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### ACAC Cancels the 2021 Winter Athletics Season

Edmonton, AB, November 4, 2020 – As the result of recent developments, the ACAC has officially cancelled the 2021 extended winter semester season of athletics. A surge in Covid-19 cases in Alberta has caused the majority of ACAC member institutions to extend on-line academic program delivery into the winter 2021 semester in the interests of protecting the health and safety of students and the broader community.

The ACAC fully supports this decision since health, safety and well-being must remain foremost in evaluating the viability of resuming post-secondary sport. Understandably this is a disappointing outcome for ACAC student-athletes, coaches, and supporters, however ACAC leaders are committed to working with ACAC-member institutions to determine when it may be safely possible to conduct post-secondary athletics once again. No decisions about the status of the 2021-22 season have been concluded at this time.

In June, the ACAC cancelled the fall 2020 season and proposed to conduct those fall sports (golf, soccer and cross country running) in the spring of 2021, as part of an extended winter semester of play. Other sports competed over two semesters (basketball, volleyball, hockey, curling) and winter semester-only sports (indoor track, futsal) were proposed for a condensed winter semester season that would begin in January and end in April.

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