



(COVID-19) Update – June 4, 2020

The Province of Saskatchewan is doing very well to flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases and we thank you all for being a part of this. The Government of Saskatchewan has recently announced that Phase 3 of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan begins on June 8th. It is important to note that the sport of softball is designated as a Phase 4 sport thus we are not allowed to have sanctioned activities until Phase 4 opens. We are hoping for an announcement soon regarding Phase 4. **As such all sanctioned softball activities remain suspended until the Government of Saskatchewan indicates Phase 4 sports can resume activities.** There is no definitive date on this yet. We appreciate people are getting impatient, but the reality is that we do not have permission to sanction any activities. We will provide the membership with another update as soon as this date is announced by the Provincial Government. **Physical distancing measures and other Provincial restrictions remain in place and all municipal regulations must be followed.**

We have moved the Affiliation deadline date to July 15th which is also the Provincial Championship Registration deadline. We would like to thank all those who participated in our recent Membership Town Hall Meetings. We are also having another Town Hall Meeting for our Umpire Development Committee and our District UIC's shortly. Additional Town Hall Meetings for Associations and Leagues will be held once new information is available.

Our Softball Saskatchewan Return to Play (RTP) Committee has completed our initial Return to Play Protocols. **It is important to note that these are living documents which will surely undergo a number of revisions up to such time as we receive clear guidelines from the Provincial Government as part of any future announcements about Phase 4 of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan.** We anticipate local municipalities will play a major role in determining softballs return to play and will do our best to assist our members with information and documents that help facilitate their use of local facilities.

We are currently working with hosts of Provincial Championships to see them held during the month of August. We still have some work to do with our various host organizations to confirm specific dates for each category of Provincials. We anticipate less teams entering Provincials, so we are reviewing the structure of our Championships and will be flexible on rules for them. For specific requests regarding concessions to existing rules please contact the Softball Sask office. **The new Provincial Championship Registration Deadline is July 15th, 2020.** The entry form on our web site will be updated shortly. Again, please note, the structure and format of Provincials is still to be determined and will be published once it is completed.

STAY SAFE and PLEASE continue to adhere to the directions provided by the Provincial Health Officer and our Municipal, Provincial, and Federal governments. Take care all and hopefully we can get out on the diamonds soon.

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