
June 3, 2021 CUSA Membership Update

OUTDOOR 2021 SEASON

Registration for the 2021 Outdoor Programs will open Friday, June 4th (tomorrow!).

Following the Open For Summer Plan of the Alberta Government we anticipate that we will be in the position to resume league play with minimal restrictions commencing July 6th. This remains subject to the continued downward trend in hospitalizations and the increasing vaccination numbers.

Outdoor 2021 will look and feel slightly different from prior seasons. CUSA is committed to provide players and teams opportunities to get back on the pitch playing and reacquainted with teammates. The season has built-in flexibility to fit the needs of your team.



CUSA will be offering our full slate of traditional summer programs:

Age Groups:

- Men's, Masters, Over 45/55 and Coed.

Style of Game:

- Teams can choose to play either 11v11, 7v7 or Boarded (Coed option only & subject to Indoor Sports being permitted).

Level of Competition:

- Given there is no provincials, nor plans for promotion or relegation this season the Levels of Competition (or Division of Play) will be general in name. Competitive, Intermediate, Recreational and Ultra Recreational. We are asking teams to pick that level of play they feel they are most suited for. This does not imply that in the 2022 Season your team will be placed in a division different from where you last played in 2019.

Number of Games / Length of Season:

- We will be offering 3 different lengths of play that you can pick. Those teams that are ready to start on July 6th there will be either a 6-week (game) package, July 6 to Aug 20, or 12-week (game) package, July 6 to Oct 7, to pick. For those that would prefer to wait until end of August to begin play, there will be a second opportunity to register in July.

Package #1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 weeks. July 6 to Aug 20 7 team pools 	Package #2 (registration in July) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 weeks. Aug 21* to Oct 7 7 team pools <p>*Some games may commence earlier if no rainout reschedules from group 1</p>	Package #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 weeks July 6 to Oct 7 7 team pools May be reseeded after first 6 games.
Team Registration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 4 to 18 Deposit \$500 Balance of fees due July 12th 	Team Registration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 20 to Aug 3 Deposit \$500 Balance of fees due August 30th 	Team Registration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 4 to 18 Deposit \$500 Balance of fees due July 12th
Schedule Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 28 	Schedule Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 12 	Schedule Release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 28 (first half only)
Player Fees (ASA/CSA): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per Player \$17.00 Fee is only paid once if AHS allows multiple program registration (i.e. Men's & Coed) <p>Note majority of players will have credit code from indoor fees to apply against this amount.</p>		

The 2021 season will not be based on the 2019 final standings and will not have promotion and relegation at the end of the year. This is in keeping with the commitment that CUSA has made to the membership that we want teams and players to be comfortable when they return to play. It is however the intention that the 2022 season will return to more traditional alignment design, promotion and relegation will occur and teams will compete for the opportunity to participate in Provincials.

Team Fees:

- Team deposits of \$500 each are due for the July 6th start dates on or before June 18th.

	2021	
	6 games	12 games
Outdoor 11v11 (3)**	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 3,100.00
Outdoor 11v11 (1)	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 2,695.00
Outdoor 7v7 - Men's	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,890.00
Outdoor 7v7 - Coed	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,890.00
Coed - Boarded	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 2,555.00

- Only the 11v11 Competitive Divisions will be assigned 3 officials. If Calgary is short of officials' games will only have middles assigned. Should that occur teams will receive a refund for those matches without assigned AR's. Currently the number of registered officials – both returning and new – is significantly below what is required. This would be a great opportunity for new officials to gain experience.
- In line with this. currently the option to pay additional fees to have Assistant Referees assigned to your match will not be able to be provided for the 2021 Summer season.

The most recent information from Alberta Health there will be no requirement for cohorts for this season's operations. The on-field activities for the game should mirror what you have always experienced.

The majority of the league rules will remain the same as past seasons.

- Guest players will be allowed, although teams are encouraged to ensure that their roster is sufficient to meet the shorter league's timeframe.
- Team deposits must be paid in full by the posted deadline to be considered registered for the season.
- Teams that have paid their deposit and been placed within the division requested will not be eligible for refund if they withdraw.

REFEREES:

Love them or hate them to offer programs we do need Referees. Currently the registration levels are low for returning and new officials. If you know an official that maybe has not registered for the season help us out and spread the word that all the local associations are offering outdoor programs.

Have questions on how to become involved as a referee or how to get registered? Contact either Ric at admin@cusa.ab.ca or go to [Alberta Soccer - Referees](#).

It is important to note that we fully expect that Alberta Health Services will still have restrictions in place for those activities around the playing areas – these have not been released yet. Once we receive that we will share them with you.

