



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Voting Members Council, District Administrators, and Associate Members
CC: Board of Directors, Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer, Matt Ferreira, Director, Development
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Subject: Operational Procedure Section 2 – Registration, Procedures 5.6 & 5.7

The Board of Directors of Ontario Soccer have been advised by the Voting Members Council (VMC) of concern regarding the recent changes to the Operational Procedures effective January 15, 2026. **Specifically, Section 2, Procedures 5.6 and 5.7.** The VMC requested that the most recent changes (2026) to these Procedures be removed and the previous version (2024) be reinstated.

In discussion with the VMC, it was agreed that future amendments are needed pertaining to this Operating Procedure for better clarity. The amendments will be reviewed later this year in consultation with the VMC and targeted for implementation in 2027.

The Motion was approved by the Board on March 21, 2026, and the following actions will occur:

Operational Procedure Section 2, Procedures 5.6 and 5.7 (2024) will be reinstated and the Operational Procedure document will be updated on the Ontario Soccer website.

District Associations please inform your impacted member clubs of the change and the removal of the Special Dispensation requirement.

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Section 2 – Registration, Procedure 5.0 – Team Registration (effective Jan. 1, 2024) will be reinstated as follows:

5.6 In the team age divisions Over-30 and over, each Player on:

- a. An outdoor team must exceed the stipulated age before January 1 preceding the current outdoor playing season; and
- b. An indoor team must exceed the stipulated age before January 1 during the current indoor playing season.

Notwithstanding 5.6 a) and 5.6 b), a League may choose to permit an exception for a maximum of two (2) Players who are one year younger than the required age.

5.7 In Open Age divisions, teams may contain Players of any age over the age of 16.

Section 2 – Registration, Procedure 5.0 – Team Registration (effective Jan. 15, 2026) will be removed:

5.6 *In Senior divisions, teams may contain Players of any age over the age of 18.*

For players aged 16 or 17, the Club would require Special Dispensation. Full teams or where the majority of a team is comprised of U17 and younger players is not permitted. Players meeting the age requirement for an Under 16 or Under 17 division or a younger division of the current registration year may not be registered to a team in a Senior or Open Age division.

~~**5.7** *In Open Age divisions, teams may contain Players of any age over the age of 16.*~~

5.7 is no longer required due to the category terminology. The Senior category makes the Open Age category redundant. 5.7 is combined with 5.6.

Please feel free to contact [Patty Forbes](#) should you have any questions.

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