

## **Information Bulletin**

Bulletin #: I2022-64 - 2023 Ontario Winter Games & Ontario Fustal Cup

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To: Ontario Soccer, District Membership

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

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Subject: 2023 Ontario Winter Games and Ontario Futsal Cup

The Ontario Games are a program provided by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. The Ontario Games began in 1970 as a showcase for amateur sport. As the Province's largest multi-sport event, the Ontario Games provide athletes of the Province with a developmental and competitive opportunity to prepare for national and international competition. The Games give the public a chance to see some of Ontario's best amateur athletes compete in the only multi-sport event of this calibre hosted in the Province.

The Ontario Winter Games were scheduled to be hosted by Renfrew County in 2022, however, due to COVID restrictions, the Games were postponed to 2023 and will be held on February 2-5 and February 9-12, 2023. There will be 27 sports competing with approximately 3500 athletes, coaches, officials and dignitaries in attendance.

The sport of Futsal will be included in the 2023 Ontario Winter Games having debuted at the Games in 2020. The 2023 Ontario Futsal Cup will be played in the Winter Games in the Under 18 Boys and Girls divisions on the **February 2-5** dates. Teams that enter the Ontario Futsal Cup in these divisions will be given an opportunity to qualify for the Final Round of the Futsal Cup, which will be held at the Ontario Winter Games. There will be 5 Boys teams and 5 Girls teams that will qualify for the Games. The qualifying round for the Under 18 divisions will be held in mid December in order to meet the Ontario Winter Games timelines.

Futsal is one of Ontario Soccer's strategic initiatives in its Strategic Plan with the overarching aim to grow and develop the sport of Futsal through programs, services and new initiatives.

The 2023 Ontario Futsal Cup dates and locations for Final Rounds have been finalized for the Under 18 divisions and tentatively set for the other divisions except for the Men's division. They are now posted on the Ontario Soccer website. Dates and locations for the Preliminary Rounds are still being determined.

Dates for Youth and Women's Divisions



The following divisions are available for teams to enter:

Under 13 Boys Under 13 Girls Under 14 Boys Under 14 Girls Under 16 Boys Under 16 Girls Under 18 Boys Under 18 Girls Women Men

The 2023 Ontario Futsal Cup Entry Rules and Entry Form are also now available for all divisions.

The deadline for entering the Under 18 divisions of the Ontario Futsal Cup is November 24, 2022 and the Entry Fee is \$480.

The deadline for all other Youth divisions and the Women's division of the Ontario Futsal Cup is **December 8, 2022** and the Entry Fee is \$480.00.

The deadline for entering the Men's Ontario Futsal Cup is **December 15**, **2022** and the Entry Fee is \$600.00

If you have questions, please contact Robyn McComb, Senior Manager, Competitions.

