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## **Information Bulletin**

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To: IFC Membership, Staff

CC: IFC Directors

From: Frank laizzo, Athletic Director Subject: We're Giving this Month

Dear Members,

As a number of provinces and local jurisdictions begin planning for a phased return to normalcy, it is our hope that our athletes can begin to sensibly return to the field soon more talented and zealous than ever!

The return-to-play decision is a complicated one. We understand just how important it is for programs, coaches, players and parents to play organized soccer again. But, as parts of the province begin to open up over the coming weeks, we encourage everyone to continue to exercise caution and to abide by Public Health authorities' guidelines for hygiene, physical distancing, facemask use, etc. We know how difficult this may seem, to remain resolute in taking the proper precautions, but it is essential in our collective effort against this pandemic that will lead us to returning to the field sooner.

Right now, as social distancing and stay-at-home directives force sports teams off the field, I encourage our student-athletes to keep training and playing at home, and to remain driven to return-to-play. Make no mistake – sports will be back. And, to further ensure our Academy and Grassroots players have the essentials to stay motivated at home, we've created and compiled IFC training equipment spanning from soccer balls to mini goals to donate amongst our members. If you're in need of personal training equipment, click here and we will deliver to your curbside.

In a time when the strength of our communities has been tested, soccer is part of the glue that still holds ours together. I am convinced of that, and have a huge debt of gratitude towards the sport, which is why IFC is committed to giving back to those less fortunate. In May, we will begin collecting gently-used player gear to support local leagues and clubs



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whose families are in need and in an unprivileged position due to the coronavirus. We will be delivering indoor / outdoor soccer shoes, shin pads and past IFC player bags in time for the upcoming season. I invite you to donate, by <u>clicking here</u>.

We thank you all for your continued support as we begin to think about returning to play in this province. Until then, I hope each of you and your families are staying safe and healthy. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any IFC staff if there is anything else we can do to help.

Sincerely, Frank laizzo, Athletic Director