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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2023-44
Date: December 12, 2023
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Member Clubs
CC: Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: International Licensed Third-Party Organizations (Professional Soccer Clubs) – Membership Solicitation

We are informing Ontario Soccer membership of ongoing activity involving third-party private organizations operating in Ontario under a license agreement representing various international professional Soccer Clubs.

These third-party organizations for fees, under a license from the professional international Club, offer a variety of programming and services such as; technical curriculum development, access to international competitions or events, and/or branding of the licensed international Professional Club.

We are bringing this marketplace activity to your attention so you are well informed should your Club engage further with these organizations;

1. Under FIFA statutes, it is forbidden for any foreign country's actual Professional Teams or National Federation to enter into competitions within another FIFA Member Federation's jurisdiction.
2. Under the Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program, these third-party licensing partnerships may result in deviations from the various compliance standards required of Canada Soccer and Ontario Soccer should a Club choose to collaborate with these entities.
3. Under our provincial insurance program and provider, these services are not considered sanctioned activities under Ontario Soccer and therefore third-party insurance will not be provided. Clubs must incur the cost of additional insurance for any agreements they may enter into.

We provide the above notification to raise awareness should an Ontario Soccer - District Association Member Club choose to collaborate with these third-party private groups under license of the international professional Club.


For further inquiries, please contact [Patty Forbes](#), Senior Director, Administration.



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