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COVID 19 Outdoor 2021 FAQ – July 20, 2021 **STEP 3**

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If there are health concerns or distancing concerns that you question on the field, this is to be brought to the attention to the Health Unit, not EMSA

If your club has been notified of a COVID positive case, contact your health authorities and email relevant information to admin@emsadistrict.com – this information will remain confidential

QUESTION #1

Our club has notified the league(s) that we want to participate in Outdoor 2021, what steps do we need to do with Ontario Soccer/EMSA.

ANSWER #1

In STEP 3 there is league play/scrimmages

Your club needs to complete the [Canada Soccer Assessment Tool](#) and receive a LOW or MODERATE RISK rating. (if your club completed one last year and received a LOW or MODERATE rating you DO NOT need to complete it again)

[Return to Play Guide](#) needs to be read, understood and completed the most up to date version (July 12, 2021)

Register players/staff in OSCAR

Please review familiarize yourself with [EMSA's How to Document 2021](#) and [Ontario Soccer Procedures and Policies](#)

Covid 19 Waiver Forms (U17-, U18+)	Staff:
Declaration Form	Criminal Record Check (Team Staff)
Contact Tracing Log	Offence Declaration Form (Team Staff)
Player Registration Form	Highly Recommended:
Rowan's Law (Phase 1 & Phase 2)	Club Screening Record List
	Coach Code of Conduct
	Player/Parent Code of Conduct

QUESTION #2

Our club participated in Outdoor 2020 and/or Indoor 20/21 and received the necessary LOW or MODERATE risk rating; do we need to complete the Canada Soccer Assessment Tool again?

ANSWER #2

Your club does not need to complete the CS Assessment Tool again, but you need to update your Return to Play Guide based on the latest OS RTP Guide

QUESTION #3

The facility that we are using has a Contract Tracing Log and/or a Declaration Form (QR code/app etc), do we as a club/team need to do one as well?

ANSWER #3

Contact tracing is still required in Step 3

Clubs are responsible to have a record of the above.

All forms need to be kept by the club for future possible requests from MLHU, CS, OS, and/or EMSA.

QUESTION #4

We have all the necessary trace log forms, player registration forms and waivers completed. Do we need to bring these to EMSA?

Answer #4

No, the club needs to keep a copy of these forms for future reference if requested by the local Health Unit, Ontario Soccer, EMSA or the league if need be.

QUESTION #5

How should we name our teams in OSCAR?

Answer #5

Please review steps on EMSA's 2021 How To Guide for details
Club Name, age/gender, league, division

QUESTION #6

Will EMSA be approving rosters by stamping them for Outdoor?

ANSWER #6

In Step 3 for teams that are participating in league games, rosters will be reviewed and stamped for approval. EMSA will approve rosters based on who is first playing, please be patience while we work through this.

In the meantime, clubs can help make OSCAR Roster approval more efficient by:

- ensuring that their teams are fully entered at least 7 days prior to their first game. follow team naming process
- ensure players are 'complete'
- Coaches NCCP#s are entered in comment box,
- review the HOW TO GUIDE

QUESTION #7

Should we proceed with ID Cards at this time?

Answer #7

Currently ID Cards will NOT be required, unless your teams have registered for Ontario Cup, play in WRSL or OPDL.

For teams wanting to participate in travel outside of our district, cards can be required by the hosting club, it is suggested that currently EMSA clubs advise opposing team that player cards may not be available.

QUESTION #8

What is the refund policy from the Leagues?

ANSWER #8

As each league have unique scenarios to their own league, please go to the leagues website for their refund policy.

QUESTION #9

Can a player be registered on more than one team?

ANSWER #9

OS policy allows players to be registered to more than one team as per OS POLICY Section 5 Procedure 2.12;

QUESTION #10

What should we do if a player is also a coach on a different team either in our own club or another club?

ANSWER #10

Coaches can be registered to other clubs/teams, although a head coach can be registered to a maximum of two outdoor teams at one time as per OS POLICY Section 11 Procedure 3.3

QUESTION #11

Does a player that transfers from one club to another club, able to join the new club immediately?

ANSWER #11

Yes, they can join the new club once all required documents are completed fully.

QUESTION #12

Can a player try out for more than one club at a time?

ANSWER #12

Yes, however please ensure that if the player is not registered in OSCAR that the Informed Consent and Assumption to Risk Agreement, for each club's sessions they attend are completed. Player must complete the Declaration of Compliance at each session, contact tracing log kept.

QUESTION #13

Our club does practices/inter-squad games with our players and we participate in league bubble play, is this permitted?

ANSWER #13

There are no league bubbles in Step 2 or 3, so this is permitted

QUESTION #14

When and how will EMSA be invoicing for Player Registrations via Deposit invoices for Outdoor 2021?

ANSWER #14

Typically, there are two (25% and 75%) Deposit Invoices for a season & are based on the corresponding previous season's registration numbers. These invoices would normally be done prior to the start of the season; since registration #s may be somewhat different then last years Outdoor season, EMSA will invoice clubs with one Deposit Invoice **of 100% based on player registered as of May 1st**, then any further player registrations will be invoiced monthly going forward.

QUESTION #15

When do SAAS fees get charged, when the club enters the player/staff names into OSCAR or when the district approves them on OSCAR?

Answer #15

The SAAS fee is a registration user fee, the SAAS fees will be charged to the club when the player/staff are registered into OSCAR. The final invoice for SAAS fees will be invoiced to the club at the end of the season.

QUESTION #16

Do I register my players as competitive or recreational?

ANSWER #16

All players should register as per Governing Division 2021
Register your players as you would if there were league play.

QUESTION #17

Do we need to proceed with Fast Track forms?

ANSWER #17

The Ontario Soccer Return to Play Guide suggests:
RTP Guide June 24, 2021-page 11 states: Recommendation: This is the time to promote soccer for all and to alleviate logistical burdens on families so siblings can potentially participate on the same time, same day and same group
However, this being said, if your club has a pool of players at the younger age group and you are registering a younger player on the older age group pool then a Fast Track form is required, unless you can proof that there is a need for flexibility (family scheduling).

QUESTION #18

Is there a deadline as to when we need to have players registered in OSCAR.

ANSWER #18

If your club is participating in training in this then those players need to be registered in OSCAR.
Please have teams registered asap; at the minimum 7 days prior to the team's first schedule game.

QUESTION #19

We have many volunteers/field marshalls that we would like to ensure that they are covered for insurance purposes.

ANSWER #19

This would be done the same way as you should have registered your Club Executives when you submitted your Membership Renewal forms. However, instead of naming the GROUP as "2021 ABC Club Executive" label them as "2021 ABC Club Volunteers". INSTRUCTIONS

QUESTION #20

Do you have any further information in regards to Step 3?

ANSWER #20

The Ontario Soccer RTP Guide provides information on Step 3.

QUESTION #21

How do I know how many spectators are 75% of capacity?

ANSWER #21

The city of London has stated "Outdoor spectator capacity has increased to 75%. All spectators must wear a mask at all times unless sitting with members of their immediate household and maintain a 2 meter distance for everyone not from their household."

QUESTION #22

In the EMSA Constitution it states the following:

-all transfers/deregistrations of players recognized as surplus to requirements must be completed on or before July 31, annually

And

-the last date for signing new players is August 30th annually

Will these dates remain?

ANSWER #22

The EMSA board as approved the following changes for the 2021 Outdoor season:

-all transfers/deregistrations of player recognized as surplus to requirements must be completed on or before **AUGUST 16, 2021**

-the last date for signing new players is August 30th annually

Please ensure that you review and follow your league's rules in respect to dates.

QUESTION #23

As the home club do we need to contact trace visitors?

ANSWER #23

No, they do not.

Each team is responsible to contact trace for their own team at each game. Coaches are to sign the game sheet acknowledging that contact tracing was performed by their team. In the case that the Health Unit needs their contact tracing information, the league will be able to access the game sheets and contact teams accordingly to produce player contact info.

USEFUL LINKS

[FIND YOUR LOCAL ZONE](#)

[NEW COLOR AND ZONES](#)

[PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS WITHIN EMSA](#)

[OS FAQ](#)

[DECISION MAKING TREE](#)

COVID 19 UPDATES
OS RTP WEBINARS

The above are answered to the best of our ability, member Club/Academy/Leagues are responsible for knowing the local public health directives in their area as there may be local restrictions that override provincial orders.

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