



August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Dear Members,

As you are aware the 2020 Outdoor Season was not what we would have liked it to be. EMSA also knows that players need to begin to play again, so we wanted to keep you up to date on what our plans are for the 2020/2021 Indoor Season .

Please check below what we have planned with the information we have now. Please keep in mind that EMSA will follow all Alberta Soccer and Alberta Health Services recommendations and formats may change.

### **2020/2021 Indoor Season Format :**

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

#### **Community League Format (U7 to U19):**

1. 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)
2. 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.
3. Dressing rooms will be available to teams but would encourage players to come dressed for the game.
4. 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.
5. 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.
- 6. 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](https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/emergency_preparedness/masks.aspx))
- 7. Hand sanitizer will be available at all areas in the building
- 8. 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.
- 9. Trialists or Guest players will not be accepted due to the Cohort restrictions
- 10. All parents, players, organization will need to be ready to discontinue the program if Alberta Health Services cancels the Cohort system.
- 11. 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.

### **CLUB INDOOR FORMAT (U9 – U19)**

1. All Club teams will follow the same game format below. This means all U9 – U19 Tier 1 – Tier 3 Boarded and Non Boarded.
2. U9 Non Boarded teams will play on a 7 v 7 size field but with 9 players on the field at a time.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Teams will receive a total of 15 games over the course of the entire season.
6. There is no set playing day. Teams can play any day of the week.
7. Stats will be kept.
8. 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.

9. 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.
10. A total of 8-10 games per team will be played prior to the Christmas Break.
11. Schedules will only be done up until Christmas. New schedules with possible new groupings will be created to start after the Break.
12. Not all teams in each division may play against each other pending on the declaration/division numbers however stats will be still be kept.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. If AHS allows bigger cohorts at Christmas then we will re-evaluate again and may change up the format or size of divisions or how they play each other.
17. 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.
18. Number of players on the field will remain as normal.
19. No trialists/guest players permitted.
20. Non Boarded games will take place at the Edmonton Scottish Soccer Dome.
21. Team trophy will be awarded to the top team in each division at the end of the season.
22. All refunds due to cancelations will be pro-rated depending on the number of games played.

23. 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.**

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

**EDMONTON SCOTTISH SOCIETY SOCCER DOME REOPENING**

**GENERAL NOTES**

- NO SPECTATORS - Players, Team Staff and ESS Board Members only
- Do not enter the facility until 5 minutes before your assigned time
- Water is the only permitted liquid in the Dome
- No Spitting - failure to comply will result in a ban from the Facility
- Please use Garbage and Recycle Bins
- Do not leave any personal items behind

**ENTERING THE DOME**

- Dome entry is through the covered patio ONLY
- Washroom Trailer 1 is to be used when entering the Soccer Dome
- All players and coaches MUST use hand sanitizer BEFORE entering the revolving door
- Once inside the Dome, walking clockwise please use the track to access your field
- Please place bags and other personal items 2 meters away from other participants

**Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in a ban from the Facility pending a hearing**

**SOCCER PAVILION Closed**

**WASHROOM TRAILER 1** (2 spaces Lobbies & Change Room)  
**WASHROOM TRAILER 2** (2 Spots when Lobby)

**PLAYING IN THE DOME**

- Limit interactions to your cohort
- Ensure that you sanitize before, during and after activity
- Modify rules to reduce handling the ball (e.g. kick-ins)
- If you require use of the Washroom, exit the facility and use Washroom Trailer 1

**EXITING THE DOME**

- Please exit the dome promptly at the end of your session / cohort match
- When leaving the Dome, please again walk clockwise around the track, and use hand sanitizer BEFORE entering the revolving door
- Washroom Trailer 2 is available after your session / cohort match

The diagram shows a soccer field with a track around it. Arrows indicate a clockwise path starting from the top right. Labels include 'ENTER' and 'EXIT' at the top right, and 'WASHROOM TRAILER 1' and 'WASHROOM TRAILER 2' at the bottom. A 'SOCCER PAVILION Closed' sign is shown on the left. A yellow warning sign with an exclamation mark is also present.

## Indoor Season 2020/2021 Registration is now open!!!

**The Registration for the Indoor Soccer Season 2020/2021 is open from today [August 21, 2020](#).**

In order to register for the Indoor Season please login with your email and password on EMSA Portal [www.emsa.com](http://www.emsa.com).

You can also check all the info regarding your EMSA ZONE/CLUB on their website:

[EMSA Main](#)

[EMSA North](#)

[EMSA Spruce Grove](#)

[EMSA West](#)

[EMSA South West](#)

[EMSA South East](#)

[Edmonton Scottish](#)

[United SC](#)

[St.Albert Association](#)



## EMSA I.D. Cards REMOTELY

EMSA will also be doing Player and Team Official Cards remotely for the 2020/2021 Indoor Season. Once we know when the season will commence, the **cards will be delivered to the Zone offices for distribution** to the team Coaches and then the coaches can distribute to the players at end of the Indoor Season.

**The EMSA ID CARD has a expire date, please check that your card has not expired.** If you have existing cards please check the expiry date on the card (if not expiring during the Indoor Season you will not need to renew). All the Players/ Team Officials cards requested for the Outdoor Season 2020 has an expiry date on 2023.

### **Procedure for ID Cards:**

1. Check the expiry date.
2. Selfie of the Player, Team Officials, with no hats, sunglasses, and hands in their faces as well as they must have a t-shirt on.
3. One piece of ID for Players which can either be, their Alberta Health Care Card, Birth Certificate, Passport, Driver's Licence.
4. If they know what zone/community they are to play with, they can specify the name (ie. North Zone or Delton Community)

**Players and Team Officials can send carding requests with the required attachments. All ID Card emails must be sent to [leonoran@emsamain.com](mailto:leonoran@emsamain.com) and no other email.**

#### **Player Cards Required for:**

Age Group	Community	Premier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
U9		✓	✓	✓	✓
U11		✓	✓	✓	✓
U13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

#### **Team Official Cards Required For Games:**

Age Group	Community	Premier	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
U9		✓	✓	✓	✓
U11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

\*team officials are coaches, assistant coaches and managers

**U7 Team Officials will need to have an EMSA I.D. card in order to gain free admission into the Edmonton Soccer Centres.**

## **EDMONTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION FACILITIES**

Please check the ESAF Health & Safety plan for the 2020/2021 Indoor season: <https://esaf.ca/index.php/covid-19/health-safety-in>

EMSA Office is still closed to the public and all staff still working remotely until further notice.

Thank you!!!