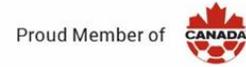




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ACTION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: A2020-009
Date: April 7, 2020
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA, Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: COVID-19 Cancellation Notice Update

Ontario Soccer is announcing today, as further follow up to the Ontario Soccer and Canada Soccer announcements of [March 12](#) and [March 13](#) as well as the Ontario Soccer announcement of [March 24](#), that **all sanctioned in-person soccer events and activities for the month of May have been cancelled or postponed.**

Ontario Soccer, in consultation with Canada Soccer and governmental advisors, continues to monitor the most recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and are assessing operations and deciding cancellations and postponements on a month-to-month basis as the pandemic continues to unfold.

This decision will affect the start of the spring portion of the 2020 Outdoor Season for the Local, Regional, District, Provincial, OASL, OPDL and all other leagues across Ontario.

For those who may be concerned about registering for the abridged outdoor season, Ontario Soccer is encouraging participants to do so now, so that Districts, Clubs and Academies can be fully prepared to kick off the Return to Play season when announced. Please contact your local Club or Academy for more information.

Multiple scenarios are being considered which includes a modified Outdoor Season in 2020 as well as further potential postponements, if necessary. Please also note that due to some municipal government restrictions, playing fields have been closed down beyond May, therefore some District Associations have issued membership notices of cancellation past May. Clubs or Academies should consult with your Member [District Association](#) if you have any questions.

At this time, Ontario Soccer is asking organizations at all levels of membership – District, Club and Ontario Registered Academies (ORA) – **to actively communicate our official information updates to their soccer community members by posting on their website, sharing it via email and using social media.** Ontario Soccer continues to receive a variety of direct inquiries from participants (and parents)



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requesting information. It is critical that all Soccer Clubs and ORAs keep their members informed during these challenging times.

As social or physical distancing is not a concern in an online, isolated environment, activities that can be completed online, such as [Match Official Accreditation Clinics](#), some [Coaching Courses](#), registering for future events and competitions such as [Ontario Cup](#), or the outdoor season registration and other activities that do not require public or private gathering, will continue until further notice.

If your membership has 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 to better inform themselves. As well, 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.