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## A bi-monthly publication of the Kamloops Youth Soccer Association **KYSA Community Spring League and Slurpee Cup Cancelled**

The Kamloops Youth Soccer Association's Board of Directors met via conference call on Monday, April 13th to determine a course of action for the 2020 Community Spring Season.

KYSA's Community Spring League was originally scheduled to begin at the end of March with indoor training; however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all events through April 30th were previously postponed or cancelled. After further discussion with the Board and membership feedback, along with the ongoing information from the government and BC Soccer, the Board has made the difficult decision to cancel the Community Spring League season. KYSA will be communicating with all our registered members to offer full credits or refunds.

The 2020 KYSA Slurpee Cup, scheduled to take place over the May long weekend, has also been cancelled. This would have been the 42nd Annual event in the Tournament Capital. The Slurpee Cup not only supports the Kamloops Youth Soccer Association, but also brings tourism dollars into the City of Kamloops.

"I would like to say thank you to all of the front line workers who are making great sacrifices as we work together to get through the COVID-19 pandemic. These are unprecedented times we are in and as much as we all want to get outside and play soccer, we recognize that this ongoing situation is affecting all of Canada and the world, not just our association. We are actively monitoring the situation and we will be providing new programming options when it is safe to do so. For now, we hope that everyone stays healthy, stays active and stays home," said Candace Dodson-Willis, KYSA President.

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

KYSA is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to offering youth in Kamloops a positive, fun soccer environment at the recreational and competitive levels, with coaches who are dedicated to the players and their development, while at the same time promoting sportsmanship and fellowship amongst all its members.

## TOYSL Season on Hold

The Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer League (TOYSL) is currently on hold. The season was slated to get underway on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> with the first round of league games.

TOYSL District representatives are committed to providing information and updates to our membership as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our community and the delivery of our sport.

BC Soccer has advised members and affiliated clubs to plan for soccer activity to not occur in April 2020. Currently all sanctioned soccer activity has been suspended by Canada Soccer. This includes referee and coach clinics, team practices, training and any event gathering that is soccer related. We do not know the length of the suspension, however, BC Soccer & Canada Soccer will be keeping the membership updated and informed on an ongoing basis and we will share those updates with our TOYSL members.

At this time all TOYSL league scheduled games for April 2020 have been canceled/postponed. A further update will be provided on or before May 1, 2020.

TOYSL Districts will be working under a review and decision-making process to cancel and/or postpone programs and activities, as more information becomes known about the COVID-19 situation in our Province. The plans may include shortened season and/or a tournament season for our players. We thank you for your patience while we work through this difficult time

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# Referee and Coaching Courses Cancelled

The second half of the Fundamentals, Learn to Train and Soccer for Life coaching courses have been cancelled, as all soccer activity has been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The courses were set to take place on March 27/28/29, 2020.

The Small-sided referee course, scheduled for April 7th, was also cancelled. Courses will be re-scheduled upon the start of soccer activity.

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## Online Coach Education

BC Soccer, in conjunction with Canada Soccer, have announced that the theory component of the Community Coaching Courses will now be available online. The online component is free of charge. Coaches are now able to complete a portion of the class on their own time, and at their own pace, allowing for flexibility to complete the course.

More information on the online courses can be found on BC Soccer's website.

Once sanctioned soccer returns, new courses will be available for coaches to register for the practical field component of the course. Information will be circulated to previously registered courses as soon as it is available.

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## Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Do you have a local business that loves to support youth in our community? KYSA has sponsorship opportunities available for the 2020 season.

For more information contact Executive Director, Missy Cederholm at [kysaed@telus.net](mailto:kysaed@telus.net) or 250-376-2750.



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