

2018 Operational Procedures - Major Changes/Rationale

OP Number and Page	Major Change	Rationale
Section 1. Governing Documents		
1.15 (pg. 8)	Addition of 1.15 regarding Assessors or Mentors	With the issues we've have encountered with certain facilities we currently cannot discipline Ontario Soccer Assessors or Mentors that are involved with these facilities because they are not included in our definition of administrators and are not registered match officials with Ontario Soccer.
1.20 (pg. 8)	Updated definition of Club: Club shall mean the Governing Organization that is affiliated to, and under the jurisdiction of a District Association and is established and operates in accordance with Operational Procedure 3.0 Organizations Procedure 6.0 Club; a not for-profit registered organization that organizes teams, registers all players, team officials and administrators of their organizations and has an elected Board of Directors.	To better clarify between a Club and an Academy (Private).
1.38 (pg. 9)	Update to definition of an Exhibition Game - Removal of phrase " or a series of games "	To establish a better understanding for the definition of an Exhibition Game.
1.89 (pg. 12)	Update to definition of a Subject Matter Group - Removal of phrase " external individuals " – Addition of phrase " operational committees "	To better define the definition for a Subject Matter Group.
1.93 (pg. 13)	Updated definition of a Transgender Player	To establish a better understanding for the definition of a Transgender Player.
Section 2. Administration		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 3. Organizations		
4.2 (pg. 21)	Addition of 4.2	To prevent "Ontario" or "Provincial" in the organization name or its teams names.
Section 4. Finance, Committees & Awards		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 5. Registration		
5.4 (pg. 30)	Removal of fax number and addition of email address	Modernization and updated technology
6.8.1 (pg. 35)	Deletion of 6.8.1 Ontario Soccer Registration Book or Identification Card shall be valid for 3yrs for Youth and 5yrs for Senior player or team official.	The photo is valid for limited # of years however book can last longer (3 photos/book).
8.3 (p.g.37)	Addition A "TRIAL REGISTRATION PERMIT" entitles a non-registered player to play 3 games for a Registered Team during a 30 day period.	To align with the Canada Soccer.
10.4 & 10.5 (p.g.38)	Addition of 10.4 & 10.5	To stop teams from using de-registration to get around transfer rules. Currently some are using same rules that apply to transfers to de-registration.
Section 6. Game Types		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 7. High Performance		
2.2.3 (p.g.49)	Addition of statement: The Canada Games Teams program shall operate from January to competition end date within the Canada Games four year cycle system "or the year prior to the competition date dependant on Ministry funding requirements."	Canada Games is a High Performance program that is budgeted every four years in the year of the Canada Games. The Ontario Ministry of Sport may provide grant funding the year prior to the Canada Games and therefore Canada Games Teams preparation may commence a year prior to the games. Programs from grant funding will be required to be completed as stated in the grant fund application.

2.3.1 (pg.51)	Addition of statement: Athlete's selected to Provincial and Canada Games programs may not participate in Club or Academy training or competition during the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorized preparation camps/weekends Authorized competition 	This is to ensure the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and safety of the athlete to prevent physical, mental and social emotional overload. To allow the Provincial and Canada Games programs access to the best athletes for proper preparation and competition.
Section 8. Competitions		
3.4 (p.g.53)	Addition of statement "Subject to Ontario Soccer approval, a tournament may be hosted by an Unaffiliated Organization."	To allow Ontario Soccer to sanction unaffiliated organizations. I.e. World Dwarf Games and the North American Indigenous Games.
3.4.1 (pg.54)	Addition of 3.4.1	Flexibility – Related to above
3.4.2 (pg.54)	Addition of 3.4.2	Flexibility to deny Unaffiliated Organizations from hosting if trying to get around rules by being unaffiliated.
5.15 (p.g.57) 13.5 (p.g.64)	Changes to tournament report penalties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> first offence was \$100 now \$1000 second offence was \$100 now \$1000 fine plus disqualification from hosting a tournament in the following season 	Increase in fines needed to make sure all reports are submitted within the set timeline.
16.5 (pg.65)	Addition of chart and update to Number of Memorable Events (per year)	To comply with Ontario Soccer's LTPD Matrix requirements.
17.2 (pg.66)	Update on ages eligible to play in an Exhibition games	To make sure ages regarding exhibition game meets all of the criteria in the LTPD Matrices.
18.8 (pg.68)	Update to Blanket Permission to Play Exhibition Games - A District Association may grant blanket written permission to any Club affiliated to the District to authorize exhibition games which only involve teams within the Club.	To establish a better understanding for Blanket Permission to Play Exhibition Games
19.4 (pg.69)	Addition of 19.4	To establish a better understanding that Academies (private) are not permitted to play in the Ontario Cup.
Section 9. Leagues		
6.1(b) (pg.81)	Addition of wording - District Competitive League in which no District Association has more than 51% of the teams in the league or a league in which more than 51% of the teams are from one District	For better clarity.
11.0 (p.g.86-87)	Update of chart in 11.0	To include the elite divisions in both open age and U21.
14.18 (pg.90)	Addition of 14.18	To allow information to be provided in a timely manner to give the Regional Leagues the information they need for divisions the following year.
14.29 (pg.91)	Update to wording	To provide better clarity as to role of Ontario Soccer's Competitions Management Committee (CMC), Regional League and Districts.
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Section 10. Match Officials		
5.2 (p.g.103)	Addition of point 3. High school competitions that have a current signed Ontario Soccer Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the assignment and protocol for Match Officials between the District Association and/or Ontario Soccer and the applicable School Board organization.	This was an initiative of Ontario Soccer on behalf of the District Associations after there were discipline issues with games at the high school level. Ontario Soccer Board of Directors approved a motion that only high schools that have an MOU with Ontario Soccer or its Districts are permitted to use Ontario Soccer registered Match Officials.
Section 11. Coaches		
NO updates to these sections		

Section 12. Discipline

1.3 (p.g.110)	Addition 1.3	To cover misconduct by a Club or Academy's unregistered membership (ie. Parents).
2.3.3 (p.g.111)	Addition 2.3.3	Gives a pathway for complaint to be handled when a governing organization doesn't respond.
3.2.2 (p.g.112)	Addition of statement: A governing body cannot ignore non registration or condone it. Non-registration of players/coaches/teams is a Discipline Offence which must lead to appropriate Discipline charges.	To deal with non-registrations.
5.7.5.1 (p.g.118)	Addition of statement: The Discipline Chair of a Governing body, District, League or Club must be certified. Also no "Director" may sit as Discipline Chair of his own organization.	To establish a better understanding for Chair selection.
5.7.6.2 (p.g.118-120)	Addition of: 5.7.6.2 - 5.7.6.4 - 5.7.6.7 - 5.7.7.3	Set procedures to follow while hosting a discipline hearing when witnesses attend via teleconference.
9.4 (p.g.123)	Addition of iv. Regarding Missed Discipline Hearing	Allows for accountability.
9.9.1 (p.g.125)	Update of chart regarding Discipline charges	Updated to allow for a panel to still give discipline when the accused did not direct at a game official but evidence does show the offense occurred.
11.0 (p.g.146)	Increase of Appeal to Canada Soccer Fee from \$1000.00 to \$1500.00	To align with the Canada Soccer.
12.1 (p.g.147)	Addition of # 4 Ontario Cup & # 5 Ontario Academy Soccer League	Allows Discipline related to the following Ontario Soccer programs to fall under the jurisdiction of Ontario Soccer.
12.4 (p.g.148)	Addition 12.4	To provide consistency to all programs to ensure they all follow the Operational Procedures.

Section 13. Appeals

2.2 (p.g.149)	Addition of j) The selection or non-selection of any organization, team, team official, match official, and/or player to any Ontario Soccer program, league, and/or member association.	To not allow items that have not followed the proper order of Appeal. Some decisions are not appealable.
2.2 (p.g.149)	Addition of k) Matters of discipline and/or complaints that have not gone through the appropriate avenues of resolution and been provided with Rights to Appeal to Ontario Soccer.	To not allow items that have not followed the proper order of Appeal. Some decisions are not appealable.

Section 14. Protests to Section 18. AODA

NO updates to these sections