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Dear Members,

Hope this email finds all of you well!!

EMSA would like to thank all the EMSA Zones and Clubs, Teams Officials and Parents for their assistance in keeping the players safe during the first 2 phases of the Alberta Soccer Association's Return-To-Soccer Plan.

Please remember that all decisions, regarding the sanctioned soccer activities are managed by Canada Soccer and Alberta Soccer in conjunction with respective health authorities and all decisions regarding usage of soccer fields by organized groups are made by Greater Edmonton Area Municipalities and Alberta Health Services.

The Government of Alberta recently announced that will allow soccer to return to games within a COHORT environment, please check the link of the Government of Alberta Covid-19 Guidelines for Organized sports (<https://albertasoccer.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/covid-19-relaunch-sports-physical-activity-and-recreation.pdf>).

During Phase 2 the Teams can form in-region only **cohorts of up to 50 players**. Due to the limited numbers of players allowed in a Cohort, EMSA is not able to organize competitive Divisions city-wide.

As soon as AHS decides to increase the number of players allowed in a Cohort, EMSA will be able to resume scheduling of competitive league games city-wide.

Alberta Soccer provided us with an updated list of the AHS COVID-19 Symptoms Checklist for Staff, Team Officials and Participants. Please make sure to read it and be aware of it ([click here](#)).

EMSA is hosting the FRE SOCCER SUMMER DAY CAMP U11-U13, from July 1 to July 30, 2020. In respect of all restrictions, this day camp has been very successful for 4 days a week from 9:00 am to 11:00am the players can learn and have fun in soccer techniques. All info can be found HERE (<https://emsamain.com/seasoninfo/training-sessions/>).

**The Registration for the Indoor Soccer Season 2020/2021 will open on August 15, 2020.**

EMSA is currently planning to organize a full season of competitive, city-wide, divisional games during the upcoming Indoor Season. The size of teams and divisions for the upcoming Indoor Season will be contingent of the Cohort size as decided by AHS. EMSA and Edmonton Soccer Facilities Association (owner of the three indoor soccer centers) are in discussions to decide the competition structure that will allow indoor soccer to resume in a safe and healthy manner.

Thank you!!!