

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**To:** Ontario Soccer; District Association Presidents and Administrators  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer  
**Subject:** Ontario Soccer By-Laws and Club Membership

Please find the following information/clarification on three subjects that we recently received from District inquiries.

### Ontario Soccer By-Laws Update

A Working Group made up of representatives from the Voting Members Council and the Board of Directors has recently been tasked to develop draft updated and ONCA compliant, By-Laws for Ontario Soccer. This work will take place in the fall with a goal of scheduling a Special Meeting of the Members (SMM) to take place in the early 2023. This task and eventual approval of Ontario Soccer's new By-Laws is important for the following reasons:

1. To meet the mandatory deadline for ONCA compliance under the Government's new [Ontario Non-Profit Corporations Act \(ONCA\)](#) and;
2. To provide District Associations with the guidelines and framework, using Ontario Soccer's new By-Laws, necessary to align their By-Laws to be compliant with ONCA requirements and to assist in the successful filing of their By-Laws with the Province of Ontario.


### Player Registration Fees – For Profit Clubs

It has been brought to our attention that some District Associations are encountering issues surrounding the invoicing and collection of player fees for non-competitive players of For Profit Clubs (formally know as "Private Academies"). We wish to clarify the following key points:

1. All players of any Club (For Profit or Not for Profit) must register and pay registration fees for every player in their Club, District Association and Ontario Soccer regardless if they are recreational or competitive.
2. Should a player participate with another Club to attend a short term soccer camp or school (for supplementary training), there is no need to register with that Club as long as the player



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has already registered with their primary sanctioned Club and completed the process of registration in OSCAR.

### **Club Enabling Unsanctioned Organizations to gain access to Ontario Soccer Sanctioned Competitions**

Clubs are not permitted to register non-sanctioned organization (i.e. Academies) teams for the sole purpose of allowing them access to member services or sanctioned competition.

Teams playing with identification promoting their soccer organization which is different than their registered/sanctioned Club is prohibited. Every player and team registered to an Ontario Soccer and District sanctioned Club, are members of that Club and should not represent any other third party organization.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact [Patty Forbes](#) for more information.

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