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Information Bulletin

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To: District Administrators, Presidents, Technical Directors
CC: OSA Board of Directors, Staff
From: Billy Wilson, Manager, Player Development
Subject: Updated OSA Development and Recreational Matrices – Additional Explanations

The Ontario Soccer Association has updated the Development and Recreational Matrices and provided additional explanations as it relates to **6. Team Travel Time**.

This update can be found on the second page of the Development (Indoor & Outdoor) and Recreational (Indoor & Outdoor) Matrices and aims to clarify any misinterpretations regarding **6. Team Travel Time** at the U4–U12 age groups. The updated documents can be found on the Grassroots Resource section of the [OSA Website](#).

6. Team Travel Time

*Unnecessary travel to and from soccer related activities must be avoided at the younger development stages. For optimal player development we need players to be practicing, playing and involved in other sport activities rather than spending excessive time travelling to and from games. The Team Travel Time (i.e. 45 minutes each way for U9's) is the standard of expectation. **For Ontario Soccer Districts bordering other provinces or countries, interprovincial and international travel is not recommended for U12 and below and is not permitted if it exceeds the Team Travel Time. If travelling using a memorable event, this must be within Canada or the United States only.** Travel is to be calculated from District boundary to the match venue. All travel outside of a district requires District approval.*

Please note the link above has been updated to reflect the changes and will take effect immediately upon release on Jan 24, 2017. The OSA website link is the official source for current and accurate content. If any changes should be made, membership will be advised through our Information Bulletin communication.

The Development and Recreational Matrices govern all aspects of grassroots soccer in Ontario and will continue to evolve as the OSA works towards keeping the governing documents updated and easily accessible to assist with the administration and technical leadership of the game across the province.



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Clubs and their membership are asked to contact their local District Association if they have any questions.

For information regarding Development of Recreational Matrices please contact [Billy Wilson](#).