

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Cancellation of the 2020 Ontario Academy Soccer League Season

Ontario Soccer, in consultation with Canada Soccer and the Government of Ontario, continues to monitor the most recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the resulting public health crisis and Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Plan.

In light of the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ontario Soccer has made the difficult decision today to cancel the 2020 OASL Season.

Ontario Soccer took into account the feedback received from Academies over the last two months and the ability for the organizations to Return to Play in 2020.

Ontario Soccer has worked closely with the Academies on the various OASL scheduling options and given both the status of Return to Play phasing and academy interest, a complete schedule is not possible for 2020. The health and safety of OASL participants was considered first and foremost in the decision.

Academies will have refunds processed automatically.

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Please note that updates to the <u>Return to Play Guide</u> are ongoing. Major updates will be communicated to the membership but organizations should refer back to the Return to Play Guide often to ensure they have the most up to date version.

If you have any questions, please contact Gabriel Assis, Sr. Manager, Player Development Program.