

2020 and 2021 Operational Procedures – Game Related Changes/Rationale

OP Number and Page	Game Related Change	Rationale
Section 1. Governing Documents		
1.48 (pg.9)	Addition of 1.48 regarding Game Related Changes	Added definition for clarity
1.94 (pg.11-12)	Update to definition regarding Soccer Related Activity	To provide better clarity and understanding
3.1 (pg.13)	Update to wording to include District President Chair on behalf of the Districts Presidents Forum	To provide better clarity
4.5 (pg.15)	Update to wording to include wording at which the chair of the District Presidents' Forum or his/her representative is in attendance to present and defend the change	To provide better clarity and understanding
Section 2. Administration		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 3. Organizations		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 4. Finance, Committees & Awards		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 5. Registration		
1.8 (pg.30)	Addition of wording using the following team naming convention methodology and Removal of wording by the registered Club Name only	Club Registration Numbers are now not as visible as they were in AIMS
1.8.1 (pg.30)	*New Procedure added* - Youth Team: Club (full name), Gender (M or F), YOB, League, Division, Team Identifier	Club Registration Numbers are now not as visible as they were in AIMS
1.8.2 (pg.30)	*New Procedure added* - Adult Team: Club (full name), Gender, Category (Open, O35, O30, Masters), League, Division, Team Identifier	Club Registration Numbers are now not as visible as they were in AIMS
2.9 (pg.31)	Update to indoor player registration date from June 1st to March 1st	This puts both the Indoor season and Outdoor season at 15 months so they are consistent. Futsal which is only permitted in the Indoor season now has the same season length
5.8 (pg.34-35)	Update to chart for U13 and older players a Club can register on its team. Youth Outdoor Competitive & Youth Indoor (11v11) have increased from 18 to 20	Allow for expanded rosters
6.2 (pg.36)	Update to wording	To provide better clarity
8.0 to 8.12 (pg.40-41)	Update to wording	Amalgamation of PROCEDURE 9.0 SHORT TERM REGISTRATION PERMITS and PROCEDURE 8.0 TRIAL REGISTRATION PERMITS
Section 6. Game Types		
5.2 (pg.50)	Removal of LTPD Developmental and Recreational Matrices	All Matrices are being replaced by the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Standards in alignment with Canada Soccer Grassroots Standards
5.4.1 (pg.50)	Update to wording to include Grassroots players can only play up one year and the Technical Director of the Club/Academy must sign off on the player movement and there must be rationale as to why there is player movement.	To provide better clarity and understanding

Section 7. High Performance

2.2.1 (p.g.53)	Addition of L1 Ontario Reserve (U21)	League1 Ontario has expanded its programming within the Talented Pathway which is tracked by Ontario Soccer's High Performance Team
Section 8. Competitions		
2.7 & 2.8 (pg.57)	Removal of Procedures regarding selected Showcase & Charity Tournaments hosted in Ontario by Ontario Soccer, District Association, affiliated Club, affiliated League or an Ontario Recognized Academy	As ORA's can participate in any Tournament now, there is no need to have selected tournaments for them to participate in. The Procedure was put in place when ORA's had limited benefits and this was one of them
3.4.1 to 3.4.3 (pg.57-58)	Update to wording	Updated information on Unaffiliated Organizations tournament application process
4.2.4 (pg.59)	Removal of Procedure	As ORA's can participate in any Tournament now, there is no need to have selected tournaments for them to participate in. The Procedure was put in place when ORA's had limited benefits and this was one of them
5.1 (pg.59)	*New Procedure added* - The Tournament Host shall require any tournament event organizers/marketers to indemnify the host club, host district and Ontario Soccer by including them all as named.....	Will help Ontario Soccer deal with any potential law suits arising from a tournament hosted by a sanctioned club who "farmed out" the marketing and running of the tournament to an event organizer
6.3 (pg.62)	*New Procedure added* - In the event that any games in a tournament will be played outside of the Host District Association boundaries, the Host District Association must obtain permission from the District.....	To ensure that approval is being obtained when tournaments are played across district boundaries
8.7 (pg.64-65)	Update to wording	To provide better clarity on the required documentation for teams travelling out of District. The requirement for proof of competition sanctioning was missing for teams travelling outside of the province. The inclusion of the Team Roster Report is to assist approvers in ensuring Teams applying for permission to travel are actually registered
12.5 (pg.67)	Removal of competition permitted time limits per day for Grassroots Players. Addition of Festival games are recommended to be played in accordance with Ontario Soccer Grassroots Standards	Remove duplication of information contained under Section 6. Game Types
12.6 (pg.67)	Removal of information on number of players that may dress and play in each Game Day Roster of a festival: Addition of The number of players dressed for each Game Day Roster for a festival are recommended to follow Ontario Soccer Grassroots Standards	Remove duplication of information contained under Section 6. Game Types
12.7 (pg.68)	Removal of information regarding substitutions	Information is now contained in the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Standards
20.3 (pg.74)	Removal reference of Youth Provincial League teams and c) Eight spots in the third round of the Ontario Cup shall be allotted for teams in the Youth Provincial League	Removal of reference to Youth Provincial League as it no longer exists
Section 9. Leagues		
3.7 (pg.82)	Addition of c) Each Regional league will have a board which is composed solely of one representative of each district in that region. In a league that encompasses fewer than four districts the board will be composed of two representatives from each district.	Addition provides Districts a greater capacity to govern and run leagues
10.6.4 (pg.88)	Update Ontario Soccer Competitions Management Committee approval date (for an outdoor league) to February 15th from March 31st	Update in reporting deadline will support better communication leading into the new season. It will also support the clubs to prepare the required documents for the season. It will also support the leagues to prepare schedules earlier

14.35.2 a to j (pg.95-96)	Update to wording and Removal of A team finishing in fifth place or sixth place in the Under-21 Division of a Senior Regional League is eligible for promotion to the top Senior District Competitive League Open Age Division of a Senior League and is also eligible to apply for promotion into the top Senior Regional Open Age Division of a Senior League. Acceptance of the application will be entirely at the discretion of the league and subject to approval by the Competitions Management Committee.	To streamline the promotion/relegation in the senior leagues. These changes are what is currently being followed by both the Ontario Soccer League and Ontario Womens Soccer League
Section 10. Match Officials		
1.4 (pg.101)	Addition of e)	To provide better clarity
1.5 (pg.101)	*New Procedure added* - All Registered Ontario Soccer Match Officials at the District Level are required to wear the mandatory Jersey as of January 2021.	Improve standards and professional image to Ontario Soccer sanctioned matches
2.10 & 2.11 (pg.102)	*New Procedures added*	Upgrades to Match Official protocols and standards
3.19 to 3.21 (pg.104)	*New Procedures added*	Upgrades to Match Official protocols and standards
6.5 (pg.106)	Removal of annually and Addition of wording every two years	Not feasible with current resources to review annually and not reasonable to expect leagues to increase fees annually
6.6 (pg.106)	Update to wording regarding Game Fees	To ensure all leagues follow the Board approved Game Fee Protocol
8.7 (pg.108)	*New Procedure added* - No additional Referee Association, District or Club may require an additional membership fee or additional program for game assignments unless pre-approved by Ontario Soccer.	Districts are adjusting grades when they move the Match Officials to another assigning system. This is affecting the level of game that the official is being assigned.
9.3 (pg.108)	*New Procedure added* - Any organization (School/Club/District/Academy/District/etc.) hosting any Ontario Soccer Match Officials Clinic where participants could be under the age of 18 years of as of the date of the clinic, must ensure to have a representative present in the classroom throughout the entire duration of the clinic proceeding.....	To reduce and/or eliminate any risk, liability and/or health and safety issues for those who are contracted by Ontario Soccer
Section 11. Coaches		
3.2.4 (pg.111)	Addition of U7-U9 squads are Fundamentals. U6 and younger is Active Start.	To provide better clarity
Section 12. Discipline		
3.2.3 (pg.115)	Removal of word registered and Addition of wording resides	Confirms Match Officials register in the District in which they reside. Aligns two sections
5.2 (pg.117)	Removal of word competitive	Remove the word "competitive" so all competitions are now required to have a Certified Chair
5.3.6.1 (pg.118)	Addition of charges 1.13, 114 and 114A	Addition of charges as they all relate to cautions
7.5 (pg.124)	Update to wording to include Ontario Soccer's Match Official Development Program within 48 hours of the assault and then a completed Match Official Assault Report within 5 days of the alleged assault;	To provide better clarity and consistency

8.3 to 8.3.4 (pg.126)	*New Procedures added*	To provide better clarity and consistency on how to apply suspension from all soccer related activity for employees registered to Ontario Soccer
9.17 – 1.68 (pg.132)	Update to wording to include game sheet	Removed loop hole allowing game sheet tampering
9.17 – 1.73 (pg.133)	Update to wording to include before	Comments could be said during warm ups before the game kicks off
9.17 – 1.73 (pg.133)	Removal of wording racists, homophobic or sexist and Addition of wording discriminatory or sexual	To provide better clarity
9.17 – 4.43 (pg.139)	Update to wording regarding Match Officials who fail to report to a game	Altered the penalties to differentiate between Match Official & Assistant Referee/4th Official punishments. Lowering the fine and removing the range for First playing seasonal Offence will reduce the amount of hearings
9.17 – 4.44 (pg.139)	Update to wording regarding Match Officials who fail to submit a game report	Less punitive on the first offence so easier fine to send without a warning and no hearing on the second offence which should cut down on unnecessary hearings
Section 13. Appeals		
12.2 (pg.157)	Removal of wording fails to file its and Addition of wording which does not have an approved "Playing-Out-Criteria"	To provide better clarity
Section 14. Protests		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 15. Dispute Resolution		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 16. Screening & Harassment		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 17. Gender Equity		
NO updates to these sections		
Section 18. AODA		
NO updates to these sections		