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COVID 19 Return to Play – June 29, 2020

FAQ

Update Question # 7

Please take the time to read the *“OS Return to Play Guide. -Plan, Protocols & Recommendations - June 2020” (The OS RTP Plan-June 2020)* in FULL. It is very detailed and will assist you with many questions.

Please note, that while Ontario Soccer is in **Phase I**, the provincial government is in **Stage II**, please DO NOT get confused with the similar terminology used within the different organizations.

Question #1

Our players are already registered in OSCAR, can we social distance practice now on the pitch based on the OS Bulletin A2020-015.

Answer #1

No, your players cannot. Your club needs to complete the Return to Play Steps listed in the *“OS Return to Play Guide. -Plan, Protocols & Recommendations - June 2020” (The OS RTP Plan-June 2020)*, part of which is completing the Canada Soccer Assessment Tool. These steps are now listed on the EMSA website, under “Registration” “COVID 19 Outdoor 2020

If your players are currently doing Virtual Online Training they need to be registered in OSCAR.

Question #2

My club is affiliated with another club, can we do Phase I with them?

Answer #2

No, you are two separate clubs, you CANNOT participate together until further notice.

Question #3

Our club have players that are registered with us, but they live in a district that is not in Phase I, can they still play in with our club?

Answer #3

EMSA is waiting for an answer to this from OS; however, it is felt that in order to stop the spread of COVID 19 EMSA requests that they DO NOT play with your club on the pitch until we get confirmation.

As more regions are opening this will not be an issue. Please review regions that are not open (OS Bulletin I2020-063) and not allow players from those regions to train with your club.

Question #4

We have a player that is already registered to one club and would like to register with our club. As per OS Policy Section 5 Procedure 2.12 b and 2.12 c a player can be registered to a maximum of three outdoor teams, only one of which may be competitive. Can they be registered to two different clubs?

Answer #4

No, as we are trying to limit the spread of COVID 19, EMSA will only allow a player to be registered to ONE CLUB for the Outdoor 2020 season.

Question #5

Will we still be charged the player registration fee and the SAAS fees if we do not proceed past Phase I or Phase II?

Answer #5

Yes, if your club chooses to participate in the Outdoor 2020 season any players that are registered will be charged the player registration fee as well as the SAAS fee, regardless if we proceed to Phase II.

Question #6

Our club has decided not to participate in the Outdoor 2020 season, but we have players registered in OSCAR, will we get charged?

Answer #6

Yes you will be charged, unless you "REMOVE" the players from OSCAR. DO NOT make them 'inactive' that is the wrong option.

To avoid being charged a fee please click "REMOVE", failure to do so will result in your club being charged a player registration fee and the OSCAR SAAS fee.

Please send a copy of the motion that your board voted to cancel Outdoor 2020 as well as a letter signed by two executives in regards to invoices if Outdoor Deposits for 2020 have been paid. These two items should be emailed to emsada@rogers.com.

Question #7 – *Updated June 29*

Since, we cannot play games during Phase 1 and we are uncertain how long we will be in Phase I or II, what Governing Division should we use to register the players?

Answer #7

Until, we are able to proceed to Phase III you can register your players as recreational, which they may need to be changed to competitive depending on where/level they may play at in Phase III.

This applies to ALL including OPDL

U13+ = Youth Recreational

U4-u12 = MO U# Gender

U18+ = Senior Recreational

Question #8

We notice that the WAIVERS have been updated, do our players/parents need to sign them.

- i. Can the waiver be added to SportsEngine?

Answer #8

Yes **all** players, current players registered in OSCAR and **new** players being registered in OSCAR need to sign the new waiver forms and be kept with the club

- i. We have asked and are waiting for an answer

Question #9

Our club has one person working on submitting on the Canada Soccer Assessment Tool online?

- i. Once we submit it can we train on the pitch?
- ii. How long will it take to get approval?

Answer #9

Ontario Soccer will be hosting Webinars in the week of June 22 which clubs will be invited to attend, further details of this will be coming in the form of OS Bulletins.

- i. Ontario Soccer will be sending an email to the district and the club at the same time acknowledging your risk level and with further steps.
- ii. We do not have an answer as to how long this process will take.

The online assessment is a series of questions, you do not submit your Return to Play Plan on the online assessment. Once you've completed the assessment, you'll receive an email stating what level you were assessed for; either low medium or high risk. If you have a **low risk**, you may begin phase1 of the Ontario Soccer return to play plan and protocol.

You must prepare all of the documents and protocols suggested in the Ontario Soccer RTP guidelines. They're for your use and protection. You must follow all of the protocols suggested by Ontario Soccer in the document as well. This is what will protect your Club should someone be found positive for Covid-19 and traced back to the pitch. And most importantly, this is what will protect your players.

Question #10 –

How does the club create a Return to Play Guideline?

Answer #10

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EMSA has completed the RTP in word doc format, and has broken down the waivers for your clubs use. This is available on EMSA's Website under "REGISTRATION"

Question #11

Can we have more then one group of 10 social distancing on the field doing individual training?

Answer #11

Currently Ontario Soccer is in talks with the province to get further clarification on this. Once we get more information the FAQ will be updated.

Question #12

One question that is on the list to ask players/parents is

“ Have you, or anyone in your household been in contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated as a suspected case of COVID- 19?”

Some parents/players work in hospitals and may be in the same room with a patient that has COVID 19, but the parent/player is full PPE. How do they answer this question?

Answer #12

EMSA has asked Ontario Soccer this question and have been advised ‘it is up to the club to determine how they will deal with this type of scenario’. Each person who uses PPE have a procedure on how they discard this material and make themselves safe for returning home, this information should be provided to the club to make this decision.

Question #13

One question on the Canada Soccer Risk Assessment Tool asks “Does Ontario Soccer have insurance to cover COVID 19?”

Answer #13

Ontario Soccer is lobbying the Ontario Government to have them follow the same position that other provincial governments have taken.

British Columbia’s government has taken a position that sports organizations would not be held liable if any participant caught COVID 19 as long as the proper procedures were followed.

Clubs must purchase both D & O insurance and General Liability Insurance for their organization.

Regarding potential lawsuits due to COVID-19. Insurance policies now contain a Contagion Exclusion Clause which has been revised to include COVID-19 and this will become effective on Ontario Soccer’s Commercial General Liability policy on July 1, 2020.

If your clubs have purchased your Commercial General Liability policies you would have received notice already. What this means is that your insurance plan does not cover claims regarding COVID-19? More to come later.

Just to be clear, Ontario Soccer does not cover any costs for or provide any legal aid to clubs for D & O or Commercial General Liability claims. As well Ontario Soccer does not cover any costs the District may incur under Commercial General Liability claims.

If a district or club requires legal services it is at the club's expense.

Ontario Soccer we will be sending out more information in regards to insurance shortly.

Question #14

Our club completed the Canada Soccer Risk Assessment Tool and received an email from Canada Soccer, does this mean we have been approved and can start to train in small group, individual training with social distancing provisions?

Answer #14

The email you receive from Canada Soccer is not an approval, it is a rating of your club's risk.

The club is ultimately responsible to have a Return to Play Protocol and Plan in place and you must follow all of the protocols suggested by Ontario Soccer in the document. This is what will protect your club should someone be found positive for Covid-19 and traced back to the pitch. And most importantly, this is what will protect your players.

If your club did not receive a "low" rating, Canada Soccer will be reaching out to your club to discuss further.

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The above is written with as a guideline and may be updated as more information is made available, it is intended to assist your club with answers that you have and has been answered with the best intent to provide correct and accurate answers as what as been provided.