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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA, Associate Members

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

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Subject: Provincial Indoor Soccer League Expansion Revisions

The Ontario Soccer Centre is issuing this update to the Information Bulletin <u>12020-003</u> distributed on Jan.10, 2020.

Based on recent membership feedback we are adjusting the Provincial Indoor Soccer League (PISL) expansion plans moving forward with the 2020/21 season.

As a result, the Ontario Soccer Centre is making the following PISL plan adjustments:

- For the 2020/21 season the PISL will operate U13-U21 only. Grassroots programing will
 not be included at this time due to feedback provided by various members of the Ontario
 Soccer community.
- 2. In the coming months, a focus group will be organized to discuss the future of the U9-U12 divisions, and will ask for District representation/input.
- 3. The PISL will continue to operate as a core 11v11 but will also add in 6v6 for all age groups starting in the 2020/21 season.

When the Ontario Soccer Centre began discussions regarding the expansion of the league both in geographic reach and in age groups, it was with the intention of providing meaningful competition to as many groups as possible. The PISL wanted to be fully inclusive of both male and female participants, and to expand the divisions to include U9-U21.

The intension of this expansion into grassroots was to act as an overflow from existing District run leagues and was not intended to be in direct competition to what is currently offered. Growing the indoor game in Ontario has been identified in Ontario Soccer's 2019-2021 Strategic Plan.



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