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OUTDOOR 2022 PROVINCIAL COMPETITION QUALIFICATION

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

The CMSA Cup Competition will feature three Cup Competitions that lead to provincial qualification. The CMSA Cup Competitions will be opt-in at the club and teams' choice. 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 cup competition for Tier IV provincials. U12 teams will not be eligible to play in U13 cup competition. As CMSA moves into single year age groups we will allow even year age groups to opt-in to the Cup Competition that is designated for them. For example, U14 teams would opt into the U15 Cup Competition and U16 teams would opt into the U-17 Cup Competition.

The 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 Cup Competitions 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 Cup Competition that do not conflict with league play. The Cup Competitions 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.

Cup Competition specific rules and registration process will be released with the CMSA Rules and Regulations for Outdoor 2022. No out-of-district teams will be permitted to play in the CMSA Cup Competition for the Outdoor 2022 Season.

The 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 Cup Competition.

All match formats will be 11v11 and match length will be 80 minutes long for the U13s and 90 minutes long for the U15 and U17 age groups. The U13 Cup Competition will be 11v11 to align with ASA Provincials. This will not align with CMSA League Play for the U13 age group, as they will be 9v9 for league matches.



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A livestreamed draw will take place prior to competition and a tournament bracket will be made for each cup competition and tier. Seeding of teams will be determined based on the Indoor 2021/22 Season final standings.

Please refer to the CMSA League Calendar for Outdoor 2022 for the Cup Competition important dates.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to Jordan Stewart at jstewart@calgaryminorsoccer.com.