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COVID 19 FAQ #8

Question #1, 4, 7, 10 & 12, new Q&A #13 updated May 26, 2020

QUESTION #1

Should we be registering players/staff into OSCAR?

ANSWER #1

After much discussion with Ontario Soccer concerning SAAS fees not being charged if the Outdoor 2020 season is cancelled; SportsEngine has agreed in good faith, given these challenging times, not to collect the SAAS fees applicable to 2020 outdoor season (OSCAR) registrations if the season is **cancelled in its entirety**.

As a result, Ontario Soccer will not collect both Outdoor Player Registration fees and OSCAR, powered by SportsEngine, SaaS fees if the 2020 Outdoor Season is **cancelled in its entirety**.

As per OS BULLETIN I2020-037

If the season does start and players choose to withdraw or your Club decides not to offer programs before the season begins, please **"REMOVE"** those players from OSCAR to ensure those registration aren't charged. This is a current feature in OSCAR, that may be removed/corrected in the future. Just making them Inactive would mean they participated and would still be charged.

***** IMPORTANT UPDATE from May 26*****

If players are doing ONLINE VIRTUAL TRAINING they need to be registered in OSCAR and provide the district with a list of these teams. If the Outdoor season is cancelled in its entirety, the players registered in OSCAR will not be charged a player registration fee or a SAAS fee.

IF your club has teams registered in OSCAR currently and are not doing ONLINE VIRTUAL TRAINING, it is HIGHLY recommended that you **"REMOVE"** the players from OSCAR due to the fact that if/when OS declares that there is a start date for OUTDOOR 2020, no matter what that season may look like, your club will be charged the player registration fee and the SAAS Fees.

**EMSA suggests that you "REMOVE" these players asap.
DO NOT MAKE THE PLAYER INACTIVE**

Prior to removing players you may want to ensure that you have your CSV file saved just in case there is an outdoor season and you decide to participate in it. This will then make resubmitting the teams easier for your club.

QUESTION #2

Our club has paid our player registration deposit invoices for Outdoor 2020.

- a) if the season is cancelled will we be fully reimbursed or will it be forwarded to 2021
- b) if the season is shortened
 - i) will player registration fees be pro-rated?
 - ii) will the SAAS fees be pro-rated?

ANSWER #2

EMSA will provide information on a player registration refunds once more information is known about if/when an Outdoor 2020 season will begin.

In the meantime, if your club needs to discuss their financial situation in more detail please feel free to contact emsada@rogers.com.

- b)
 - i) The question has been raised as to pro-rated player registration fees if the season is shortened; currently we are awaiting a response. When more information is provided, we will certainly advise our members. Currently we only know that OS will not charge if the season is cancelled in its entirety
 - ii) as the SAAS fees are a user fee, it is currently felt that even if the season is shortened that this fee would not be pro-rated and the full \$3.10 would be charged fully.

Addition:

In addition EMSA has been advised that

1. If Ontario Soccer cancels the entire season all SAAS fees will be returned.
2. If Ontario Soccer does not cancel the season, however a club decides to cancel the season SAAS fee is payable if players are entered into the registration system.
3. If Ontario Soccer does not cancel the season and a club does cancel the season without registering players into OSCAR no SAAS fee is payable.

Only register players that agree to play if there is a season or a part of a season. If you are concerned that a player may not be participating if there is a season, please 'remove' the unapproved player from OSCAR

Just making them Inactive would mean they participated and would still be charged.

QUESTION #3

What is the deadline for player registration?

ANSWER #3

The OS Bulletin in regards to deadlines for registering players refers to Youth Provincial Division and Youth Regional Division Player deadlines.

EMSA's District players (EMDSL, MMSL, WOSL, LAWSL) do not need to be registered into OSCAR until a future date as to when a start date may be decided on.

Clubs that have players playing the district, if they wish can start to register players in OSCAR; however please review Question #1 for further information

Currently EMSA is only going in OSCAR to review/approve staff. Notes will be made in the comment box beside the staff's name, please also submit NCCP# or comments in the comment box.

The approval of players will be done at a later date

QUESTION #4 Update May 26, 2020

Is there any support for not for profit sports organizations?

ANSWER #4

This past week there has been two new announcements
Provincial Government - Support for sectors, Cultural, Heritage and Sports

For more information <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-heritage-sport-tourism-culture-industries>

Although this may not assist all clubs please note that the London City Council Approved Property Tax Payment Deferral [CLICK HERE](#)

Please continue to monitor the federal/provincial website for further financial support.

UPDATE:

Please note that there has been some updates on applications for subsidies, please review here

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html#businesses>

QUESTION #5

Should we proceed with ID Cards at this time?

Answer #5

Player Cards

If players have been approved by EMSA on OSCAR please feel free to submit player card requests

Also, please note that EMDSL as agreed that the **U9-U12 grassroots players** will **NOT** need ID cards for this Outdoor 2020 season if/when it starts. If/when the season starts the demand from everyone will be high and to try to add one more item for the club's & district to complete would be too great of a task.

Coaches Cards

We request that coaches' cards **not be submitted** until further notice

QUESTION #6

What is the refund policy from the Leagues?

ANSWER #6

As each league have unique scenarios to their own league, please go to the leagues website for their own refund policy which should be posted there shortly.

EMDSL <https://emdsl.e2esoccer.com/>
WOSL <https://wosl.e2esoccer.com/>
LAWSL <https://lawsl.e2esoccer.com/>
MMSL <https://www.middlesexmasters.com/>

QUESTION #7 updated May 26

When will a decision be made regarding full cancellation of the 2020 Outdoor season (IE: when it will be too late to make, it work?)

ANSWER#7

We have not been provided a cutoff date as of yet as to when 2020 Outdoor would be officially cancelled. Ontario Soccer, in collaboration with the Ontario Government Public Health Authority guidelines and Canada Soccer are working on a province-wide Return to Play protocol if there is a season

UPDATE:

Please be advised that MMSL (Men's Master Soccer League) as cancelled the 2020 Outdoor season.

QUESTION #8

If the season does start at some point:

- a)- will the clubs have time to have preseason and make roster decisions?
- b)- how delayed with the start of the season be afterwards?
- c)- would there be "catch up" games into October

ANSWER #8

Answer pending, and will be discussed between the many relevant parties once information is provided about the Outdoor 2020 season.

QUESTION #9

Why is Ontario Soccer continuing to promote a registration deadline for Ontario Cup? I thought all soccer activities have been suspended until the end of April.

Answer #9

Ontario Soccer has extended the deadline for registration of the Ontario Cup until May 6, 2020.

Ontario Soccer also acknowledges the difficult financial times that some organizations may be facing during this COVID-19 crisis. As a result, the Ontario Cup entry fee deadline has been extended beyond the entry deadline.

Payment for the Ontario Cup will be due by no later than May 25, 2020.

For further information please review OS Bulletin I2020-038

Please note that should the 2020 Ontario Cup competition be cancelled, all teams that have entered **will receive a full refund**. Visit OntarioSoccer.net for more on Ontario Cup entry.

QUESTION #10 updated May 26th

Our club wants to keep our players engaged in training, so we have provided them online drills/training that we suggest that they continue to do at home. Will they be covered for insurance if they are injured when they are participating in the drills/training?

ANSWER #10

Please review OS Bulletin IS2020-039 (April 22, 2020)

Many of you have been providing video training opportunities for your players and EMSA supports your efforts to keep your players connected. However, we have confirmed with Ontario Soccer that there would be no insurance coverage available through Ontario Soccer for a player who injures themselves during a remote training session if they are not registered.

Please be advised insurance coverage will only be provided to participants registered and in good standing with Ontario Soccer. Any person providing training must also be registered. This includes but is not limited to coaches, instructors, and assessors. Any person participating in virtual training must be registered. This includes but is not limited to players and match officials. Those individuals not registered with Ontario Soccer will not be eligible for insurance coverage through Ontario Soccer.

Indoor Player Registration expires May 31, 2020.

UPDATE

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QUESTION #11

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 #11

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 #12 updated May 26

Our coaches were signed up for the courses that were being offered, but has since been cancelled due to COVID 19. When and how will they be able to take the courses.

Answer #12

Active Start, Learn to Train, Fundamentals and Soccer for Life are all available online. The on field session will be completed at a later date, hopefully in September or October, which will then conclude the workshop.

QUESTION #13 added May 26

I saw an OS Bulletin that allowed 4 players and a coach to train on field, is this correct?

Answer #13

This information was incorrect and has since been clarified via OS Bulletin I2020-054.

Clubs are not allowed to have their teams practice in person. Anyone club promoting in person training may face disciplinary actions.

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