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COVID 19 Outdoor 2021 FAQ – April 16, 2021 Emergency Brake Shut Down

Please review [MLHU restrictions](#) – **only individual virtual training** for players/coaches registered in OSCAR

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 RED there is no league play, but if your club is participating in individualized training outside the below steps must still be taken.

Your club needs to complete the [Canada Soccer Assessment Tool](#) and receive a LOW or MODERATE RISK rating.

[Return to Play Guide](#) needs to be read, understood and completed.

Register players 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 should 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

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

Our club does not want to participate in a league; but would like to train within our club. What do we need to do?

ANSWER #4

Register players in OSCAR

Please review steps on [EMSA's 2021 How To Guide](#) for details

Ensure that your Training Format follows Public Health Units/Provincial Guidelines.

QUESTION #5

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

Answer #5

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 #6

How should we name our teams in OSCAR?

Answer #6

Please review steps on [EMSA's 2021 How To Guide](#) for details

QUESTION #7

Will EMSA be approving rosters by stamping them for Outdoor?

ANSWER #7

EMSA will be approving OSCAR rosters based on OS Policy Section 5 Procedure 5.8, game day roster size and league bubbles will be monitored by leagues. If action needs to be taken for not adhering to Public Health Unit's COVID restrictions, the infraction should be reported to that Public Health Unit and/or Municipality. Leagues will provide information shortly on their website in regards to Game Day Rosters limitations.

Since there are no league games, rosters will not be stamped for approval.

QUESTION #8

Should we proceed with ID Cards at this time?

Answer #8

Currently ID Cards will NOT be required. (March 2021)

QUESTION #9

What is the refund policy from the Leagues?

ANSWER #9

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

QUESTION #10

Can a player be registered on more then one team?

ANSWER #10

No, a player can only play on ONE team. (that includes indoor and outdoor)

QUESTION #11

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

ANSWER #11

The club should ensure that they ask if a player/coach plan on joining any other team as either a coach/player, it is up to the club to determine if this falls within their Return to Play.

Please do not confuse this with a player playing on more then one team,

one player = play on one team/club/league/season

Coaches are to wear masks as per RTP and MLHU Order.

QUESTION #12

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

ANSWER #12

NO, the player must not play/train with either club for 14 days. Ontario Soccer states that the player would have had prolonged contact with the releasing club and new club.

QUESTION #13

Can a player try out for more than one club at a time, if Color Zone Permits?

ANSWER #13

YES, the player can try out for more than one club without taking time away for 14 days. Ontario Soccer states that the player would NOT have had prolonged contact with either club.

Trials/Tryouts/Open Evaluations can be hosted under the following conditions:

- o Organizations must focus on ensuring the health and safety of participants attending their sessions.

- o Players not registered in OSCAR, Ontario Soccer's official registry must complete the Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement, for each club's sessions they attend, to be eligible for insurance coverage;

- o Players must complete the Declaration of Compliance at each session;

- o A Contact Tracing Log must be completed for each session;

For full details please see Ontario Soccer's updated Return to Play Plan and Guidelines

Try outs are NOT permitted while in RED.

QUESTION #14

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

ANSWER #14

No, each player must be in ONE bubble, either your club's practice/inter-squad game OR league bubble play, not both. Not following this would mean that a player is in two different bubbles.

one player = play on one team/bubble/club/league/season

The above is NOT permitted while in RED, only individualized training is permitted.

QUESTION #15

I understand that based on OS Bulletin I2020-089 Phase 2 of Return to Play – Enhanced Format of Modified Games that we can participate in organized sanctioned competitions with other clubs/academies within in the same region. What is our region?

ANSWER #15

EMSA's region includes South-West Soccer Association, Essex County, Lambton Kent

The above is NOT permitted while in RED.

QUESTION #16

If some of our club's teams are participating in a league in the above-mentioned region, do we need to complete a Play In/Out Form?

Answer #16

Yes, if you are playing in a league within a district in our Region, your club will need to complete a Play In/Out form signed by both districts. The purpose of the Play In/Out form is to ensure that the club that is wishing to Play Out does not hinder their home district's possibility of having league play by a team playing elsewhere.

The same is true if a club from out of district wants to join league play within EMSA.

The above is contingent on other regions color zone and must adhere to the Local Health Units zone.

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QUESTION #17

Our club wants to play exhibition games with other clubs how do we do this? (if color zone permits)

ANSWER #17

The below is contingent on color zone and must adhere to the Local Health Units zone.

An "Application to Host Exhibition Game" must be completed and then approved by the EMSA Travel Manager. Any questions in regards to permits should be sent to competitions@emsadistrict.com

Any exhibition game play must follow the Team Isolation period when switching from one club to another.

Please review examples of enhanced game formats on EMSA's website under "REGISTRATION" "INDOOR COVID 19 -Indoor 20/21"

Clubs who DO NOT submit their Exhibition Game Sheets within 48 hours from the game, will not have any further permits approved until such time that Game Sheets are submitted to competitions@emsadistrict.com

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QUESTION #18

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

ANSWER #18

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 than last years Outdoor season, EMSA will invoice clubs with one Deposit Invoice **of 100% based on player registered as of May1st**, then any further player registrations will be invoiced monthly going forward.

Monthly invoicing of transfers, dereg, and permits will continue as normal on a separate invoice.

QUESTION #19

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 #19

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 #20

Can we have different players on each of the game day roster?

ANSWER #20

No, the players that play on the first game must be the **SAME** for all games, until 2 weeks or more have passed for your next game, because this would break the 50 player bubble.

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QUESTION #21

Can a player registered on one team be called up to play on another team?

ANSWER #21

No, they cannot. It is a strict one player one team. If call ups were permitted, then the player is being requested to play on two teams., which is not allowed. These are unprecedented times and we are working on keeping everyone safe and must follow Health Unit and Provincial Orders.

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QUESTION #22

We understand that we cannot play against teams that are in RED or GREY-lockdown, but can a player from one of those areas try out for a team in Red, Orange or Green?

ANSWER #22

No, a player who resides in RED or GREY cannot try out or register with a team that is in Orange, Yellow or Green?

QUESTION #23

Will EMSA be monitoring player residence and where the player is playing

ANSWER #23

No, it is beyond our scope to do so, if someone has a concern they should be reaching out to their municipality and/or Local Public Health Unit

QUESTION #25

Do I register my players as competitive or recreational?

ANSWER #25

All players should register as per [Governing Division 2021](#)
Register your players as you would if there were league play.

QUESTION #26

Do we need to proceed with Fast Track forms?

ANSWER #26

The Ontario Soccer Return to Play Guide suggests:

RTP Guide -Feb 18, 2021-page 17 states: "Option to remove age group identifiers and provide flexibility for family scheduling so players can join in with different age group or genders. 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 #27

I have some players that did not make a team, can they play down an age level?

ANSWER #27

No, the player should reach out to a club that has a team at their age level. Please remember try outs are only done for youth, so this does NOT apply to grassroots as grassroots do not have tryouts. When possible and required EMDSL may combine age divisions.

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QUESTIONS #28

For our Youth Competitive team we have registered 20 players in OSCAR, but the league allows 16 on the game day roster, how does this affect the other 4 players? Can the full OSCAR Roster of 20 train together?

ANSWER #28

Unfortunately, the 4 players cannot train with the game day roster players as that bubble has now increased from the 50 Player League bubble to a 54 bubble. A two week rotation would have to occur, where 4 players could not play or train with the team, the following two week period would then allow these 4 players to play and train, but another 4 players would not be able to train or play with the team. Keeping true to the 50 Player League bubble is crucial. Please reach out to your league to determine how they are running the 50 Player league bubble.

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QUESTION #29

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

ANSWER #29

Currently there is not as it is uncertain what the season will look like. This being said individual virtual training is allowed and if your club is participating in this then those players need to be registered in OSCAR.

It is up to the clubs to reach out to the leagues directly to advise them of their intention

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.