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## Information Bulletin

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**To:** District Presidents, Administrators, Technical Directors, Ontario Cup Coordinators  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff  
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**Subject:** 2018 Ontario Cup update

The 2018 Ontario Cup Entry Form is now available on the [Ontario Soccer website](#). The Entry Deadline is March 28, 2018. Please note that entries will not be accepted after the deadline.

### Ontario Cup Format

There seems to be some confusion over the new format for the U-13 to U-17 divisions. The Ontario Cup Preliminary Tournament Round format has been changed to a single knock-out game format. The winning teams will advance to the Ontario Cup Tournament Round. The losing teams will be eliminated from the competition.

While it still means that some teams may only play one game in the competition before being eliminated, not all teams will be required to play in the preliminary round. There is the possibility that a team could advance to or be drawn to the tournament round and be guaranteed three games.

Tournament groups are made up of 4 teams. If the number of teams is not a multiple of 4, then a preliminary round game or games will need to be played. It will be a single knock-out format. Also, if there are more than 32 teams regardless of it being a multiple of 4, then preliminary round games will be played to get down to 32 teams. For example if 33 teams enter a division, then there will be one preliminary knock-out game played to get the number to 32 which is eight groups of four. In this case, 31 teams would get a bye to the Tournament Round.

If you have questions, please contact [Robyn McComb](#).