



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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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: Launch of the Play ON! e-Learning Series, presented by Respect in Sport

Ontario Soccer continues to work in consultation with Canada Soccer and the Government of Ontario, as we prepare for Return to Play 2021. Ontario Soccer will keep the membership updated with the most recent developments surrounding Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Plan.

To further encourage all soccer stakeholders across Ontario to **Pitch In. Play ON!**, Ontario Soccer is excited to offer a series of webinars focused on preparing its members for a safe and successful Return to Play. The **Play ON!** e-Learning Series, presented by Respect in Sport, consists of free webinars that will be offered over the next eight weeks designed to educate, energize and inspire our soccer community, as we prepare for the 2021 Outdoor Season.

The e-Learning series kicks off on **Wednesday, March 10** with a powerful panel discussion featuring Dina Bell-Laroche (Sport Law and Strategy Group), Marco Di Buono (Canadian Tire Jumpstart) and Sheldon Kennedy (Respect Group) discussing "The Return to Values-Based Sport."

Throughout the series, Ontario Soccer will offer a weekly online session with succinct and relevant insights and practical take-aways designed to appeal to a diverse cross-section of Ontario Soccer members and stakeholders (Clubs, Academies, Districts, Leagues, administrators, coaches, managers, volunteers, parents, players, officials, etc.).

Click here to find the session schedule with topic and speaker information.

Click here to register.



The recent <u>Return to Play survey</u>, conducted by Ontario Soccer, showed that a level of excitement is returning to the game, as 76% of parents stated they plan to register their children to play Outdoor soccer in 2021. In the Spring of 2020, only 30% of parents expressed confidence they would register their children to play Outdoor in 2020.

Join us for the **Play ON! e-Learning Series, presented by Respect in Sport,** and help build that excitement in your communities.

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If you have any further questions, please contact Bjorn Osieck, Director Business Operations.