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# COVID 19 Indoor 20/21 FAQ #4, November 12, 2020

Updates and new questions are in red.

### QUESTION #1

Our club has notified the league(s) that we want to participate in Indoor 20/21, what steps do we need to do with Ontario Soccer/EMSA.

### ANSWER #1

Your club needs to complete the Canada Soccer Assessment Tool and receive a LOW RISK rating.

Return to Play Guide needs to be read, understood and completed.

Register players in OSCAR

Please review steps on EMSA's website under REGISTRATION tab for further information and documents that club and players needs to sign.

- COVID 19 Waiver Forms,
- Player Registration Forms,
- Declaration Form,
- Contact Tracing Log

### QUESTION #2 Updated Nov 12, 2020

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

To be clear each time a player enters a facility the club/team are responsible to have

- a contact tracing log
- Declaration Form (suggestion is to use JotForm)

Even if the facility you enter has a tracing log in place, it is the club's responsibility to have it for their individual team. As well, it is the club's responsibility to have a copy of the Declaration Form.

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

### ANSWER #2

Your club does not need to complete the CS Tool again, but you should update your Return to Play Guide based on the latest OS RTP Guide. Currently the latest one is dated **November 12, 2020**.

### **QUESTION #3**

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 #3**

If your club hasn't already done so you will have to complete the Canada Soccer Assessment Tool and receiving a LOW RISK rating.  
A Return to Play Guide needs to be read, understood and completed.

Register players in OSCAR  
Please review steps on EMSA's website under REGISTRATION tab for further information and documents that club needs to complete and players need to sign (waivers, player registration forms etc).  
Ensure that your Enhanced Training Format follows Ontario Soccer Guidelines.

### **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**

Teams participating in League:

If your club will be participating in a league please name the team as follows

- Club Name, Gender, YOB, League, "GROUP #" Team Name if applicable
- Enter NCCP# of each Team official in the comment box by their name in OSCAR

An EMSA approved roster will only be sent to the clubs that have completed the CSA Tool with a low risk and have registered the players in OSCAR.

Teams not participating in League, but will be training:

If your club will be TRAINING only (not participating in League games/festivals etc) please name the team as follows:

Club Name, Gender, YOB, Training Team

**QUESTION #6 Updated Nov 12, 2020**

Will EMSA be approving rosters by stamping them for Indoor?

**ANSWER #6**

Yes, since there will be league play EMSA will be ensuring that clubs have completed the Canada Soccer Assessment Tool and will be monitoring that Enhanced Game Format.

**Clarification from the MLHU the allowable number of people on the field are 11 players per team, 1 coach on the bench, 1 ref on the field.**

Currently we are allowing (in EMDSL) to register up to 18 players in OSCAR, which will show on the OSCAR Roster that EMSA will send to the club registrar. On the 'Game day Roster' only **11** players can be listed and one coach. If a team chooses to have two coaches, then you can only have **10** players on the Game Day Roster.

Coach and ref are to wear facemasks properly (cover nose and mouth).  
Players not actively participating on field play shall wear a facemask.

**QUESTION #7**

Should we proceed with ID Cards at this time?

**Answer #7**

Cards will not be required at this time for both MMSL and EMDSL

**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 own refund policy.

EMDSL        <https://emdsl.e2esoccer.com/>

MMSL         <https://www.middlesexmasters.com/>

**QUESTION #9**

Can a player be registered on more then one team?

**ANSWER #9**

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

## **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**

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 than one team,

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

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

## **QUESTION #11**

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

### **ANSWER #11**

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 #12**

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

### **ANSWER #12**

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.

Hosting organization must

- keep record of all players registered for the activity
- keep a Contact Tracing Log for each session

Players must:

- participate in tryouts within their region only
- complete the Declaration of Compliance
- complete Informed Consent and Assumption of Risk Agreement once for each organization they attend
- be registered for the activity

For full details please see Ontario Soccer's updated Return to Play Plan and Guidelines (October 16, 2020)

## **QUESTION #13**

What is the player limit for league modified game formats? How many players can be registered to each team?

### **ANSWER #13**

It is up to the league to ensure that they follow the Ontario Soccer Modified Game Format. The modified game format allows up to 50 per 'league'.

EMDSL can currently register 18 players on OSCAR roster, but only **11** players on the game day roster. Same players for all games played that one day.

EMSA will be monitoring that the player limit is adhered to via game day rosters and/or contact tracing log sheets.

#### **QUESTION #14**

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 #14**

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

#### **QUESTION #15 Updated Nov 12, 2020**

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 #15**

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.

**Pending more information from Ontario Soccer and our local health units, clubs from out of district (not designated red) can play into EMSA.**

#### **QUESTION #16 UPDATED Nov 12, 2020**

Our club wants to play exhibition games with other clubs how do we do this?

#### **ANSWER #16**

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 [emsatraveltransferinsurance@rogers.com](mailto:emsatraveltransferinsurance@rogers.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 [emsatraveltransferinsurance@rogers.com](mailto:emsatraveltransferinsurance@rogers.com)

#### **QUESTION #17**

When and how will EMSA be invoicing for Player Registrations via Deposit invoices for Indoor 20/21?

#### **ANSWER #17**

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 Indoor season, EMSA will invoice clubs with one Deposit Invoice of 75% based on player registered as of November 30, 2020. A final reconciliation invoice will be done at the end of the season.

Monthly invoicing of transfers, dereg, and permits will continue as normal.

#### **QUESTION #18**

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 #18**

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.

#### **QUESTION #19**

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

#### **ANSWER #19**

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 Ontario Soccer guidelines that say leagues need to be no more than a 50 player bubble.

#### **QUESTION #20 Updated Nov 12, 2020**

Some of our players want to train only, how many can be on the field?

#### **ANSWER #20**

Practices are limited to 12 people, they must be separated from other practices using the same field by no less than 2 metres, for a total of no more than 25 people

on the playing surface. It is intended that these two groups do not interact with each other before, during or after the practice.

#### 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 keeping everyone safe and must follow Health Unit orders as well as Ontario Soccer's guidelines.

#### QUESTION #22 **NEW QUESTION NOV 12, 2020**

We have not received an EMSA Stamped OSCAR roster when may we expect this?

#### ANSWER #22

Due to some ongoing issues with SportsEngine, EMSA is unable to print rosters. Both Ontario Soccer and SportsEngine are aware of this. Once it is fixed, EMSA will start the process of sending the rosters to the clubs. Please be assured that as long as you have uploaded your players and have a copy of that CSV/EXCEL file your players will be insured.

**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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