



## EMSA Covid-19 Response Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 3, 2021 @ 7:00pm

Committee members:

In attendance: Eliana Caranci (EMSA), Michelle Orsini (EMSA), Mark Mohammed (Alliance), Tom Partalas (BMO), Abbi Lezizidis (Whitecaps), Mark Locker (Tillsonburg), Chris McCurdy (LOSL)

Regrets: Chris Gardiner (EMDSL), Kayla Marcoux (West End Blues), Jenn Groen (St. Thomas), Simon Karahalios (EMSA), Dave Humphrey (EMSRA), Nelson Rodrigues (LAWSL), Dave DeBenedictis (London FC), Dan Wybo (WOSL)

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm

1. EMSA Report:

a) OS

Eliana

- From OS, essentially no updates will be given until after June 14, 2021 about how leagues and soccer will move forward
- Good news positive cases are going down, looking like we will be ahead of schedule with re-opening
- More good news is the entire province will be on the same page (no more colours within Health Units) which will be easier for league play
- Still unsure how large group gatherings will be (start with 10, then 25) or if the maximum numbers in gatherings will be applicable to sport
- John sent out the importance of getting vaccinated, sending out that message to our members and it would appear OS has in turn started to send out that message as well

DISCUSSION:

Tom – we have the same questions: will there be bubbles, will the gathering numbers apply to sport? We will need to wait and see.

Eliana – Yes, a wait and see. Keep in mind that RTP guides will change as well

b) Registrar

Eliana

- In EMSA about 1800 players registered. Of those only 4 teams are senior. To compare 16,000 registered in 2019 😞
- It will be a flood of registrations when league play opens. Anita is hoping that leagues can get schedules up as soon as possible so she can do registrations in order of teams that are playing first.
- From Anita:

Clubs should visit our website under COVID 19 - RETURN TO PLAY PROCESS - read that and read the HOW TO GUIDE on this page - Key points for me that are on this page are:



- 1 - Canada Soccer Assessment Tool - Low or Moderate rating (EMSA will be notified by CS/OS)
- 2 - RTP Guide (EMSA does not need copy and needs to be current, OS will probably be doing a new based on what may come out from the gov't - don't know for sure, but seems possible)
- 3 - Waivers - listed in HOW TO GUIDE (EMSA does not need copy - clubs responsibility)
- 4 - Get reacquainted with SPORTSENGINE (EMSA cannot help with this as we do not have the same type of screens as clubs - they too can contact the SE help desk)
- 5 - They can have their players ready to be upload into OSCAR, but don't upload until they are ready to train (online or on field)
- 6 - Governing Division for player registration (ie: SR, SC, YR, YC etc) (on website mentioned above). Ensure they register them properly
- 7 - Name the Team's appropriately as indicated in HOW TO GUIDE

#### DISCUSSION:

Mark Till FC: We haven't registered to save money

Tom: Most is refundable, only money we cannot refund is the OS, EMSA, Sports Engine funds included in the registration fee. EMDSL will have about 8,000 kids but not registering until we know there is a season.

Eliana: Return to some soccer activity is June 14, not games.

Abbi: Many provinces throughout Canada have no restrictions, maybe some number restrictions but some have none. We don't want to post schedules if we won't have bubbles because we will change it.

Chris M: We are guessing an approximate July 6 return, schedules have changed several times.

#### 2. Round Table

Mark Alli: What is a viable season? Anyone know? For relegation etc.

Eliana: Regional has said they will not do promotion or relegation.

Abbi: It is suggested no promotion or relegation this season in WOSL however there will be a championship. Same for LAWSL.

Tom: EMDSL is basically the same. Just want to play. We will change schedules if there are no bubbles and have as much of normal season if we can.

Eliana: Do any leagues have protocols for sanitizing, COVID cases etc?

Abbi: Yes, we have arrival protocols, etc. and each team has a safety officer. Fines will be used to address non-compliance. LAWSL will emulate this.

Chris: We will have captains as the safety officer.

Eliana: Think about who is responsible for bringing sanitizer etc, for games.

#### 3. Committee Initiatives

Eliana & Michelle: Next EMSA Board meeting, we need to discuss creating a bulletin to launch the season from EMSA similar to the OS bulletins. Something to reflect that we want our leagues/teams ready to go when soccer gets the green light (input from Anita).

5. Meeting adjourned by Eliana at 7:53pm