

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
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Subject: Match Official Game Fee Increase – 2023 Season

The Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, at their March 26, 2022 meeting, approved a change to the Match Official Game Fee and Assigning Protocol. After careful review, Ontario Soccer have updated the Game Fee and Assigning Protocol and it will come into effect April 1, 2023.

Game fee increases for District, Regional and Provincial Youth and Senior leagues will be effective for the 2023 and 2024 outdoor seasons.

Prior to 2018, in order to entice higher level officials to do their games, leagues were working independently in setting fees and were creating competition in the officiating landscape, by offering higher or similar fees for games closer to home. A major concern raised by our stakeholders was that this created an imbalance in fees and opportunities, which ultimately was counter-productive to match official's retention and development. This was addressed in 2018 with the introduction of the Ontario Soccer Game Fee and Assigning Protocol.


As per [Operational Procedures](#) (Section 10, Procedure 6.5), game fees are to be reviewed every two years.

As per [Operational Procedures](#) (Section 10, Procedure 6.4,) Ontario Soccer have also found that many leagues utilize the one referee system.

This is a system where there are no Assistant Referees and a single Official is in charge of the 11v11 full field game.



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Their responsibilities include the offside calls, the substitutions, the paperwork, field inspection and dealing with any further issues.

In order to compensate the single Official appropriately, Ontario Soccer have increased the game fee for those that utilize the one Official system in 11v11 games.

The goal of this protocol is to create consistency, accountability and credibility.

Please note that the protocol is available here: [2023 Game Fee and Assigning Protocol](#)

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