

**Answers as provided on Friday April 3, 2020. These could change as more information becomes available to AGF or as priorities shift to adjust to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.**

**1. Can we have weekly Town Hall meetings?**

Yes, AGF is working on a schedule for weekly meetings and will inform members as these opportunities arise. The Town Halls will also be posted to [AGF's online Calendar of Events](#).

**2. Will AGF be able to qualify for the 75% wage subsidy (CEWS)?**

AGF is looking into this subsidy further (applications are scheduled to open April 6, 2020) to determine all the parameters. Should we fit all the criteria, we will look to apply for the credit when it is made available and hope to be the recipient of some of the money available.

**3. Can we see more engagement with the club, athletes and community through AGF social media platforms specifically Instagram?**

At this point, we are looking further into this type of engagement. Our initial plan of attack was to get as much information out as possible, we can now look at switching gears to more engagement if other priorities do not take precedents.

**4. Could we look at setting up a separate site for executive Director's to engage on items specific to club administration?**

On April 3, 2020 AGF created a private Facebook Group called "AGF Member Clubs". This is a free solution on a platform most members are using and already familiar with. The group can be accessed by request. Only AGF member club administrators and board of directors will be granted access. The group provides a forum for information sharing, respectful discussions and problem solving around topics of critical importance to our members. For more information and to join the group, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AGFMemberClubs/>

**5. Could we look at doing the town halls on Zoom or a platform to allow more engagement?**

Unfortunately, with the numbers that attend, allowing microphones and video would become very cumbersome and counterproductive to the process. At this point we will continue with asking questions online and ahead of town halls or other webinars held by AGF. This is a great idea for smaller groups of clubs with likeminded goals/needs and will be further discussed moving forward.

**6. What is meant by “vacancy” when referring to the Property Insurance?**

A vacant space can be defined when no one enters the premises of your business for 30 consecutive days. The difference between an “unoccupied” space and a “vacant” space is that an unoccupied space will still have someone is checking on things, going in to clean, in the office to do administrative work etc.

Please note that AGF does not carry your business property insurance and it is recommended that clubs check with their insurance provider on the parameters of their respective policy.

**7. What kind of refunds is AGF looking at? i.e. Comp athletes, club registration fees, credit towards next season fees etc.**

AGF is exploring all options at this point. Many different scenarios are being presented to the AGF Board on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The one that is most beneficial to the majority, while maintaining services will be implemented. An announcement will be released once a decision is finalized.

**8. Will AGF be using any cash in the bank to help clubs stay afloat?**

AGF is evaluating how best to use the available funds while retaining enough to meet all obligations (e.g. contracted costs), restrictions and plan for the future.

**9. Would AGF be able to look at a membership at something like Zoom or mygymisonline.com so that clubs can keep in touch with their athletes?**

AGF is looking into the cost implications for providing these options to each club and will consider it when looking at all items for club support. There seems to be mixed opinions on which one is more preferred, as well as whether AGF should spend any money at all during this period. AGF will continue to investigate the cost and determine the best option for our members at this time.

**10. What is mygymisonline.com?**

MyGymsOnline is a program that was created by Futures Gymnastics (based out of Ontario) to store an archive of videos, activities, and resources for gymnastics clubs to use. The content that they have created is directed to doing gymnastics-type activities remotely when their participants are unable to come to the gym.

**11. There seemed to be more questions after our meeting.**

This was expected. It was an excellent opportunity for us to get started with connecting with everyone, and to gather some questions from our members as to what is most important to them now that we have been through the initial wave of information. We can now move forward and look at more specifically targeted calls and engage with our membership in a very meaningful/helpful way.

**12. Could AGF recap questions every day for the membership?**

At this point AGF could commit to a weekly update/summary as well as our continued efforts on our website and social media. This may change if there are shifts in priorities or staffing.

### **13. What kinds of subsidies can I apply for as a club?**

For further information on government initiatives, please visit their websites. All links can be found on our COVID 19 page (<https://abgym.ab.ca/Safe-Sport/COVID-19-Updates>). Simply look under the "Resources and Quick Links" section of the page.

### **14. What is the current status of "home workouts"?**

AGF has submitted a set of proposed guidelines to Toole Peet (sent on April 2, 2020) for Markel to approve to cover home workouts as a sanctioned activity. Once AGF's guidelines have been approved by Markel the guidelines will be put before the AGF Board for review and approval before the sanctioning of home workouts could take effect. This would be followed by the activation and distribution of guidelines to AGF members.

### **15. Can parents come in to clean out their child's locker if we collect all items and schedule times for them to come?**

This is not currently encouraged but if there are items that they must have, or feel are necessary then you as a business can make that call. However, please refer to AHS and the Government of Alberta's website for the most up to date guidelines and best practices.

### **16. Can coaches get certified at this time?**

This is a great time to get started! Coaches can certainly start the evaluation process by preparing and submitting their coaching portfolio(s) online at: <https://abgym.ab.ca/Courses/NCCP/Evaluation-for-Certification>. The portfolio will be reviewed by a Coach Evaluator, and once the portfolio successfully "meets expectation" the coach will be notified. Then when it is safe for coaches and athletes to return to the gym the coach can simply record and submit a video of their lesson observation or request an onsite observation. Half of the evaluation process can be completed during shutdown, and the other half can be completed immediately after, or at the coach's pace. For more information or please visit the link: <https://abgym.ab.ca/Courses/NCCP/Evaluation-for-Certification> or contact our Education Manager at [education@abgym.ab.ca](mailto:education@abgym.ab.ca).

### **17. Can we use adults for finalizing our certification?**

GymCan has indicated no. Coaches are evaluated on their ability to teach a safe, age appropriate lesson. It is important for the coach evaluator to observe the coach working with the actual participants in order to evaluate many of the outcomes, and may be difficult to recreate actual scenarios when 'staging' a lesson using other coaches as participants.

### **18. Has there been any word on insurance rate increase for the 2020/21 season?**

AGF is now within the 90-day review period (as of April 2, 2020) and are awaiting a response from insurance companies with respect to the RFP we sent out for quotes. With respect to the constantly evolving environment, AGF is yet to receive new information on whether insurance rates will increase for next season.

**19. Will insurance be option for participating in for 2020/21?**

At this point, insurance will remain a mandatory item.

**20. Why is AGF pushing paid webinars?**

AGF is not pushing paid webinars, we are simply providing links to relevant webinars from reputable sources that we believe could be beneficial to membership. Registration is optional and most of the webinars are free.

**21. Will GymCan be providing a refund for our memberships?**

GymCan has stated that collected membership fees would not be reimbursed as many member services have been provided and/or are continuing at the GymCan level during this period of isolation.

**22. How many Clubs in Alberta are using Amilia and is there any opportunity for a break in these fees while the clubs are closed?**

There are currently 37 AGF Clubs utilizing Amilia. Currently, Amilia is providing a discount on fees for anyone paying a monthly fee of \$125 - \$650 which applies to 11 of our clubs. The other 26 clubs pay a monthly fee between \$15 - \$75.

**23. How will AGF help to fill up gymnastics' clubs when they re-open, will you be looking at any marketing initiatives?**

Currently, AGF is focusing on the immediate issues impacting our clubs. We can explore these items further once we get through the initial phase of this pandemic and can look towards the future.

**24. Toole Peet said that we had always been covered for at home training and that AGF decided that they wanted extra waivers. Can you please explain this?**

To clarify, AGF's insurance policy does not currently provide coverage for home training as it is not considered a sanctioned activity. In light of the current situation, AGF is currently in the process of obtaining the appropriate insurance coverage to sanction this activity and are committed to providing a safe space for all at this uncertain time.