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Information Bulletin

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Date: Jun. 12, 2020
To: IFC Membership, Staff
CC: IFC Directors
From: Frank Iazzo, Athletic Director
Subject: Ontario Soccer Return to Play Guide

Hi Everyone,

Following the **Province of Ontario's announcement on June 8**, which stated that beginning today, Friday June 12th, outdoor amateur, youth team sports have been cleared to begin phasing-in a plan that will see athletes take the field again and commence training.

Ontario Soccer will be mirroring the Government of Ontario's regional implementation directive for the restart to sports this summer, with 25 Public Health Units now cleared to move to **Stage 2 of the government's plans**. Ten Public Health Units will remain in Stage 1 until it is safe to move into Stage 2, including our district area of York Region. Simply put, we will not be able to return to on-field training until York Region Public Health enters Stage 2, at which point we would be able to commence Phase 1 of Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Guide.

With guidance from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, as well as review from Canada Soccer, Ontario Soccer has released its **Return to Play Guide**, which will now be implemented by the Ontario Soccer membership.

The Ontario Soccer **Return to Play Guide/Plan** consists of a three-phase approach that includes:

Phase 1: Return to Training (modified training)

Conditions: All Phase 1 Return to Train conditions are met



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Restrictions: No contact, no league, exhibition, festival or tournament games

Phase 2: Return to Training and Modified Games (enhanced training & modified games)

*Conditions: All Phase 2 Return to Train conditions are met
Inter-squad and Intra-squad modified games permitted (only within the Academy and Grassroots program)*

Restrictions: No league, exhibition, festival or tournament games

Phase 3: Return to Soccer (regular competition, games and training)

Conditions: Social distancing restrictions have been lifted

Restrictions: None

The phases outlined above apply equally to all recreational, competitive and high performance level soccer.

Ontario Soccer will determine timelines for each Phase, in alignment with the provincial and regional health authorities as well as any government orders, restrictions and guidelines.

In the official release, the President of Ontario Soccer, Peter Augruso said: “We’re calling on everyone involved in the game to **Pitch in and Play ON!** this summer. Ontario Soccer is the largest and one of the oldest provincial sport organizations in Ontario and Canada. With our vast community reach across the entire province, our sport can be utilized to unite communities again and inspire people, young and old, to get active and enjoy the game they love. I thank our membership for their patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.”

IFC Soccer will be providing its adapted Return to Play Plan, Pre-Activity Orientations, Information Resources and Participant Waivers to membership once our organization has completed Canada Soccer’s Return to Soccer Assessment within the coming weeks.



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Please stay tuned for further details as we await clearance from Canada Soccer and the Province's re-opening of Stage 2 in the Golden Horseshoe area.

Sincerely,
Frank Iaizzo, Athletic Director