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INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Robyn McComb, Senior Manager, Competitions
Subject: 2021 Ontario Cup Registration is now open

The Ontario Cup, Ontario Soccer's Outdoor Provincial Championship, is the largest "Club" competition of its kind in Canada. As one of the oldest and most prestigious amateur sporting events in the country, the Ontario Cup was first staged in 1915 and has operated continuously since, with the exception of the World War II period and during the global pandemic situation in 2020.

Understanding that the public health situation remains fluid at this time, Ontario Soccer is opening up the Ontario Cup Entry process now, in anticipation of having a Provincial Championship this summer.

The 2021 Ontario Cup will mark the **105th** year of the Competition.

The 2021 Ontario Cup Entry Form is now available on the [Ontario Soccer website](#).

The Entry Deadline is currently **April 28, 2021**. While the Entry deadline may be extended at a later time, only if deemed necessary, please note that entries **will only** be accepted up to and including by the published deadline.

At this time, Ontario Soccer has approved and notified all Ontario Cup Tournament Hosts.

The host cities are listed in the [Ontario Cup Entry Rules](#), so teams know where they may have to play, before they make the commitment to enter the Ontario Cup.

Ontario Cup Format

At this time, the format for the Ontario Cup for teams in the Under 13 to Under 17 divisions will be a Tournament Round, followed by Knock-out Round format. All teams in the Under 13 to Under 17 divisions will start in the Ontario Cup Tournament Round.

There will be 3-team and 4-team groups in the Tournament Round, which teams can be drawn into.



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Teams drawn to a 3-team group will play two games, while teams drawn to a 4-team group will play three games in the Tournament Round.

There will be a Third Round in this format, which may mean that in some cases more than one team will advance from a group in the Tournament Round.

With the ever-evolving changes to the public health situation, Ontario Soccer recognizes the need for flexibility and potential modifications to the competition structure, as time progresses. Ontario Soccer's highest priority is, of course, our participants' safety and ensuring that the competition is held in alignment **with the Government of Ontario's restrictions and directives.**

In the event that the format does change, it will become a Knock-out format with a two game guarantee.

Please note that all teams in Under 13 to Under 17 divisions will be guaranteed to be scheduled for at least two games in the competition.

Please check the [Ontario Cup webpage](#) for further updates.

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

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