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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2022-032
Date: April 27, 2022
To: District Administrators, Presidents, Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Nicky Pearson, Sr. Manager, Match Officials Development
Subject: Resources – 2022 Match Official Shortage

The Ontario Soccer Match Officials Development Program and Match Officials Development Committee have created resources to assist our membership as we move through the 2022 Match Officials shortage.

Ontario Soccer's focus in 2022 is to not cancel games due to a lack of Match Officials, and to create a more welcoming and safe culture for new and returning Match Officials. Ontario Soccer predicts a period of three to five years to return to strong pre-COVID Match Official registration numbers, with retention being key.

As there is no absolute solution at this time, Ontario Soccer is providing a set of guidelines and other resources, and will be consistently working to improve them through 2022. With the multiple levels of competition and complexity across this province, Ontario Soccer is planning for the best and aims to create a positive environment for all involved.

We are providing to you:

1. Match Officials numbers Infographic (.pdf file)
 - a. This can be shared with your parents, coaches and total membership; placed on websites; posted on social media channels and in your Association's offices/facilities
2. Parent and Member Information (.pdf file)
 - a. This is a simplified document describing to your membership how the Match Officials shortage could impact games across the province, and what can be done to ensure we retain our current officials.
3. Match Officials Management Guide (.pdf file)
 - a. This is a detailed set of guidelines that can be used to assist you in dealing with any issues that occur in 2022. Ontario Soccer recommends this remain an internal document as it is highly detailed and specific

These resources are available for download here:

[Match Officials Infographic](#)
[Parent & Member Information](#)
[Match Officials Management Guide](#)



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