



North Durham United FC

March 27, 2020

A Message from North Durham United FC About COVID-19

To Our Member Families and Volunteers:

Our thoughts go out to those affected by this global pandemic and to our Member families that have been ill, laid off work or whose place of business has been forced to close. Like many non-profit organizations around the world, we are feeling the impacts too and continue to operate to serve our membership but in a limited capacity. The situation that we currently face together is unprecedented and the well-being of our youth soccer players, their families, and the Club's volunteers and staff is our top priority.

To continue to support the North Durham United soccer community across Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock Townships, we are adapting some of our operations and practices to keep everyone safe, but also, most importantly, to keep you, our Club Member families informed of evolving changes and the impacts on local youth soccer programs.

Here's what you need to know:

2020 Season

The summer soccer season at all levels has not been cancelled. Your club continues to plan for the upcoming 2020 Outdoor Soccer season.

[Ontario Soccer](#), our governing body, along with the Durham Region Soccer Association, continues to provide frequent updates and is monitoring the COVID-19 situation on a weekly basis. Most recently it was announced that all sanctioned soccer events for the month of April in Ontario have been suspended. This does not affect our summer Recreational soccer leagues season which ordinarily have late May start dates. The daily government updates are being assessed and we will adjust our plans when and if required. We promise to provide you updates of any calendar changes as soon as information is made available to the soccer club.

Registration

Online Recreational Registration for Summer 2020 remains open and can be accessed from each of the websites of the 3 former clubs. To date, we anticipate offering a summer 2020 soccer program. We know you are relying

on us to have recreational youth soccer programs available for your children once this period of isolation ends. We need to know what that looks like as much as you do, so please continue to register and hold a spot for your child.

The Early Bird registration deadline has been extended from March 22 to **April 5**.

Communications and Member Experience

Following protocols (no in-person meetings), we continue to operate remotely, from home-based offices and in a limited capacity. Your volunteer Board of Directors are meeting weekly via video conferencing and our staff administrators are available to respond to member inquiries by phone or email.

Please ensure that your Sports Engine Account settings permit communications from the Club. We will use this direct messaging system to communicate important information to you. Messages will be sent to 2020 Registrants and 2019 Registrants.

The Club will continue to post on our social media channels - Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Information will be added to the Home pages of the websites for North Durham United FC - competitive [northdurhamunited.com], the Uxbridge Soccer Club [uxbridgesoccerclub.com] and the Scugog Soccer Association [scugogsoccer.ca]. Posted information will be the same information no matter which channel or former club you access online.

Rest Assured

We continue to assess the latest information and the potential impacts on you, and on our small, non-profit community organization. Our goal is to maintain a high level of operational flexibility and fiscal responsibility, while still planning to deliver exceptional soccer programs and social growth opportunities for our youth. We are doing everything within our capabilities and resources to prepare for the many scenarios we may face as we move towards a return to the game that we all enjoy.

We are planning on issuing regular updates, with the next update provided by April 6, 2020, or sooner as circumstances dictate.

On behalf of our dedicated volunteer Board and Staff, we wish you the best and we look forward to seeing you on the pitch and kicking off our first season together as a newly united Club!

Yours in soccer,

Grant Oliver, NDUFC President