



EOS Tournament and Festival Policy

General

In this document the word “competition” will apply to tournaments and festivals.

This policy supersedes any existing or previous policy or part of a policy pertaining to tournaments, festivals, or competitions in Eastern Ontario Soccer..

In any event, where this policy conflicts with Ontario Soccer Governing Documents, the Ontario Soccer document takes precedence.

Hosting Restrictions

A Member may host one competition per month and a maximum of four competitions per calendar year. Male and Female competitions are considered separate competitions if they are run on separate weekends.

Festivals and Tournaments are considered separate competitions if they are run on separate weekends. One Tournament and one Festival will be permitted per weekend within EOS.

Rain-date weekend reservations are not permitted.

Competitions that are held outside of the referee travel area (City of Ottawa) can be held on the same date as one other central tournament. For example, Perth could run a competition on the same weekend as OSU.

EOS will not sanction International and North American tournaments for the same age and gender within four weeks of each other.

Grand-fathering Competitions

Grandfathering of tournaments will be permitted if the host has confirmed their intent to operate the competition. For greater clarity, this means that existing tournaments will continue to hold their tournament date each year, provided that the ages and genders remain the same.



EOS must receive the intent to operate by November 15th for tournaments during the following outdoor season and by June 1st for tournaments during the following indoor season. Failure to confirm the intent to operate may result in losing a tournament date.

Clubs not hosting their tournament in two consecutive years will not be guaranteed their original tournament dates.

Ontario Cup Considerations

Clubs may not apply to host Ontario Cup competitions without first receiving approval from EOS. Permission will be granted if EOS, in its sole discretion, believes that there is sufficient referee capacity on the competition date.

Application Requirements

Tournament and Festival applications must be made using Ontario Soccer's specified method.

Deadlines for submission of the application to EOS are as follows:

Tournament Accepting Teams from	Number of Days before Tournament application is required
Outside of Canada	120
Within Canada	90
Within Ontario	45

Applications will not be accepted after May 31st for the following outdoor season or September 30th for the following indoor season.

Application fees are defined in EOS Fees and Fines Schedule
New tournaments will be subject to a performance bond as per EOS Fees and Fines Schedule.

Tournament Rules must be submitted with the application. It is the responsibility of the tournament host to ensure that their rules follow EODSA and Ontario Soccer Published Rules.

The following outlines the minimum required Tournament Rules:

- a. Age Divisions: list age divisions for the tournament including the proper year of birth.
- b. Team Eligibility: Indicate the type of teams being accepted into the tournament. If Mini teams are being accepted, indicate the type of play. I.E. Full field, Mini field
- c. Number of games each team will play
- d. Duration of the games (minutes of play)
- e. Match Official Fees
- f. Laws of the game: Indicate that the tournament will be run in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the game and in accordance with Ontario Soccer and EODSA Published Rules.



- g. Team Sheets: The tournament host will provide them, and each team must complete them prior to the start of the game.
- h. Misconduct Reports: They are to be handed into the Tournament Organizing Committee at the end of each game and forwarded to EOS within 48 hours of the game's completion.
- i. Facilities: Indicate the facilities that are being used for the tournament including the number of fields.
- j. Guest Players: Indicate the number of guest players permitted in accordance with Ontario Soccer published rules.
- k. Discipline: The following statement must be included in the tournament rules: All misconduct Reports will be dealt with by the Discipline Chair or Committee in accordance with Ontario Soccer Published Rules. Where permitted, requests for a hearing will be accepted within 15 minutes of the game's completion. In accordance with Ontario Soccer Published rules all decisions made by review are final. All Decisions made by hearing can be appealed to the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association
 - i. Protests: Indicate the process for filing a protest (note that this is not an appeal)
 - ii. Number of players dressed: Specify the number of players permitted to be dressed
 - iii. Cancellation Policy: Specify the tournament cancellation policy and refund policy
 - iv. Substitutions: Indicate when the tournaments will allow substitutions
 - v. Tie Breakers: Indicate the tournament rules for handling a tie
 - vi. Tardy or no-show teams: Indicate the penalty for arriving late, as well as for teams who do not appear

Match Officials

The competition host must provide the name of its Referee Assignor to EOS.

Match Officials must be registered with Ontario Soccer for the current season. Referees outside Ontario must complete the "Permission to Officiate Inter-Provincially or Internationally" form. The only exception is Outaouais officials who have an active Ontario Refcentre account.

The competition referee assignor must follow Ontario Soccer's guidelines for hours per day officiating.

Match Officials must only officiate games for which they are qualified.

By applying to host a competition in EOS, the Member agrees to abide by EOS referee assigning policy.

The tournament host must assign all referees for the tournament.

Discipline



The competition host must have a Discipline Committee convened and available throughout the competition that is responsible for disciplinary matters that may arise during the competition. The name of the Chairperson of said Committee must be submitted to EOS

Tournament hosts are responsible for all discipline during their tournament. Discipline reports will be forwarded to the players' home Districts for further action where necessary.

Post-competition Reports

Requirement	Deadline
Referee Reports	Within 48 hours of the completion of the competition
Ontario Soccer Discipline Summary Form	Within 7 days of the completion of the competition
Tournament Report	Within 30 days of the completion of the competition

Items included in EOS Tournament Report Form:

- a. A list of participating teams
- b. A list of teams failing to show or to play all games
- c. A complete summary of all serious injuries and the Accident/Injury Reports
- d. Tournament Schedule and results, including referees used for each game. (Please include referees first and last names)
- e. All Travel Permits for teams outside the District

Failure to comply with the Tournament Report Requirements will result in forfeiture of the bond or other further disciplinary action including an increase in bond or removal of tournament privileges.

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