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## Information Bulletin

**Bulletin #:** IFC2020 – 016  
**Date:** Jun. 19, 2020  
**To:** IFC Membership, Staff  
**CC:** IFC Directors  
**From:** Frank Iaizzo, Athletic Director  
**Subject:** Province of Ontario Announces York Region Moves to Stage 2

Dear Members,

As a follow-up to our [June 12<sup>th</sup> Bulletin](#), we are delighted to report that the York Region Public Health unit is now allowing us to move into Phase 1 of the Ontario Soccer's "Return to Play" plan this Friday June 19, 2020.

The Ontario Government announced last week that it is increasing the social gathering limits from 5 to 10 people and that it will be taking a regional approach, in their Stage 2 plan, for the re-opening of the province. Also included in this announcement was the directive that [Outdoor Amateur Team Sports](#) can begin "training" under Ontario Soccer Phase 1 in specific regions of the province. This directive took effect, Friday, June 12, 2020.

**Before returning to the field, please be advised of the following critical sport specific steps and directives from Ontario Soccer in alignment with Canada Soccer's implementation plan that we must adhere to for the safety and wellbeing of all IFC participants:**

- 1. Federal and Provincial COVID-19 restrictions eased.** Ontario Soccer has now been provided through the Province of Ontario, direction on Return to Play safety protocols and guidelines.
- 2. Canada Soccer and the Ontario Soccer Board of Directors have both approved Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Guide and Plan.** The plan can now be implemented by IFC Soccer as we are now regionally permitted to do so.



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- 3. All affiliated Clubs and Academies must read and understand [Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Guide \(the plan\) – Protocols and Recommendations document.](#)**
- 4. All affiliated Clubs and Academies must prepare their own Return to Play Plans for use within their membership.** To be provided to Team Managers and Members following Ontario Soccer's *Return to Play Education Webinar* scheduled for June 23, 2020.
- 5. All affiliated Clubs and Academies must complete Canada Soccer's Risk Assessment Tool.** IFC has completed the Return to Soccer Assessment Tool and received a [LOW risk assessment level.](#)
- 6. Municipal field and facility usage restrictions eased.** IFC is awaiting instruction from the City of Vaughan and YCDSB School Board with respect to permits of artificial/premium soccer fields.

As we return to a normal soccer environment over the summer period we will be implementing a very diligent process day to day, week to week, to integrate soccer back into our community following the York Region Public Health directives and closely adhering to the Ontario Soccer "Return to Play" plan.

We thank you for your incredible patience to date. No words can express how much we appreciate that. We ask you to continue to be patient for a little while longer. We need your support now more than ever as we finalize the remaining return to play details. Your support is paramount!

The success of IFC is a direct result of members such as yourself coming together to support a bigger, collective vision of the values and environment we feverishly inspire to uphold within this Province. We hope that same spirit is alive and well, as we continue along this journey together.

Forza IFC, We Are More Than A Club!

Sincerely,  
Frank Iaizzo, Athletic Director