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INTRODUCTION

This Outdoor 2022 Season, CMSA is modifying our league offering and introducing the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition: a competitive pathway for teams interested in qualifying for Alberta Soccer Provincial Championships.

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

CMSA recognizes the importance of having a player-first and developmental approach to league matches. By modifying our league offering, we hope to provide a memorable experience through this new Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition. The modifications to our league include removing provincial qualification from league play and instead, having a league winner.

The CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition will feature three Cup Competitions that lead to provincial qualification. The CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competitions will be opt-in at the club and teams' choice for U13, U15, and U17 at all tiers (I-IV) and both genders offered at CMSA. Any Tier V team can qualify through the Tier IV Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition for Tier IV provincials. U12 teams will not be eligible to play in the U13 Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition this season. As CMSA moves into single year age groups we will allow even year age groups to opt-in to the Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition that is designated for them. For example, U14 teams would opt into the U15 Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition and U16 teams would opt into the U17 Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition.

The CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition is played alongside CMSA league games. The CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition structure will include a single elimination knock-out game and the number of rounds will be determined based on the number of teams who opt-in. All CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition matches/finals will conclude prior to the ASA provincial declaration deadlines allowing for league play to continue through the fall for Tier I, II and Development groups. Tier III, IV, and V league competition will conclude at the end of July.

CMSA will endeavor to have consistent Match Days for the Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition that do not conflict with league play. The Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition will match league play for officials, with three (3) officials at Tier I and one (1) official at Tier II, III and IV to match the league play. We will look to make both the opening matches and the finals a special experience for all involved.

KEY DATES

- Wed. May 4, 2022: CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition Team Entry Deadline
- Wed. May 11, 2022: CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition Live Tournament Bracket Draw
- Fri. May 13, 2022: CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition schedules available online
- Tues. May 24, 2022: CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition to commence
- Fri. July 15 – Sun. July 17, 2022: CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition Finals

TEAM PLACEMENT

The CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition that a team enters will correspond with their tier placement in the league. For example, a Tier II team would enter the Tier II CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition.

TOURNAMENT BRACKET DRAW

A livestreamed draw will take place and a tournament bracket will be made for each CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition and tier. Seeding of teams will be determined based on the Indoor 2021/22 Season final standings.

COMPETITION RULES

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

Any team registered within CMSA can participate in the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition at the Tier and age group they have been placed in for league matches. The team will only enter the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition tier that corresponds with their CMSA league tier. Once a team is entered into a CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition, that team is *cup-tied* and will not be able to move to another CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition Tier for that season, regardless of competitive balancing or team movement within their CMSA League placement.

No out-of-district teams are permitted to compete in the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All players will be deemed eligible to play in The CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition matches provided they are registered within a member-club and the CMSA district on the roster of the team playing in the Cup Competition Match.

CALL-UPS

No call-ups will be permitted for the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition matches unless special provisions are granted by CMSA. Applications can be made to info@calgaryminorsoccer.com and must include the team's name, match date, call-up player's name, and reason for call-up. No lateral call-ups will be allowed within the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition. Players from a different club than their parent club are not permitted to play for that different club in the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition.

AYSL PLAYERS

No players on an AYSL roster will be allowed to be used as call-ups in any CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition matches.

BIO-BANDED PLAYERS

Bio-banded players are not eligible to compete in any CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition Matches unless they are bio-banded within the same age range. For example, a U15 player bio-banded onto a U14 team, would be eligible for the U15 CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition matches. A U16 player bio-

banded into a U15 team would not be eligible to play in any U15 CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition matches.

FEMALE PLAYERS ON MALE TEAMS

Players who identify as female are eligible to play in a male CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition of their provincial eligible age group provided that they are rostered on that male team.

CUP-TIED PLAYERS

The CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition cup-tied rules are in alignment to ASA's provincial championship rules.

MATCH FORMAT & LENGTH

All match formats will be 11v11. The U13 CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition will also be 11v11 to align with Alberta Soccer Provincial Championships. This will not align with CMSA League Play for the U13 age group, as they will be 9v9 for league matches.

- U13 match length: 80 minutes
- U15, U17 match length: 90 minutes

TIE-BREAKER

Should a match be tied at full-time, the match will go straight to penalty shootout to determine the winner of the match. Five (5) rounds of penalties will be taken in an alternating format between the teams and should the match still be tied, sudden death penalties will ensue.

Should the final of any CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition be tied at the end of regulation time, the match will go straight to penalty shootout to determine the winner of the match. Five (5) rounds of penalties will be taken in an alternating format between the teams and should the match still be tied, sudden death penalties will ensue.

PROVINCIAL QUALIFICATION

The winning team from the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition will qualify as CMSA 1 for Provincials with the Cup Final runner-up will attend as CMSA 2. In some cases, CMSA may be awarded a third qualifying spot at a provincial competition, and this would see the two (2) losing semi-finalists play off in a one (1) match play-off to determine what team represents CMSA as CMSA 3 at that provincial competition. Determining CMSA 3 will see this one (1) game playoff will go straight to a penalty shootout should it be tied at the end of full-time. Five (5) rounds of penalties will be taken in an alternating format between the teams and should the match still be tied, sudden death penalties will ensue.

ADDITIONAL

Any situations not covered in these rules will defer to CMSA Rules and Regulations for that Season.

TEAM ENTRY

Teams interested in participating in the CMSA Provincial Qualifier Cup Competition must express interest directly to their club prior to the team Entry Deadline of May 4, 2022.