



Waterloo Minor Soccer Club **‘Return to Play’!**

June 10th, 2021

The Waterloo Minor Soccer Club continues to work in consultation with Ontario Soccer, the Government of Ontario, the City of Waterloo and Canada Soccer as we prepare for Return to Play 2021. We are very excited to announce that competitive teams will be returning to the field on June 14th, as a result of this decision, WMSC has reviewed the updated framework with Government Health and Sports authorities as we are now prepared to provide direction to our membership on what is allowed for sport in Step 1 of our Return to Play.

‘Pitch in, Play ON!’ Ontario Soccer has announced that there will be a return to soccer fields this summer. The Government of Ontario [announced June 7th, 2021](#), that it is easing the restrictions on Outdoor Activities and the province is moving to Step 1 of the new three-stage opening framework.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE WATERLOO MINOR SOCCER CLUB?

This means that we can start going back on the field week commencing June 14th for specific programming. There will be new protocols/guidelines in place which all WMSC members must adhere to.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be three phases within the Return to Play and is applicable to all levels/ages of soccer.



Note: Steps 2 and 3 are tentatively scheduled to start 21 days apart and subject to Government of Ontario assessment and approval. Ontario Soccer will advise membership confirmation of Steps through updated Information Bulletins that will include updates to this Return to Play Guide.

It is also very important that we all continue to follow the guidelines from the Provincial Government in regards to social distancing, always washing our hands, and wearing the necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

PLEASE NOTE:

- All provided dates and details are subject to change in the direction of the City of Waterloo, the Provincial Government, and Ontario Soccer.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM UPDATES:

- **2021 Skill Centre, Competitive, OPDL and League 1 Teams:**
 - WMSC has been creating a schedule for modified 10-player training (per half field) as the province will enter Phase 1 of the reopening plan by June 14th. The Club's Technical staff will provide detailed information on or before June 11th.
- **2021 Summer Camp:**
 - With the first week of the Club's Summer Camp planned to kick off on **July 5th**, WMSC will provide registrants detailed information as soon as the information has been provided from our governing bodies and given the green light to enter Phase 2 of reopening.



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- **2021 Outdoor Recreational Program:**

- Based on the Provincial Phase 1 Reopening Guidelines, the Club must delay the start of the season. All recreational programs are now scheduled to **start in July**. Once WMSC has confirmation about the details and has entered Phase 2 of the reopening, the Club will provide dates and key information as soon as we receive sport-specific information from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

House League and camp registration are both still open for anyone who wants to play this season. Visit us online at www.waterloounited.com to learn more. The Waterloo Minor Soccer Club is very happy to be planning the start of the season as we look forward to getting back on the field in the safest way possible!

References:

1. [Ontario Soccer’s Return to Play Guide – Plan, Protocols, and Recommendations](#)
2. [Ontario Permits More Businesses and Services to Reopen in the Coming Days](#)
3. [City of Waterloo Reopening Guidelines](#)