

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2020-113
Date: Oct. 20, 2020
To: Ontario Soccer District Membership, ORA, and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Ontario Government Announcement on COVID-19 Liability Protection Legislation

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.

The Government of Ontario [announced today](#) that it has tabled the *Supporting Ontario's Recovery Act, 2020*, which, if passed, will provide liability protection for workers, volunteers and organizations that make an honest effort to follow public health guidelines and laws relating to exposure to COVID-19. At the same time, if passed, it will maintain the right of Ontarians to take legal action against those who willfully, or with gross negligence, endanger others.

[The Supporting Ontario's Recovery Act, 2020](#) would provide targeted protection for those who are making an honest effort to follow public health guidelines and laws, including:

- Healthcare workers and institutions;
- Frontline workers who serve the public everywhere from grocery stores to restaurants and retail stores;
- Businesses and their employees;
- Charities, **non-profit organizations**; and
- **Coaches, volunteers and minor sports associations**

[The Supporting Ontario's Recovery Act, 2020](#) has passed its first reading and will continue to be debated in the Ontario Provincial Legislature this week.

This topic has been top of priority among the amateur sports system in Ontario. Ontario Soccer has been actively advocating for months in front of various key decision making bodies to protect all levels of amateur sport who are following Return to Play Safety protocols during this global pandemic.


Ontario Soccer will update the membership further when more information becomes available.



**ONTARIO
SOCCER**

EST. 1901

ONTARIO SOCCER
7601 Martin Grove Road, Vaughan ON L4L 9E4
905.264.9390 • ontariosoccer.net

Proud Member of 

Play.
Inspire.
Unite.

How do I stay connected to Ontario Soccer?

For further information please refer to the latest bulletins on the [COVID-19 Updates](#) page, which has all the latest information from Ontario Soccer, as well as resources for your members. Please consider placing a dedicated link to the [COVID-19 Updates](#) on the homepage on your website.

If you have not subscribed to our weekly e-Newsletter, [Subscribe to INSIDE THE 18](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Patty Forbes](#), Director, Administration.