



OAKVILLE SOCCER CLUB

OPEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ODP)

RETURN TO PLAY TRAINING PROGRAM FAQs

How will sessions be managed/what safety measures are in place?

Players will enter and exit through designated areas. All players are to wear masks to and from their session. Each player will sign in with a field marshal, complete a health screening and sanitize their hands before proceeding to their assigned area. Players can remove their masks once on the field, but are permitted to wear them during the session if they so choose. Players will be grouped with the same 10-12 players and coach each week and will participate in modified scrimmages with age and stage appropriate groups of up to 50 players. Spectators can stay at the session but are not permitted on the field/sideline area. Spectators are required to wear masks and maintain social distancing protocols. Please see [OSC's Return to Play Plan](#) for more details.

Will games be played? How is this program different than House League Soccer?

The first 30 minutes of each session will be focused on individual player development (footwork skills, passing skills, shooting skills, etc.). The last 30 minutes of the session will be small-sided scrimmages so players can practice and apply acquired skills in a game-like setting. Intentional contact is discouraged and players will be encouraged to maintain distance where possible during sessions, however please note that as per government guidelines and Ontario Soccer's Return to Play Plan, distancing is not required during play.

House League soccer consists of teams playing weekly games/playing different teams each week. ODP is a skill development program intended to hone player skills that can be applied in game situations.

Will groups be gender specific?

OSC will aim to make the groups gender specific so long as registration numbers allow. Males and females of the same age may be grouped together if registration demographics require.

Inclement/Dangerous Weather Protocol

If session will proceed due to a low chance of inclement/dangerous weather, parents are asked to stay at the field in case unfavourable weather occurs. If there is a high chance of inclement/dangerous weather, the session will be cancelled. Cancelled sessions will not be rescheduled or refunded. We understand these are not ideal circumstances, but we must ensure the safety of all members during these unprecedented times where indoor shelter is not available and social distancing does not allow for gathering in covered areas/in cars for large volumes of people.

OSC Staff will monitor the weather each day, and will make a call regarding sessions if inclement weather (thunder/lightning) is highly likely in the forecast as of 9:00 a.m. each ODP training day. You will receive notification via email if sessions are cancelled; if you do not receive communication from



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the Club by 9:15 a.m., it is safe to assume that all sessions will take place. Please note that sessions will take place if only rain is in the forecast.

What equipment is required? Will players receive uniforms?

All players are required to bring their own ball (inflated - a pump will not be available at the field) and water bottle. Please label all belongings with player names to avoid confusion.

Players are required to wear shin guards.

Players must wear athletic/appropriate recreational apparel. Soccer cleats or running shoes are acceptable footwear.

No uniforms/apparel or equipment will be provided by OSC.

There will be no lost & found in place – any items left at the field will be disposed of immediately; please ensure all belongings leave the field with players upon exit.

If you have any additional questions that are not addressed in [OSC's Return to Play Plan](#), please contact info@oakvillesoccer.ca.

**Information contained in this document subject to change at the discretion of Oakville Soccer Club at any time*