

2020 Referee Registration Update

Good day Match Officials,

Ontario Soccer, in consultation with Canada Soccer and government advisors, continues to monitor the most recent developments surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and are now in a position to announce our approved Return to Play Guide - Protocols and Recommendations for Ontario Soccer affiliated Clubs and Ontario Registered Academies. Please read the complete document as there are important law, policy, discipline and procedure adjustments for Match Officials: <https://www.ontariosoccer.net/returntoplay>

Phase	Conditions	Match Official Activity
Phase 1: Return to Training (modified training)	<i>Conditions: All Phase 1 Return to Train conditions are met Restrictions: No contact, no league, exhibition, festival or tournament games</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in any organized training environment – practical or classroom - Engage in any online physical training sessions - Utilize any Club, District or Academy programs
Phase 2: Return to Training and Modified Games (enhanced training & modified games)	<i>Conditions: All Phase 2 Return to Train conditions are met Inter-squad and Intra-squad modified games permitted (only within the Club/Academy) Restrictions: No league, exhibition, festival or tournament games</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in any organized training environment – practical or classroom - Engage in any online physical training sessions - Officiate in any inter, or intra-club matches - Attend any Club or District education sessions
Phase 3: Return to Soccer (regular competition, games and training)	<i>Conditions: Social distancing restrictions have been lifted Restrictions: None</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All of the above as regular play will be resumed

We recommend that you complete your Registration Phase 2 as training, education and physical activities will begin. **For you to take part in these activities you must be registered to be covered by member insurance and benefits.** Remember, these are important activities for you to be involved in as Phase 3 may require you to be ready to officiate on short notice.

If an adult age official fails to register in Phase 1 or Phase 2 (therefore not training or attending education), and only registers during Phase 3 (when a full schedule of paid games are available), regular fees will apply.

Role	Regular	Phase 1 or Phase 2	Phase 3
Small Sided	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Youth	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
District U18	\$60.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
District, Regional, Provincial	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$125.00

All officials that have paid the full registration fee prior to Covid-19 restrictions will be provided with a refund of the difference in the registration fees. You will not be required to submit an expense form. Ontario Soccer will initiate this process and will apply the refund to the Credit Card used for paying for your 2020 Registration.

FULL REFUNDS

If you require a FULL refund, and do not plan to officiate any games from now until March 31, 2021 this can be requested by emailing finance@ontariosoccer.net with the following:

1. Provide 2020 registration receipt
 - a. If original payment by credit card
All necessary info to process refund will be on receipt
 - b. If original payment by cheque, need the following info:
 - Cheque #
 - Name on cheque
 - Date
 - Amount

FITNESS TESTS

- All 2019 Regional and Provincial Match Officials will not be required to complete a FIFA HI Fitness test in order to maintain their status, unless three tests can be scheduled (in order to service all areas of the Province).
- All District Grade 7 and 8 match officials will not be required to complete a Beep Test in order to maintain their status.
- District Associations will be able to host Grade 7 and Grade 8 Upgrading Fitness Tests. This deadline will be pushed back to Oct. 31, 2020 only.
- Regional and Provincial Upgrading Officials, Ontario Soccer will attempt to provide you with an official fitness test as soon as possible after the suspension of all soccer activities is lifted. If Ontario Soccer are not able to do so, we will connect with Canada Soccer to determine next steps.

In 2021, regular fitness test requirements will apply, and your required fitness test must be completed by the required dates.

ASSESSMENTS

We have removed the requirement for Grade 7 and 8 Assessments for the 2020 season.

- Provincial maintenance and Provincial and Regional Upgrading will be the priority assessments for 2020 as they are required by Canada Soccer.
- Regional Maintenance will be second priority in 2020.
- Purchase of assessment credits will be determined by the start date of the season. Ontario Soccer will reach out to each group individually at that time.

Match Officials do not need to purchase any assessment credits at until we contact you.