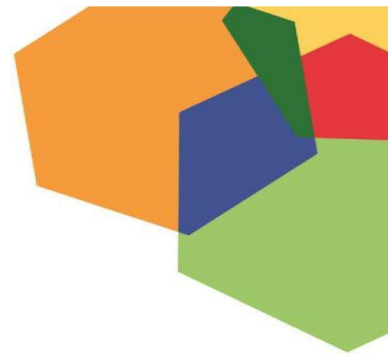
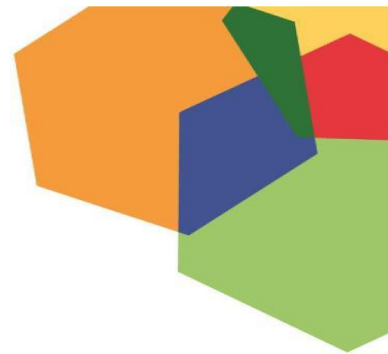


EMSA COVID – GUIDELINE 2021 Outdoor Season

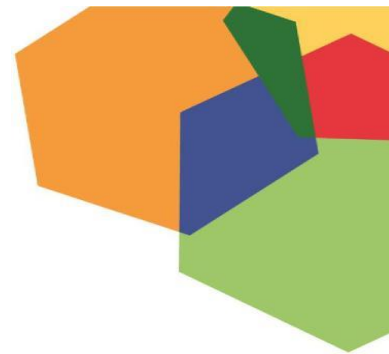
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Introduction	Information provided in this summary is based on AHS Guidelines (link), Alberta Soccer Association Return-to Competition & Contact Training Guidelines (link) and decisions of the EMSA Board of Directors.
Registration	All Players and Team Officials (Coach, Assistant Coach, and Manager) must be registered on the EMSA PORTAL www.emsamain.com for the 2021 Outdoor Season prior to the season start.
Waivers & Declarations	During the online registration process all participants (or parents/guardian if under 18 year of age) must sign the ASSUMING OF RISK Waivers, EMSA Waivers, and Covid 19 Waivers.
Physical Distancing	Physical distancing of 2 metres must be maintained at all times between all participants when not actively on the field of play; technical area and player bench not included in field of play. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches/trainers may enter physical distancing space for brief interactions with participants to correct form or technique and provide guidance during games/training sessions but must wear a mask during the interaction
Team Official /Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team official or another designated person must complete the following forms: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete COVID Symptoms Checklist for Team CLICK HERE Complete COVID Contact Tracing log for Team CLICK HERE , it also can be done electronically if the team has an app that can do that (example: Team Snap). Contact Tracing Logs must be kept for all games or training sessions for a minimum of 4-weeks with reasonable security measures in place to protect the personal information collected (Name & Contact Information). Masks are mandatory when not on the field of play if 2 metres distancing cannot be maintained Coaches may remove masks while actively coaching if maintaining the 2 metres physical distancing from players but must wear a mask if entering physical distancing space for brief interactions
Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are mandatory when not on the field of play if 2 metres distancing cannot be maintained Players may remove masks during active training/play but are encouraged to wear masks until they enter the field of play as well as when entering /exiting the field. No loitering before or after games / training sessions. No interacting with players or coaches not in your group while at the field/facility. Arrive no more than 10-15 minutes before access to field, dressed and ready to participate.



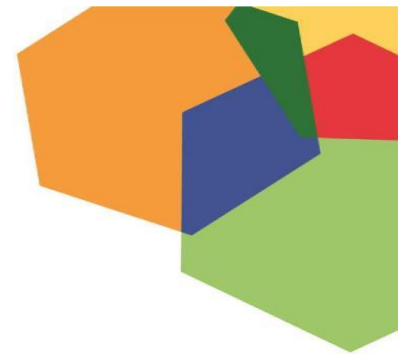
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<p>Covid Tracker</p>	<p>Each team is fully responsible for Covid tracing. Team Manager or head coach must designate one person from their team (age 18 or older) that will be designated as the “COVID Tracker”. It can be a team official or other designated person. This person should be the first person to arrive at the field. This person’s name MUST be written down on the game sheet at the bottom in the blank area and marked “COVID TRACKER” beside their name.</p> <p>It doesn’t have to be the same person for every game. They will be required to fill out a contact tracing log (see Season Info on EMSA website for log) for every single game as well as go over a symptom check list (see Season Info on EMSA website for list) with each player, team official, bench attendant and tech trainer when they arrive at the field for every game. If anyone has symptoms they must be sent home immediately and told to call 811. Tracing can also be done electronically if you have an app that tracks this. The COVID paper work/electronic format will need be kept by your team unless requested by the EMSA office or Alberta Health Services. The COVID Tracker will also be responsible for informing the EMSA Office immediately if anyone is found to have any symptoms after they have played or test positive for COVID.</p>
<p>Referees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referees will be required to follow all Alberta Soccer Guidelines and must have taken the Outdoor courses to be able to referee during the Outdoor Season. • Games will be assigned by EMSA Referee Assignors. • More information can be found on the EMSA website (Click Here) • Interaction with referees should be limited and kept to 2 meters distancing at all times with the following exceptions when masks will be worn; • Pre-game exchange of game sheets/ID Card check – both referee and coach / manager required to wear masks. • In-game situations like wall management, free kick management, drop ball management or other management decisions as determined by the Referee – the referee will wear a mask. • This does not include players moving past the Referee in the run of play to challenge for the ball, mark a player or other natural movements during open play. Any players who intentionally breach the 2 meters distance during the game to interact with the referee will be subject to the appropriate discipline action including warnings, Yellow Cards and Red Cards.



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<p>Authority of the Referee</p>	<p>The referee has the authority to stop, suspend or terminate the match for any for any breach of the requirements of the Return to Modified Games plan by participants or spectators.</p> <p><u>COVID Related Spitting Offences</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spitting at any person will remain a sending off offence, as per the IFAB Laws of the Game. • For all other types of spitting, if a player, substitute or team official is seen to be spitting or clearing nasal passages on or around the field of play, or if a goalkeeper is seen to be spitting on their gloves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first incident will result in a verbal warning to the individual. • The second incident by that same person will result in a Yellow Card (Caution) for Unsporting Behavior. • The third incident by the same person will result in a second Yellow Card (Caution) and therefore a Red Card and dismissal from the game. <p>• Note – spitting on the field or spitting on gloves will be an in-game suspension only and no further sanction will be administered by the league. The player’s team will not play short as a result of the COVID spitting offence, except for a double caution.</p> <p><u>COVID Related Cautionable Offences:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player, substitute, substituted player or team official who yells another person is cautioned. This does not include yelling instructions etc., which are a normal part of soccer, but should be used when the yelling is considered a health risk under COVID-19. If the yelling AT another person is excessive or persistent, the player should be sent off. <p><u>COVID Related Sending-Off Offences:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any players who are involved in a physical altercation will be sent off. If the altercation involves more than two players, the game will be terminated. • A player, substitute, substituted player or team official who yells AT another person in a manner to considered by the referee to be excessive or persistent is sent off. <p>The sanction for sending off for physical altercations will be determined based on the review of the referee’s report by the league director.</p>
<p>Handshaking at End of Game</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams are not permitted to shake hands at the end of the game with each other or the referee. • Pre-game and post-game handshakes should be replaced by a walk by, socially distanced, between the teams.



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Player / Team Officials Cards	Player and Team Officials I.D. cards will be checked by the referee as per normal procedure.
Participant Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand Hygiene (wash or sanitize hand) should be done before and after each game and practice. • All participant should refrain from touching eyes, nose, mouth, or face with hands or gloves. • All participants should follow proper respiratory etiquette: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spitting on the field or clearing of nasal passages onto the field or a person's clothing will be a RED CARD offence. This would include a goalkeeper spitting on their gloves. - Yelling or shouting at ANY person will be a minimum YELLOW CARD and, at the referee's discretion may be a RED CARD if considered excessive. - If there is a physical altercation involving no more than two players, those players will receive a RED CARD and be required to leave the facility. - If there is a physical altercation involving more than two players, the game will be terminated. • Goalkeeper should sanitize their hands and gloves before and after activity.
Game Equipment	<p>Home team is required to bring 3 (three) game balls. The game ball and two spares will be sanitized by the home team in view of the players and the referee and will be re-sanitized at half-time or any other time that the referee deems necessary. Players may request that the ball be re-sanitized or that a spare, sanitized ball be used if the game ball has been touched frequently by players' hands. All shared equipment must be cleaned and sanitized before and after each group training session or game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend that one individual be assigned responsibility for management of equipment. • Goalkeeper gloves cannot be shared
Spectators and gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectators are permitted within the limits of AHS gathering size, physical distancing requirements and subject to any additional facility and/or program restrictions. • Spectator areas must allow for 3 metres distance to be maintained from players, coaches, and referees AND allow 2 metres distance between spectators from different households <p>The activity must comply with current gathering restrictions issued by Alberta Health Services.</p>
Transportation	It is strongly recommended that players avoid carpooling to games.



The full list of Covid-19 Rules, Regulations and Policies are listed under each Club and Community Program on the EMSA Main website:

U9 –U19 CLUB League	https://emsamain.com/seasoninfo/outdoorseason/club-league-u9-u19-team-official-season-info/
U13 –U19 Community League	https://emsamain.com/seasoninfo/outdoorseason/team-official-resources/
U5-U7-U9-U11 Community League	Please contact your EMSA ZONE/CLUB