guidelines are published here:
    - <https://albertasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Alberta-Soccer-Return-to-Soccer-Plan-June-2020-V8-1.pdf>
  - Activities will include:
    - Individual training following social distancing rules
    - Tryouts with social distancing observed
- Phase 2: Return-To-Modified-Games
  - Modified Training and Modified Games starting June 19
    - ASA Guidelines for Return-To-Modified-Games have been completed and will be published here: <https://albertasoccer.com/covid-19-updates/>
- Phase 3: Return-To-Soccer
  - Regular Training, Games and Competitions

All EMSA Zones and Clubs have submitted their plans for Return-to-Play to Canada Soccer and secured approval for start of season tryouts and training on June 12 and start of modified games on June 19.

Each EMSA Zone and/or Club will share their individual guidelines with each player, team official, parent and/or volunteer before the start of the first training session.

EMSA will like to remind all Team Officials involved with both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Return-To-Play plan that there are a few key rules that will have to be implemented for every training session:

- Conduct a physical check on all players before the practice start and insure none of the players display any symptoms of COVID19 infection.
- Ensure hand sanitizer is readily available in proximity of the practice location.
- Keep record of place and date of practice.
- Discuss with all players' parents and ensure that only one family member per player attends practice.
- Endure that all family members/spectators maintain 2-meter physical separation around perimeter of the field and at least 3 meters from any sideline.
- Keep record of attendance for every practice including contact information to be used for COVID19 tracing purposes, if required.

Thank you for your patience during this challenging period.  
We will share additional information as this becomes available.

EMSA Executive

Please see additional information for your specific EMSA Zone and/or Club:

#### **EMSA MILL WOODS:**

This season only any players interested in playing Selects FC will be accepted, no tryouts necessary.

Sessions will start June 27<sup>th</sup> and will be held during the week and some Saturdays. The fees will be \$300 for U9 – U17 (24sessions over 8 weeks).

Sessions will be skills focused and be overseen by the MWSA technical team and Selects FC coaches. There will be strict protocols for players/coaches/parents upon arrival to the session. These will be a verbal COVID screening, contact tracing log information recorded, sanitizing of hands, set up of player and team equipment. Upon completion of the session, all player/coaches/parents will sanitize hands while exiting the field. Separate areas for arrival and exit will be in place. All participants will be asked to arrive and exit promptly so that cohorts do not overlap. More detailed information to follow.

Should stage 3 go forward and full games be possible. Extra Fees will apply to those players that wish to be involved in league gameplay. Should gameplay start while the Return to Training phase is still in effect, fees will be prorated and applied towards to the game fees. All information can be found at <https://emsamillwoods.com/>

#### **EMSA NORTH:**

North Side united Tryout dates are June 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> ESA Complex 14920 142 Street . Please note the players must pre-register before arriving. [Click here for the Schedule.](#)  
All information can be found at <https://northsideunitedfc.com/>

### **EMSA SOUTH WEST:**

SW Sting FC is the **Competitive Youth Soccer Program** for the South West Edmonton Minor Soccer Association (SWEMSA). We offer Premier/Club programs for boys and girls from U7 – U19.

Updates To 2020 Outdoor Soccer Season And Tryout Information:

SW Sting FC has received **Low Risk designation** from Canada Soccer and is now able to proceed with Phase 2 of the Alberta Soccer Return to Train plan.

We are pleased to announce **SWSFC will be hosting player tryouts for U9-U17 players:**

- Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st
- Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th
- Locations and schedules are to be announced on Thursday, June 18th
- Physical distancing will be in effect. As such, any future cohort arrangements will not be impacted by participation in a tryout.

*Please note that for U7, tryouts are not required. All players at this age level are welcome to Try Us Out and will be automatically accepted to the SW Sting FC program.*

The schedule will be posted on Team Snap on Thursday, June 18.

**\*For new tryout registrations only\* If you have not yet registered for tryouts but you would like to, you must first complete the Tryout Form: [\(click here\)](#)**

### **EMSA WEST:**

EMSA West soccer program starts the week of July 6th and runs for 6 weeks.

The program is only open to existing registered players at this time.

Indoor Soccer program registration will open in August.

All information can be found at <https://emsawest.com/>

### **EDMONTON SCOTTISH UNITED SOCCER CLUB:**

Edmonton Scottish United Soccer Club is excited to join Edmonton Minor Soccer Association, and looks forward to contributing to EMSA's commitment to holistic player development, founded on the principles of fair play.

While our sport has been changed by events outside of our control, we are driven to provide the best possible environment for our athletes, families, coaches, volunteers, directors and staff members. To learn more about our club, and our approach to phased-in Return to Training, please visit [www.scottishunited.com](http://www.scottishunited.com).