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Dear MSA Members,

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in the province, the provincial health authorities announced new restrictions last night and health orders were distributed a few minutes ago that are effective from May 9th until May 30th, 2021.

As a result of these restrictions and the health orders, we remain in Code Red, and we are now in Stage 1 with modifications. As such, please note the following amendments to sanctioned soccer, as reflected in the attached updated Outdoor MSA Protocols.

- No indoor soccer activities of any kind.
- No outdoor inter-squad, exhibition, or league games of any kind or size.
- Practices are limited to no more than five (5) participants per cohort, including the coach, and the cohorts may not mix with any other cohort, nor may the coach rotate amongst the cohorts. Every cohort needs to be the same five (5) persons for the entirety of the practice/session. On a regular 100 m x 60 m field you may have up to 8 cohorts of five people (2 cohorts of five every quarter field) that follow the restrictions.
- At all times, participants must maintain a separation of 2 metres, including while in the activity.
- No spectators are allowed at any time, and the orders do not allow for a caregiver exception.

The MSA supports both the Member Organizations that wish to continue their activities, if resources so permit, following the amendments listed above, and those Member Organizations that choose to stop their soccer activities for reasons unique to each organization.

We encourage the Members that continue with activities to be creative on how they manage the sessions and the types of activities that they organize for the small number of players. MSA is more than happy to discuss possible solutions with you.

It is also recommended to avoid players congregating upon arrival and departure, and it is strongly recommended that everyone always wear a mask, except when engaged in the physical activity.

The MSA realizes that the new restrictions are very limiting, and we urge the Member Organizations to plan their sessions to ensure the health orders are followed. As you may have heard there will be greater policing of the orders and we must all follow them.

Please do you part to keep our community safe.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Héctor Vergara".

Héctor Vergara
Executive Director