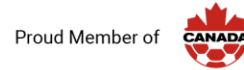




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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2020-070
Date: June 22, 2020
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Government of Ontario Announces Further Regions Moving to Stage 2 of their Provincial plan

Ontario Soccer, in consultation with Canada Soccer and governmental sport and public health advisors, continues to monitor the most recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Government of Ontario announced recently that it is increasing the social gathering limits from 5 to 10 people and that it will be taking a regional approach, in their Stage 2 plan, for the re-opening of the economy.

Also included in this announcement was the directive that **Outdoor Amateur Team Sports** can begin “training” under Ontario Soccer Phase 1 in specific regions of the province.

As of June 24, 2020, the following Districts are able to enter Phase 1 of the Ontario Soccer [Return to Play plan](#):

- Durham Region Soccer Association
- East Central Ontario Soccer Association
- Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association
- Elgin-Middlesex Soccer Association
- Hamilton Soccer
- Huronia District Soccer Association
- Lambton-Kent Soccer Association
- Niagara Soccer Association
- North York Soccer Association
- Peel Halton Soccer Association
- Sault Amateur Soccer Association
- Scarborough Soccer Association





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- Southeast Ontario Soccer Association
- Southwest Region Soccer Association
- Sudbury-Regional Soccer Association
- Toronto Soccer Association
- York Region Soccer Association

The following region will remain in Stage 1 of the provincial plan until it is safe to move into Stage 2:

- Essex County Soccer Association

The above District Soccer Association has not been cleared as of yet to commence with Ontario Soccer's Return to Play "Phase 1 Training".

Ontario Soccer is mirroring the Government of Ontario regional approach for the restart to sports this summer, with 33 Public Health Units now cleared to move to Stage 2 of the government's plans.

Please be advised of the following critical sport specific steps that your organization must now take to begin Return to Play and the directives from Ontario Soccer, in alignment with Canada Soccer on soccer's implementation plan.


1. Ontario Soccer has now been provided through the Government of Ontario, direction on Return to Play safety protocol and guidelines.
2. Canada Soccer and the Ontario Soccer Board of Directors have both signed off on Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Guide and Plan. The plan can now be implemented by Ontario Soccer affiliated Clubs and Academies where regionally permitted to do so.
3. All affiliated Clubs and Academies must read and understand Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Guide (the plan) – Protocols and Recommendations document.
4. All affiliated Clubs and Academies must prepare their own Return to Play Plans for use within their membership. Use of Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Guide (the plan) is encouraged.



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5. All affiliated Clubs and Academies must complete *Canada Soccer's Risk Assessment Tool*. **Please do not complete this tool until you have completed step 3 and 4 above. Access by each Club and Academy must be done so by one single source.**

The Canada Soccer Online Risk Assessment Tool was sent directly to Club and Ontario Registered Academy Administrators last week. If you believe your Club or Academy Administrator has not received the Online Risk Assessment Tool, please contact Patty Forbes, Director, Administration

The Ontario Soccer Return to Play Guide/Plan consists of a three-phase approach that includes:

- Phase 1: Return to Training (modified training)**
Conditions: All Phase 1 Return to Train conditions are met
Restrictions: No contact, no league, exhibition, festival or tournament games
- Phase 2: Return to Training and Modified Games (enhanced training & modified games)**
Conditions: All Phase 2 Return to Train conditions are met
Inter-squad and Intra-squad modified games permitted (only within the Club/Academy)
Restrictions: No league, exhibition, festival or tournament games
- Phase 3: Return to Soccer (regular competition, games and training)**
Conditions: Social distancing restrictions have been lifted
Restrictions: None

The phases outlined above apply equally to all recreational, competitive and high performance level soccer.

Note: Ontario Soccer will determine timelines for each Phase in alignment with the Government of Ontario provincial health authorities involving government orders, restrictions and guidelines. This will be communicated via future Action Bulletins when applicable.

Return to Play Education Webinars for Ontario Soccer membership will be held this week. It will include a 30-minute presentation on the Return to Play Guide and 30 minutes for questions and answers. Please ensure you register for a session ahead of time to secure your space and submit your questions.



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For further questions, please refer them to the latest bulletin, 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, [please do so here](#).

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

