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Dear MSA Members,

On March 23rd, 2021, the provincial health authorities confirmed that Manitoba remains in the critical level (red) of the Pandemic Response System but continues to slowly release restrictions. As the weather becomes warmer, opportunities to train outdoors become possible, and games and league play will become more of a reality.

The Manitoba Soccer Association continues to evaluate the RTP strategy and will work within the framework of a step-by-step approach return to our “new norm”.

The current RTP outdoor protocols have been adapted to allow training matches up to 11 v 11 within your team, program, or soccer organization (please see attached RTP Outdoor Protocols with changes highlighted in yellow). This allows senior soccer teams to play training matches outdoors up to 11 v 11 inter squad within their own team, and for youth QSP organizations to play within their programs. Competition against teams from other programs or soccer organizations, league play and tournament style events are prohibited.

Spectators at outdoor training matches must follow provincial health authority guidelines regarding group sizes and physical distancing.

Once additional information is received from the health authorities on or before April 15th the MSA will look to allow for games between soccer organizations to take place, such as exhibition matches. At this time member leagues will also be able to prepare final details for the 2021 outdoor season.

We are targeting a start date for the 2021 outdoor season of the first week of May depending on any future information about the progress of the pandemic, variants, vaccinations, and orders.

A reminder that the Indoor Return to Play (RTP) protocols remains unchanged.

We urge all our Members to ensure the MSA RTP protocols and the facility protocols are being followed.

Take care,

Héctor Vergara
Executive Director