



## **Ottawa selected for Canada Soccer's Toyota National Championships in 2021**

Canada Soccer has selected Ottawa as a host city for the 2021 Toyota National Championships, Canada's premier amateur soccer competition that brings together clubs from coast to coast to coast. Selected from 15 candidates that expressed interest in hosting, Ottawa will be hosting the 2021 U-15 competition.

A joint bid was submitted from the Ottawa Carleton Soccer League and the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association as co-hosts.

Other host cities for the 2021 Toyota National Championships are Surrey, British Columbia for the Challenge Trophy & Jubilee Trophy competitions, and Montréal, Québec for the U-17 Cup.

"The Toyota National Championships are Canada Soccer's largest amateur competition, extending from coast to coast to coast each year with more than 600 competing clubs and 10,000 players," said Peter Montopoli, Canada Soccer General Secretary. "The Toyota National Championships provide an impactful experience for our sport and our host communities, helping to build an important legacy for sport in Canada."

"We are very excited to be selected as a host of the 2021 Toyota National Championships and to bring this great competition to the City of Ottawa" said Chelsea Norris, Bid Committee Co-Chair.

"Ottawa's 'Bid More, Win More, Host More' strategy has brought many impressive events to Ottawa and Canada's capital region over the past few years—and the 2021 Toyota National Championships are a perfect addition to the list," says Michael Crockatt, President and CEO of Ottawa Tourism. "We look forward to welcoming the athletes, coaches, media, and fans to Ottawa for this spectacular event."

In 2018, close to 600 teams have entered provincial or territorial playdowns for the Toyota National Championships. Teams that qualify will compete in the Toyota National Championships from 3-8 October, with six national winners to be crowned on the final day. The 2018 Toyota National Championships take place in Saskatoon (adult), Surrey (U-17) and Laval (U-15).

The Toyota National Championships are Canada's premier amateur soccer competitions. This year marks the 96th edition of the men's competition and 37th edition of the senior women's competition. While the competition has sometimes featured professional or semi-professional teams, since the early 1960s the National Championships have strictly featured amateur teams.