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Rage Families,

As most of you know, the Alberta Government has recently announced that minor sports, including Softball, are allowed to return to train/play, with very specific rules and guidelines to adhere to. Currently Softball Alberta has approved Phase 1 (Return to Train), with Phase 2 (Return to Play) possibly starting in mid-July.

The Rage Executive has met, and we have agreed to allow for Phase 1 to start for the teams that were already formed prior to this, and coaches were assigned to. The decision to move to Phase 2 will be up to each individual coach and team, as the regulations for this phase are very complex and will not be feasible for everyone involved.

At this time, these are the only teams that will be Returning to Train/Play within the Rage organization. The complexity of organizing "teams" at this point is just too great for the large number of players that we have.

We do encourage all players to get out and practice with family and close friends. The City of Red Deer has opened all outdoor community diamonds for personal use. Please remember to always take necessary safety precautions, and obey social distancing when practicing. There will be other opportunities through The Dome and possibly other skills camps later on in the summer that we will notify you about.

We will continue to monitor the situation, and with feedback from our A and B teams, we will establish whether or not we can expand this to others. We will also be looking at other ways to get the girls onto the diamonds at a later date, once the regulations are lifted.

We appreciate your patience with these decisions. We know that this is less than ideal for all involved, but we have to understand that there is no "normal" at this time, and this year will be different.

If you do have any questions, please reach out to any member of the Executive.

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