



ACTION BULLETIN

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

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Canada Soccer announces suspension of all sanctioned soccer activities

Canada Soccer has suspended all sanctioned soccer activities with immediate effect after consultation with the Canada Soccer Sport Medicine Committee, public health authorities and the Provincial and Territorial Member Associations.

The Canada Soccer decision impacts all domestic soccer activity as well as National Teams across all age groups with the decision crucial to ensure the safety of our players, coaches, officials, staff and fans.

Canada Soccer previously announced the cancellation of upcoming home matches for both the Men's and Women's National Teams scheduled for British Columbia on March 27 and 31 on Vancouver Island and April 14 in Vancouver respectively.

The 2020 Canada Soccer Futsal Canadian Championship scheduled for April 2-4 in Kingston, Ontario is also cancelled and will be held in Spring 2021. In addition, no other National Team programming either domestically or abroad including Para and Futsal will take place until further notice.

The U23 Men's National Team scheduled to play in the Concacaf Olympic Qualifiers later this month in Mexico will await direction from Concacaf on the qualification process given the official postponement of the competition.

The Canada Soccer Super REX Centre in Markham has also been closed effective immediately.

All coaching courses and any national referee programming operated directly by Canada Soccer has been postponed and no in person Canada Soccer Board or Committee meetings will be held.

Travel approvals for all professional and amateur teams will be rescinded until further notice with no travel permitted for teams outside of Canada. In addition, any team that is already out of the country will be required to adhere to the quarantine regulations of their respective provinces or territories as well as the Government of Canada.





For any Ontario teams who have purchased their insurance in advance and choose not to travel they are eligible for a full refund if the effective date has not passed.

When the member enters the <u>Tugo site</u> there is a link directing them to a <u>FAQ page</u> with information.

Canada Soccer and Ontario Soccer has been and will continue to closely monitor all COVID-19 developments in consultation with all public health authorities and relevant governing bodies and provide updates.

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