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To Our Valued Membership

We hope everyone is staying safe and continue to find some valuable family time during this unprecedented time. The Provincial Government recently made announcements pertaining to stage 2 reopening and the ability for team sports to train in groups of 10. Ontario Soccer has subsequently provided and information bulletin (which can be found in entirety on the COVID 19 page on our website). With these recent updates we feel it is a good time to update you on what this means for our Club and our Community.

The good news is that Simcoe Muskoka is one of the Public Health regions allowed to move into Stage 2 as of Friday June 12. By extension the Clubs within our Soccer District, the Huronia District Soccer Association are also included in Stage 2 of reopening and Amateur Team Sport can resume training with gatherings of 10 or less while maintaining social distancing protocol. This is a general rule for all Amateur Team Sport.

While we are all very excited at the prospect of returning to the field, Ontario Soccer governs our sport and we must follow the guidelines put forward by Ontario Soccer before we can return. Some very important (critical) steps still have to be cleared, before any Club can organize training.

1. Ontario Soccer must first clear all "Return to Play" protocols with Canada Soccer. The Ontario Soccer Bulletin on June 8th indicates Canada Soccer has approved Ontario Soccer's "Return to Play" plan.
2. Ontario Soccer now must share their documented "Return to Play" plan with the Districts and affiliated Clubs/Academies so these Clubs and Academies can begin preparation to return to play ONLY after they have been cleared and have completed Canada Soccer's Risk Assessment tool. This information and detailed process is still not available to Clubs or Academies and is expected to be shared by Ontario Soccer within the coming days.
3. Finally, specific to Bradford (but not exclusive to Bradford), our Town Council needs to determine if they will be reopening soccer fields and providing permitted time for Club/Academy field rentals.

Based on above, we know gatherings of 10 or less are permitted by Provincial Health Officials, however until Clubs have been cleared to return to play through the Canada Soccer risk assessment tool, and in alignment with Ontario Soccer's Return to Play protocol, Clubs can not organize sanctioned team training.

Our club will work diligently to get clearance to return as soon as possible, and further updates will follow. In the meantime, please continue to register your son/daughter so we can ensure our planning will be accurate. No fees will be applied at this time.

Thank you and stay safe!

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