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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2021-100
Date: Dec. 20, 2021
To: Ontario Soccer District Membership
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Private Academies and Registration Status for 2022

On October 14, 2020 - [Bulletin #: I2020-109](#) provided the last update on the status of private academies and confirmation that Ontario Soccer at all levels will not accept any new applications from academies for 2021 until further notice.

Since this correspondence, we have made progress with our objective of fully integrating private academies into our membership and competition structure throughout Ontario via the following developments:

1. All private academies now register and receive membership status through their respective District Association.
2. All private academies are eligible to play in District, Regional and Provincial level leagues where criteria is met.
3. All private academies are eligible to compete in the Ontario Cup (with the exception of Academy OPDL teams)
4. All private academies in the Central Region are eligible to participate in the 2022 I-Model pilot project.

In addition to the above developments, Ontario Soccer has updated its governing documents. One such update includes the new definition of the term "Club". The definition of a Club addresses both Not-for Profit (Club) and For-Profit (Academy) entities. Therefore effective January 1, 2022, the term "Club" will refer to traditional Clubs and Private Academy's and as such, Clubs operate with the same rules and membership benefits. The revised Operational Procedures, as well as other updates can be located on [OntarioSoccer.net](#).


As a result of the above information, effective January 1, 2022, District Associations are permitted to accept membership applications for any NEW "Clubs" formerly know as "Academies" and of course any new traditional Clubs.



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