



Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Hello coaches and parents

The AHS guidelines, effective February 9, permit return to train for soccer with 8 players and two coaches. Three metres of distancing must be maintained at practice. Games are not permitted. EMSA Main has not officially cancelled the community youth U9 to U19 Indoor program. EMSA plans to make their final decision on the season **on March 1** in respect of cancellation and refunds for those age groups.

The EWZSA Board does not feel that the community program would greatly benefit from two or three practice sessions per group of 8 players under these guidelines. There would be many logistical considerations, including reducing 12 player rosters to 8 person practice groups and impacting refund calculations. Given the issues involved, the limited time remaining in the Indoor season and the expectation that actual games between teams will not be allowed before the end of the Indoor season, we believe that we should refund parents as much of the indoor soccer fees as possible and focus our efforts on planning and getting ready for the 2021 outdoor season. Accordingly, we will work towards being ready to make refunds as soon as EMSA has announced its March 1 decision.

EMSA Main has cancelled the U5/U7 program. Information on refunds will be available and communicated to the parents of the registered players next week.

Sincerely,

Edmonton West Zone Soccer Association (EWZSA)