

Objective



 To provide a pilot initiative that evaluates the effectiveness of a Game Leader and Referee at the U9 Age Group.

Structure



- Festivals with U9 Age Groups will be tracked and evaluated.
- Festivals will either use a Referee or a Game Leaders
- Game Leader can either be 3rd party or can be the two Coaches involved in the game.

Roles & Responsibilities - Ontario Soccer



- Develop survey to be distributed by host organizations
- U9 Festival games will be received and reviewed by Ontario Soccer staff
- Games will be evaluated by Ontario Soccer for measuring of:
 - "ball rolling time,"
 - quantity and the quality of the stoppages and their impact on flow of the game

Roles & Responsibilities - Host Organization



- Organizations are to identify festivals for the pilot project
- Festival host will record all U9 Games
- Games must be recorded in one of the following format:
 - MP4 (H.26x, MPEG-2, MPEG-4)
 - 3GP (H.26x, MPEG-4)
 - AVI (Divx, XviD etc)
 - WMV
 - MOV/QT (MPEG-2, MPEG-4)
 - MKV
 - WEBM (H.26x, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, DivX, XviD, VP6)
 - FLV (VP6, H.264, MPEG-4).
- Video can zoom in on any stoppages the Referee or Game Leader makes (must include sound)
- Send all video files to Ontario Soccer for review
- Distribute survey link to the Team Officials, Game Leaders/Referee and parents

Process of Evaluation



- Ontario Soccer will evaluate all videos provided via an online platform
- Host will survey the team officials, Game Leaders/ Referees and parents post game by providing them with online survey.
- Results will be submitted directly to Ontario Soccer

Survey Distribution



- Team Officials, Game Leader/ Referees and parents will complete an online survey immediately after the game.
- Survey will measure feedback on the effectiveness of the Game Leader/ Referees' quantity/quality of stoppages

Game & Survey Evaluation



- All games will be assessed to evaluate the impact of management of the game by Game Leaders and Referees at the U9 age group
- Survey results will be evaluated by Ontario Soccer

Considerations for Participating Organizations



- Standards for recording games:
 - Each game must be recorded separately.
 - Where possible, the videographer can use a tripod to stabilize recording
 - The video must have quality sound;
 - Video must record the entire duration of the match, including stoppage times and breaks (half-time, water break, etc)
 - The cameral should not focus on any individual player, but rather capture the game as much as possible.
 - The camera should use a wide angle shot
 - The end result needs to provide the evaluator with a clear and cohesive view of the session given.
 - Parental consent for videoing has already been obtained via the Ontario Soccer Player registration form.
- Host organization must provide the survey to Team Officials, immediately after the conclusion of the game
- Timelines
 - Videos to be submitted to Ontario Soccer up to 3 days after the Festival

