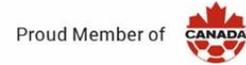




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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2020-126
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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Update on Ontario Government's Rowan's Law Implementation Timeline

Ontario Soccer, in consultation with Canada Soccer and the Government of Ontario, continues to monitor the most recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the resulting public health crisis and Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Plan.

Ontario Soccer has previously communicated updates through bulletins on [Rowan's Law Requirements](#), [Concussion Policy](#) and [Rowan's Law Implementation](#).

As a reminder, on July 1, 2019, Phase 1 implementation of Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety) came into effect. The Government of Ontario's use of Rowan's Law "phases" is not to be confused with the current COVID-19 Ontario Soccer Return to Play Phases. As a result we are using the term "Part" instead of "Phase" to avoid any confusion with this separate Rowan's Law legislation.

This July 2020 would have marked the effective date for implementation of Part 2 of the Rowan's Law legislation, which requires sport organizations to establish Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols for its athletes.

As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Government of Ontario made the decision earlier this year to postpone the effective date of Part 2 implementation of Rowan's Law from July 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021.

In light of the resurgence of COVID-19, and the public health measures in place to help slow the spread of the virus, the Ontario Government has made the decision to defer the effective date of their Part 2 implementation of Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety) from January 1, 2021 to July 1, 2021.

This extension will give sport organizations additional time to implement these requirements and dedicate the necessary capacity and resources to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak at this time.



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Only the effective date of Part 2 implementation of Rowan's Law is being changed. All requirements related to the protocols in the legislation and regulation will remain the same. Any work already completed by your sports organization in preparation for Rowan's Law Part 2 implementation will assist you in meeting your organization's obligations under this government legislation. Sport organizations are welcome to implement the Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocols in advance of the proclamation date on a voluntary basis.

As communicated previously, according to the Government of Ontario, the purpose of Rowan's Law legislation is to promote a culture change in the area of concussion management in sport and make participation safer. There are no enforcement or monitoring provisions in Rowan's Law.

It is up to entities and individuals to ensure that they comply with the laws of Ontario.

If an organization does not comply with the laws of Ontario, then the organization assumes any liability risk associated with non-compliance.

Visit [OntarioSoccer.net](https://ontariosoccer.net) for more information on Rowan's Law Requirements and more information on Concussions and Concussion Management.

Visit the [Government of Ontario website](https://www.ontario.ca) for more information on Rowan's Law.

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