



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Associate Members

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Government of Ontario pauses indoor soccer activity until Jan. 26, 2022

Ontario Soccer continues to work in consultation with the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries as we communicate important government directives and updates related to the current global pandemic.

The Government of Ontario <u>announced on Jan. 3, 2022</u> that effective Jan. 5, 2022 at 12:01, it will return to a modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Re-Open Plan, in response to the recent status of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ontario Soccer has reviewed the new directives with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries and has further confirmed interpretation for our sport.

Among the changes, which impact soccer in Ontario, are the following:

- The Government of Ontario has paused all indoor-soccer activities until Jan. 26, 2022, or until further public health information becomes available.
- All indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities must close, except for athletes training for the Olympics and Paralympics and select professional and elite amateur sport leagues.
  Presently, League1 Ontario is the only soccer league in Ontario, which is classified by the Government of Ontario as an elite amateur sport league.
- Outdoor facilities are permitted to operate but with the number of spectators not to exceed 50 per cent occupancy and other requirements.

Further, Ontario Soccer has issued the following updates on its provincial leagues and competitions:

- The Ontario Indoor Cup and Ontario Futsal Cup will be postponed, with new dates to be announced in the coming weeks.
- The Provincial Indoor Soccer League (PISL) will also postpone its indoor season, with further information on the remainder of the season to follow at a later date.



As a result of these directives, Ontario Soccer has paused the use of the Return to Play Guide until Jan. 26, 2022, or until further public health information becomes available.

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