



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA and Associate Members

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Canada Soccer announces two Provinces set for Return to Play

Ontario Soccer, in consultation with Canada Soccer and governmental sport and public health advisors, continues to monitor the most recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and Ontario Soccer, at the present time, are awaiting provincial government orders for a Return to Play.

Canada Soccer <u>announced today</u> that two provinces, based on their recent provincial government directives, are now eligible for Return to Soccer (Play), pending their local club's completion of Phase 5 of Canada Soccer's Return to Soccer (Play) Guidelines.

BC Soccer and PEI Soccer Association's Member Organizations can now consider a return, upon completion of the fifth stage of the Return to Soccer Risk Assessment Tool, developed by Canada Soccer, in conjunction with its Sports Medicine leaders and its Member Associations.

PEI Soccer is slated to begin their return on June 6, 2020 and BC Soccer will return at a date still to be determined.

Ontario Soccer submitted its Return to Play Guide and plan and are now working with Canada Soccer towards finalizing that document.

In addition to this review process, and more importantly, the Government of Ontario must first confirm that amateur (team) sport, is cleared and approved for Return to Play. It is imperative throughout the process that both sport, as well as regional governments, are in full alignment with the safety and health authorities.

Our goal is to provide membership with as much advanced notice regarding the Return to Play initiatives so that membership can prepare effectively.



At the present time in Ontario, there is no confirmation from the Province of Ontario regarding amateur (team) sport Return to Play timelines.

Ontario Soccer asks for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate through this next period and we look forward to seeing our participants safely return to the pitch under the Return to Play plan.

For further questions, please refer them to the latest bulletin, the <u>COVID-19 Updates</u> page, which has all the latest information from Ontario Soccer, as well as resources for your members. Please consider placing a dedicated link to the <u>COVID-19 Updates</u> on the homepage on your website.

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If you have any questions, please contact <u>Patty Forbes</u>, Director of Administration.

