



Off Season Updates

SportsEngine

SportsEngine Premium HQ version is now available to all Ontario Soccer clubs free of charge. This will provide several additional modules for clubs to use for registration, league management and season management processes. The SportsEngine HQ Premium edition also provides you with a website free of charge as part of the upgrade.

Christian Beck from SportsEngine (christian.beck1@nbcuni.com) is the main contact for those wanting to upgrade their account. Christian and his team should be reaching out directly to all HDSA clubs. **You can also upgrade your account with the following steps:**

1. Follow the link [Ontario Soccer + SportsEngine](#)
2. Click "Get SportsEngine HQ Premium" and then "Schedule a Time"
3. Book a meeting with Christian where he can update your account and answer any questions.

For those **clubs that already have SportsEngine HQ**, you will either get a refund or your billing cycles will end. Contact SportsEngine directly for billing questions.

There are also many new updates coming to the SportsEngine platform. Specifically, Governing Seasons will be replaced by Season Management in January 2024.

What are the new features for clubs?

- Clubs on SportsEngine HQ Premium will have access to the schedule assistant to help set up schedule rules, manage facilities, generate matchups, and schedule games.
- Clubs on SportsEngine HQ Premium can control where and how they showcase their schedule, stats, and rosters on their website.
- SportsEngine HQ help content and walk throughs will be available to guide club administrators every step of the way.

With the major changes coming, please note that **Outdoor 2024 registration will not be available until January 4th, 2024.** Important off-season dates are below:

December 19th – 20th → Scheduled maintenance. SportsEngine functions will not be available.

December 21st → Indoor will automatically transfer from Governing Seasons to Season Management

January 4th → Outdoor 2024 registration opens on Season Management.

Digital ID Cards

Digital ID cards will be operational for the 2024 outdoor season. Usage of digital ID is approved in Ontario Soccer Operational Procedures – 6.0 Ontario Soccer Identification. Digital ID cards can be downloaded through SportsEngine. More information will be shared following the SportsEngine platform updates.



HST

The following website has plenty of information on [GST/HST for Non-Profit Organizations](#).

For athletic/recreational programs exemptions are based on the following:

Membership fees and services for recreational programs established and operated by an NPO are exempt if they consist of supervised instructional classes or activities involving athletics, outdoor recreation, music, dance, crafts, arts, hobbies, or other recreational pursuits in the following circumstances:

- *you provide them primarily to children 14 years of age or under and they do not involve overnight supervision throughout a large part of the program*
- *you provide them primarily for individuals who are underprivileged or who have a disability*

This relates to the 50% rule discussed last spring. If a club's membership consists of 50% or more under the age of 13, there should be exemption from HST collection.

Please also see the Ontario Soccer HST attachment for HST implications and examples.