

## INFORMATION BULLETIN

**Bulletin #:** I2022-020  
**Date:** March 8, 2022  
**To:** Ontario Soccer District Associations  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer  
**Subject:** District Association Directive for By-Law Modernization

Our directive of [I2021-100](#) was to provide authority to District Associations regarding Private Academies and their membership within Districts. This was written and was meant to be in effect until both Ontario Soccer and Districts could update their governing documents.

Ontario Soccer has since made changes to its [Operational Procedures](#) for 2022 and beyond, providing a clear definition of "Club," which now defines a community soccer entity as a for-profit or non-profit organization.

To allow our member District Associations the opportunity to review and adopt their new By-laws to align with the above change and be compliant with the new [ONCA Act](#), we are providing the following directive and objective:

***Achieve uniformity across the Province on District By-Law modernization and to allow Districts the ability to properly assess, revise their By-Laws and to conform with the ONCA act, all registered "Clubs" are permitted in the interim to continue to participate in all sanctioned competitions.***

***This to mean that all "Clubs" who were sanctioned to, did operate in their District Associations in 2021, or have applied to their Districts for 2022 (and have been approved) will be permitted to continue to operate as District By-Laws and ONCA reviews are being completed and approved by the members in their Districts.***

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

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