

## Frequently Asked Questions related to COVID 19



### Registration & Fees:

#### Will SSA be reducing their registration fees for participation?

Members have asked a variety of questions about the potential for reductions in fees due to a shortened season and withholding of fee increases and we have been working through the different financial scenarios. Information from Canada Soccer and on federal and provincial subsidies will help inform discussions at the Board level which are scheduled April 25- we hope to have more to report after that session.

#### Will we be charged fees if we don't run an outdoor season this year?

- **SSA continues to encourage Member Organizations to register participants.** However, we recommend that you delay collecting payments until suspensions of play are lifted.
- Ultimately, the decision to operate soccer this summer will be made by each Member Organization based on your local realities.
- As a reminder, **SSA is covering all RAMP registration related costs so there is no risk in registering.** If you normally host in-person registration nights, we would recommend assigning specific nights where you may have volunteers or staff members available by phone, chat or online meeting to support people registering online. SSA provides all members with a registration system through RAMP, which has the ability to successfully receive registrations using a mobile phone. If you need more help with your RAMP registrations, contact Eden Senger, at [registrar@sasksoccer.com](mailto:registrar@sasksoccer.com).

#### Will we still get MAP Grant funding?

Member Organizations received an email with MAP Grant information on April 2 and the application is due May 1. The MAP Grant webpage has the updated MAP Grant policy, a [recording of this week's application webinar](#), and the latest information, including adaptations to the MAP process because of COVID-19.

#### What if we have lots of people register, but some of them don't actually end up playing/coaching/refereeing? Do we have to pay fees for the participants that are registered but don't play?

If you return to play this season once sanctioned soccer activities are allowed, participants who take part in the season will require their memberships to be submitted. The Member Organization will submit the registrar report which will determine the registration fees owed to SSA. We trust that each member organization will submit the players, coaches and referees who are participating in their programs. Any participants who register but choose not participate will not be charged and should not be included in the registrar report.

#### If a Member Organization wants to hold a jamboree, what fees will we have to pay to SSA for a one day event?

Thinking differently is encouraged and trying different things such as one day events is great! Contact Eden Senger, at [registrar@sasksoccer.com](mailto:registrar@sasksoccer.com) to discuss registration options for your event.

Ultimately, you must be registered to host a sanctioned event. Participants will also have to be registered (see the question about registration above). MAP Funding can help to support these types of activities.

## **Return to Play:**

### **Is the outdoor soccer season going to happen?**

Ultimately each member will determine if they choose to offer soccer programming this summer. We encourage people to begin to think of alternatives to traditional play. Currently play is suspended and we understand that the traditional May-June season may not be a reality.



However, we believe soccer will be important when we start to return to normal. We encourage you to consider alternatives to a traditional league format and different timelines for soccer to be operated. The [8 Ways to Return to Play This Year article should help you think creatively.](#)

### **Will outdoor provincial competitions be happening this year?**

It's still too early to comment on what will and will not take place during the outdoor season. We are currently working on a series of contingencies based on when the outdoor season could potentially resume and we will provide updates based on directions from provincial health authorities.

### **Will National Championships be happening this year?**

April 1, 2020 Canada Soccer made an announcement regarding the National Championships: *"Canada Soccer will continue to closely monitor all COVID-19 developments and will conduct a review June 30 to monitor the feasibility of hosting the competitions in 2020. We will also visit the Regional Masters in the same time frame. Please note, should the 2020 Toyota National Championships go ahead, and having declared your participation, you are unable to field a team in a specific competition, no financial penalty will be imposed for the withdrawal of a team from that championship."*

## **Other:**

### **What is happening with coaching and referee courses?**

Canada Soccer is very active right now preparing for online courses to be available in the near future. This is priority focus right now and Canada Soccer and the provinces and territories are collaborating to make this possible. We hope to have online courses available in the next couple of weeks.

### **What is Canada Soccer doing to help the game during this time?**

As part of an ongoing effort to encourage, engage and motivate the Canadian soccer community, Canada Soccer has launched the [Canada Soccer Nation Inside platform](#) to unite players, coaches, referees, volunteers, and fans, who are doing their part to stay inside and off the pitch. The platform will provide unique online content, as well as support public health authority messaging in the effort to curb the spread of COVID-19 across our communities.

### **What other supports are available to support Members during this pandemic?**

We are compiling a list, [on our website](#), of online learning and engagement opportunities for members.

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