

Procedure 1.0 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 1.1 Game officials shall abide by the Canadian Soccer Association's "Code of Ethics" for Game Officials.
- 1.2 A registered referee who is on the Official List of Referees shall only participate in games sanctioned by The OSA unless otherwise deemed approved.
- 1.3 All registered referees shall be under the jurisdiction of The OSA which will delegate responsibility to the District Association for activity within the District.
- 1.4 A registered player who is on the Official List of Referees shall not take part as a referee in any league division or competition in which the player's team is entered.
- 1.5 All referees shall apply the Laws of the Game as approved by The OSA and The Canadian Soccer Association.
- 1.6 No person shall take part as a referee in any competition under the jurisdiction of The OSA, who is not on the Official List of Referees. However, if in unforeseen circumstances a referee fails to show up for a game or is unable to act, District Associations, Leagues, Clubs or Teams shall have the right to agree on some other person who is willing, to referee.

For a list of games a referee is eligible to referee in based on his/her classification see Policy 4.1.

- 1.7 The "*standard uniform*" for an Ontario game official is in accordance with the guidelines of the Canadian Soccer Association .
[See Operational Procedure 1.10](#)
- 1.8 A referee cannot be obliged to wear or purchase any uniform other than the O.S.A. "standard uniform".
- 1.9 Referees will be required to follow the OSA Conflict of Interest Guidelines for Referees.
[See Operational Procedure 1.12](#)
- 1.10 Referee's Uniform
 - a) All Match Officials in Competitions under the jurisdiction of The Association and Provincial Associations must wear uniforms comprising plain black shirts and black shorts . Socks shall be black. Adidas grey is considered black. Referees may only wear an alternative colour uniform when there is a clash between the uniform shirts of the outfield players of one of the teams and the referee's first choice colour. The preferred alternative second choice colour is yellow, the third blue. This may be reviewed by The Canadian Soccer Association from time to time. Yellow or blue shirts should have a black collar where one is fitted.
 - b) Match Officials are required to wear the current FIFA or the appropriate Canadian Soccer Association badge which must be worn on the left breast pocket. No other competition or association badge may be worn.
 - c) No advertising of any nature, save as set out below, is permitted on Match Officials' clothing without the consent of The Ontario Soccer Association in accordance with the Canadian Soccer Association

The following advertising is permitted:

- The mark, logo or name of a clothing manufacturer or a combination of the same, may appear:
- Once only on the shirt provided that it is an area no greater than 20 square centimeters
- Once only on the shorts provided that in an area no greater than 20 square centimeters
- Incorporated into the design of the socks, but must be limited to an area no greater than 12 square

centimeters.

- d) The use of jacquards shall be allowed providing each is limited to 20 square centimeters, with unlimited repeats being acceptable. The design of such jacquards may be the manufacturers mark, logo or name. The jacquard shading shall be restricted to two shades differing from the base colour, using the standard Pantone reference manual.
- e) Sponsor advertising in accordance with FIFA regulations is permitted only on the shirt sleeves and the total surface area of the advertising shall not exceed 200cm² . Any sponsorship contract must be made between the sponsor and The Canadian Soccer Association. Individual Associations or Leagues are not permitted to enter into sponsorship contracts for referee uniforms.

1.11 OSA Conflict of Interest Guidelines for Referees

Before being appointed, an official should disclose any personal interests that could be linked with her/his prospective function. While fulfilling her/his task, an official shall avoid any situation that could lead to conflicts of interest. Conflicts of interest arise if an official has, or appears to have, private or personal interests that detract from her/his ability to carry out the obligations as an official with integrity in an independent and purposeful manner. Private or personal interests include gaining any possible advantage for her/himself, her/his family, relatives, friends and acquaintances.

The following is a guideline (but is not limited to) for which games you should not officiate due to a possible perceived conflict.

- If you are a player, coach or team official (including assistant coaches, managers, trainers, etc.) in a particular league and division - you should not officiate in that division of that league;
- If you have an immediate family member (spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, parent) who is mentioned in 1) above, you should not officiate in that division of that league or
- If you are a board member or on the executive of a particular club you should not referee in a game when a team from your club is playing a team from another club.

1.12 Referee Assignor's Code of Ethics - Policy

1. Maintain the utmost respect for referees and others including coaches, administrators, players, fan and volunteers of the game and I will conduct myself ethically (honourably) at all times including in the assignment process.
2. Be supportive of referees at all times, including when I am a spectator, player, team official, administrator or volunteer
3. Contribute to the continuing growth of the OSA Referee Development program through support, encouragement and positive attitude
4. Respect and accept constructive feedback from those to whom I am accountable
5. With the local DRC's and the OSA to work to ensure that upgrading referees get opportunities for upgrading purposes when required
6. Make assignments based only on OSA and District Association published rules & published guidelines
7. As a registered member of the Ontario Soccer Association, I will contribute to the continuous development of referees in the National, Provincial and District referee programs.
8. Offer appointments equally to all OSA registered referees based on a referee's classification, ability & availability and avoid appointing referees based on their affiliation with a referee's group or branch.
9. Respect the rights and dignity of all the referees and I will not criticize them.
10. Offer appointments equally based on their level and abilities to all OSA qualified referees, and I will avoid discrimination against any individual or group, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, or national origin
11. Remove personal differences or issues when appointing referee in the appointment process
12. Cooperate fully in any grievance, hearing or complaint undertaken by the OSA or District Association.
13. Maintain myself up to date with all information pertaining to referee assigning by keeping in constant communication with the Ontario Soccer Association Referee Department and relevant District Referee Coordinators.

Procedure 2.0 - REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Registration is effective April 1, or when paid, whichever is later, and terminates on March 31 of the following year.
- 2.2 All persons wishing to be placed on the Official List of Referees shall make application to The OSA. If in order, the name of the applicant shall be placed on the Official List of Referees.
- 2.3 Each application to register shall be accompanied by the fee as set by The OSA and the annual registration fee for all senior referees will include an amount stipulated by the Canadian Soccer Association. The OSA will assess additional fees as The OSA deems necessary.
- 2.4 Registration includes:
 - a) Registration to The Ontario Soccer Association
 - b) Registration to The Canadian Soccer Association for senior referees
- 2.5 A referee may only register in a classification for which he/she is certified. If a referee wishes to register at a lower classification that referee must notify the Manager of Referee Development
- 2.6 A person wishing to register as a referee must participate in continuing education, and shall pass such physical examination and tests of competence as deemed necessary by The OSA.
- 2.7 A person who has let her/his registration lapse more than one year and who applies for registration will have her/his case reviewed by the Manager of Referee Development, who, in making a decision, will be guided by The Canadian Soccer Association regulation on Reinstatement of Registration.
- 2.8 A complete list of names and addresses of all referees on The OSA's Official List of Referees, will be forwarded to the Canadian Soccer Association annually by a date set by the Canadian Soccer Association together with the total of the amount collected as stipulated by the Canadian Soccer Association
- 2.9 The OSA annually will determine what is included in the referee registration package

Related Topics:

Procedure 3.0 - GAME OFFICIALS' CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

Related Topics:

- 3.1 Referee Classifications are based upon the classifications set by the Canadian Soccer Association [See Operational 3.16](#)
- 3.2 Persons wishing to start refereeing must first attend the entry level course of instruction conducted by The OSA. This course fee includes the referee's first year registration fee.
- 3.3 The minimum age of a referee will be in accordance with the Guidelines of the Canadian Soccer Association. Proof of age may be required at the time of application. Failure to adhere to the age policy will result in Candidates being required to re-take the course of instruction.
- 3.4 The OSA may re-examine or re-classify any registered referee at its discretion, and it may remove any referee from the Official List of Referees for just cause. The OSA may similarly reinstate a referee to the Official List of Referees.
- 3.5 In order to maintain a classification, a referee must meet the annual requirements which are set in accordance with the Canadian Soccer Association guidelines. [See Operational Procedures 3.18, 3.19, 3.20, 3.22, 3.24 and 3.26](#)
- 3.6 To be eligible for promotion to the next level of classification a referee must meet the standards set by The OSA which are in accordance of those of the Canadian Soccer Association. [See Operational Procedures 3.21, 3.23, 3.25 and 3.27](#)
- 3.7 The review of a referee's upgrading file will be completed by The OSA annually and referees will be notified in writing by the deadline established by the Canadian Soccer Association.
- 3.8 Nominations for National Referee classification shall be made annually by the Referee Development Committee at the call of the Canadian Soccer Association.
- 3.9 Referees shall meet the annual fitness test requirements of the CSA and OSA as published for their classification
[See Operational Procedure 3.28, 3.29 and 3.30](#)
- 3.10 A referee transferring from another other province must complete the standard Canadian Soccer Association Provincial Referee Transfer form and submit to the Provincial Office. A referee transferring from another jurisdiction shall forward their credentials to the Manager of Referee Development for review and approval.
- 3.11 The OSA will establish classifications for Futsal referees which will be in line with soccer referee classifications
[See Operational Procedure 3.16](#)
- 3.12 All referees that wish to referee Futsal must attend an entry level Futsal course and must have a minimum one year experience as a soccer referee (minimum class four for 1 year) before attending a Futsal Referee Course.
- 3.13 The OSA will set and review annually the upgrading process for Futsal referees [See Operational Procedures 3.21, 3.23, 3.25 and 3.27](#)
- 3.14 The OSA will set and review annually the maintenance requirements for Futsal referees [See Operational Procedures 3.18, 3.19, 3.20, 3.22, 3.24 and 3.26](#)

- 3.15 Referees must apply for promotion in writing. The Provincial Association must receive this request by no later than March 1 preceding the season in which the promotion is sought. Referees considered for promotion in the preceding season, but not advanced, will automatically be included in the promotion scheme for the following season unless they indicate otherwise, in writing, to their Provincial Association by March 1st following the decision of that Association.
- 3.16 Referee Classifications are as follows:
- FIFA Referee (Men); (Women)
 - Assistant Referee (Men); (Women)
 - CSA National Referee (Men); (Women)
 - National Nominated Referee (Men); (Women)
 - OSA Provincial Referees
 - Regional Referees
 - District Referees
 - Youth Referees (14 & 15 years old as of April 1 of the current registration year)
 - Mini Referees (12 & 13 years old as of April 1 of the current registration year)
- 3.17 A referee must be a minimum of 12 years of age as of April 1st of the current year in order to be eligible to register as a Mini Referee. A referee must be a minimum 14 years of age as of April 1st of the current year in order to register as a Youth referee or higher.
- 3.18 To maintain standing as a Mini Referee, a referee must:
- a) be 12 or 13 years only as of April 1st of the current year
 - b) attend the Mini Referee Certification course annually (maximum 2 years)
- 3.19 To be eligible for consideration for promotion to a Youth Referee, the Mini referee must:
- a) be 14 years old as of April 1st of the current year
 - b) attend the Entry Level Referee course when the appropriate age
 - c) be in good standing;
 - d) If the referee passes the Entry Level Examination at the course that referee will be eligible to referee as per the appointment chart see operational procedure 4.0. If the referee fails the Entry Level Examination, that referee will only be eligible to referee youth houseleague with the other age restrictions still in effect. A referee may re-take the examination a minimum 28 days after writing the original exam and only may re-write the exam once in a season. Failing to pass the referee may retake the course the following season.
- 3.20 To maintain standing as a Youth Referee, a Referee must:
- a) actively officiate within The Ontario Soccer Association;
 - b) adhere to all Published Rules of The Ontario Soccer Association and be in good standing;
 - c) remain current by attending education programming, as determined by The Ontario Soccer Association;
 - d) maintain registration each year & pay the annual fees as published by The Ontario Soccer Association;
- 3.21 A Youth Referee will be promoted to a District Referee on the day of the Youth Referee's 16th Birthday
- 3.22 To maintain standing as a District Referee, a Referee must:
- a) actively officiate within The Ontario Soccer Association;
 - b) adhere to all Published Rules of The Ontario Soccer Association and be in good standing;
 - c) remain current by attending education programming, as determined by The Ontario Soccer Association;
 - d) maintain registration each year & pay the annual fees as published by The Ontario Soccer Association;
- 3.23 To be eligible for consideration for promotion to a Regional Referee, a District Referee must complete the criteria below in the order listed.
- a) Run and pass the Regional Referee Fitness standard in a supervised OSA Fitness Test

- b) complete application form and submit application form and clinic fee to The Ontario Soccer Association by the established deadline, included in application is get DRC's recommendation to attend upgrading program
- c) attend the Regional Referee upgrading course and pass the Regional Referee Examination;
- d) A referee must be assessed on a minimum of 3 assessable games. These assessments must be done over a period of 20 qualifying games in one season. In addition the referee must act as an Assistant Referee in a minimum of 5 games. (Details on assessable games are outlined on the OSA website). Candidates may be required to complete additional assessments above the minimum to show proficiency of performance at the required level. An extension beyond the one year 20 qualifying games limit may be granted in writing by the Manager of Referee Development and each case will be reviewed on a case by case basis. (moved from "e")
- e) At the end of the season upon the request of the Manager of Referee Development the referee must submit a game log of all games worked in the season

3.24 To maintain standing as a Regional Referee, a Referee must:

- a) actively officiate within The Ontario Soccer Association;
- b) adhere to all Published Rules of the Ontario Soccer Association and be in good standing;
- c) remain current by attending education programming as determined by The Ontario Soccer Association;
- d) maintain registration each year & pay the annual fees as published by the Ontario Soccer Association;
- e) complete a minimum of one formal maintenance assessment per year as per the assessable game chart
- f) fulfill the fitness test requirement for Regional Referees as required in these Operational Procedures

3.25 To be eligible for consideration from promotion to a Provincial Referee, a Regional Referee must complete the criteria below in the order listed.

- a) Run and pass the Provincial Referee Fitness standard in a supervised OSA Fitness Test
- b) complete application form and submit application form and clinic fee to The Ontario Soccer Association by the established deadline, included in application is get DRC's recommendation to attend upgrading program
- c) attend the Provincial Referee upgrading course and pass the Provincial Examination;
- d) A referee must be assessed on a minimum of 3 assessable games. These assessments must be done over a period of 20 qualifying games in one season. In addition the referee must act as an Assistant Referee in a minimum of 5 games. (Details on assessable games are outlined on the OSA website). Candidates may be required to complete additional assessments above the minimum to show proficiency of performance at the required level. An extension beyond the one year 20 qualifying games limit may be granted in writing by the Manager of Referee Development and each case will be reviewed on a case by case basis. (moved from "e")
- e) At the end of the season upon the request of the Manager of Referee Development the referee must submit a game log of all games worked in the season

3.26 To maintain standing as a Provincial Referee, a Referee must:

- a) actively officiate within The Ontario Soccer Association;
- b) adhere to all Published Rules of the Ontario Soccer Association and be in good standing;
- c) remain current by attending education programming as determined by The Ontario Soccer Association;
- d) maintain registration each year & pay the annual fees as published by the Ontario Soccer Association;
- e) complete a minimum of one formal maintenance assessment per year as per the assessable game chart
- f) fulfill the fitness test requirement for a Provincial Referees as required in these Operational Procedures

3.27 To be considered for to the CSA National List of Referees, a Provincial Referee must have:

- a) Registered as a Provincial Referee for 2 seasons
- b) Officiated, in the previous season, in a minimum of 20 qualification games as referee plus a minimum of 5 qualification games as an assistant referee in outdoor 11-a-side matches involving men's teams over the age of 16 years.
- c) A minimum of 5 assessments of which 2 must be as an assistant referee within the 12 months prior to nomination. Assessments must have been carried out by a CSA accredited Provincial Assessor or

- an Assessor on the National List (see below).
- d) Successfully completed the FIFA Men's fitness test to the National standard for referees by August 31 of the year of nomination.

Note: *Qualifying Games - A match that may be counted towards promotion for a registered referee. Irrespective of the number of games officiated on the same day in Tournaments or other Competitions, only one match per day may be recorded as a qualifying game.

The following information must be made available to the CSA on or before 1 July each year:

Details of the nominated referees;

- A resume of each Referee's career, to date of nomination, together with a supporting recommendation from the Provincial RDC Copies of the assessments as detailed in the criteria above
- Confirmation that the minimum number of qualifying games has been achieved and that the Referee has passed the FIFA fitness test to the Men's national standard during August the year of nomination from the Provincial RDC.
- Confirmation of the availability of the nominated official to attend the u18 Club National Championships the year of nomination if selected by the CSA Referees Committee

Upon receipt of the nominations the CSA Referees Committee will consider the recommendations of the Provincial Associations and those match officials selected to attend the Club National Championships will be advised, in writing, of their selection.

Match Officials not selected for the Club National championships will be advised of their non-selection and also that, in view of the non selection, they will not be considered for promotion to the National List of Officials for the following year.

Those officials invited to the Club National Championships will be assessed as both an assistant referee and a referee, and they will also be observed by members of the CSA Referees Committee.

Invitations to join the National List of Match Officials will be made to those officials deemed suitable and capable of officiating at the highest level. They will then have to meet the criteria for National List Match Officials, as detailed by the CSA Referees Committee, before being confirmed on the list for the following year.

3.28 Fitness Test Policies

3.28.1 FIFA & National referees & assistant referees, shall meet the requirements of The Canadian Soccer Association (CSA).

3.28.2 Provincial, Regional and District Referees, shall meet the fitness test standards set annually by the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA).

3.28.3 A female referee wishing to pursue her career development via the Women's game, may do so by meeting fitness test criteria for female referees at the Provincial level. A female referee wishing to referee at the Senior Men's level (as specified in the Pyramid of Refereeing, is required to pass the Provincial fitness test for male referees. see Operation Procedures Section 7.0 Procedure 4.0

3.29 The organizing of fitness tests is the responsibility of The Ontario Soccer Association, but may be delegated to a designee of the District Association such as the District Referee Coordinator (DRC)

3.30 Any referee who is required by these published rules to complete a fitness test and fails to pass or does not attend the appropriate fitness test for their classification by May 31st each year shall be downgraded, effective immediately to a District referee. A Provincial referee who fails the Provincial referee standard, however passes the Regional Referee standard will be downgraded to Regional Referee not a District referee. Immediate reinstatement may also take place for referees who subsequently re-take their supervised fitness test by June 30th of that year. Only those referees who have received special permission from the Manager of Referee Development or have submitted a doctors note by May 31st, may run their fitness test in June. If special permission or a doctor's note is not received by May 31st, a referee will not be eligible to run the fitness test and will be downgraded accordingly. Referees who have received permission to run the fitness test in June and who have not passed their supervised fitness test by June 30th will remain downgraded as a

District referee until such time that the referee passes a supervised fitness test. Additional tests may only be run after June 30th for those referees looking for reinstatement who have a valid reason for missing the original fitness test deadline. Each request for a test must be made by the referee to his/her DRC in writing and then the DRC is to make a request in writing to the Manager of Referee Development and each case will be reviewed on it's own merit. No one is guaranteed to be able to run a test after the June 30th deadline.

Note: This policy will also effect those referees who are injured and have submitted a doctors note and any referee who is serving a long term suspension from all soccer related activities and unable to run a fitness test due to the suspension.

- 3.31 A referee will have one year to be reinstated upon being downgraded. If the referee fails to successfully complete a fitness test to obtain reinstatement within one year the referee will remain downgraded. For special circumstances, a referee may request an extension to this policy in writing to the Manager of Referee Development and each case will be reviewed on it's own merit by the Referee Development Committee.

3.32 Medical Certificates

If a referee is unable to participate in the fitness test(s) by virtue of illness or injury, a medical certificate signed by the referee's physician shall be submitted to The Ontario Soccer Association in support of such a claim, prior to May 31st of the current year. Should a referee need to re-take a supervised fitness test prior to June 30th of the current year, and be further subject to illness or injury, said medical certificate shall likewise be submitted to The Association prior to June 30th. Referees suffering from prolonged injury or illness shall submit additional medical certificates in support of their medical condition. In such cases, the Referee Development Committee shall review each case on its own merits and make such recommendations as deemed appropriate.

Applications for reinstatement of classification which are related to medical conditions (i.e., inability to pass the required supervised fitness test by the deadline/s outlined in this policy) should be forwarded to the Manager of Referee Development for consideration, accompanied by a full explanation to substantiate any extenuating circumstances.

- 3.33 FIFA Referees and FIFA Assistant Referees, and National Referees shall have their fitness tests supervised by a National Instructor or a National Assessor. All other referees shall have their fitness test supervised by a designee appointed by the OSA Referee Development Committee.
- 3.34 From time to time, The Ontario Soccer Association may require a referee to attend and pass additional fitness tests for special competitions as deemed necessary.

Procedure 4.0 - APPOINTMENTS

- 4.1 A referee may only take part in games for which his/her classification permits, and as outlined in the Pyramid of Refereeing chart. The list of games to which a referee is eligible to be appointed is in accordance with the Canadian Soccer Association Rules and Regulations on Referee Development.
[see Operational Procedure 4.6](#)
- 4.2 The appointment precedent chart shall be determined by the Canadian Soccer Association.
[see Operational Procedure 4.9](#)
- 4.3 A referee may only be appointed to games involving:
- a) registered teams playing in sanctioned competitions,
 - b) school, college, university or Special Olympics teams,
 - c) a registered team playing against a college team or an university team in a sanctioned competition
 - d) municipality sponsored competitions, subject to the approval of the District Association.
 - e) an OSA-recognized Non-Club Academy team playing against:
 - i) another OSA-recognized Non-Club Academy team
 - ii) a team from out of province in an exhibition game approved by the OSA
 - iii) a team operated by an affiliated Club in an exhibition game hosted by the affiliated Club and approved by its District Association
 - iv) a team in a *Selected Showcase Tournament* which has been approved the District Association if hosted by an affiliated Club or, by the OSA if hosted by an OSA-Recognized Non-Club Academy
- and
- f) a senior tournament hosted by an Unaffiliated Organization which has been approved by both the OSA and the District Association in which the tournament is being played.
- 4.4 A referee seeking to upgrade, may request in writing to the league/OSA and must receive a "trial opportunity" in the next higher level of competition within a 30 day period, provided that the referee has shown proficiency through a written performance evaluation at the lower level of competition.
- *trial opportunity - defined as a game appointment with an appointed evaluator present
- 4.5 A referee wishing to accept games outside Ontario must first request permission by completing the CSA "Application to Officiate Interprovincially or Internationally" Form, and submitting same to the Manager of Referee Development at least two (2) weeks prior to leaving the province. This form must be accompanied by a letter of invitation/confirmation from the host tournament chairperson. Referees are responsible for all aspects of their own travel arrangements.
- 4.6 Games to which a referee is eligible to be appointed by a league and what appointments a referee can accept

Division	League/Play	Min Ref Class	Min Assistant Ref Class	Min 4 th Official Class
Senior Level 1	League 1 Ontario	Provincial	Regional	Regional
	USL-PDL	Provincial	Regional	Regional
	USL-W League	Provincial	Regional	Regional
	OSL Open Age	Provincial Upgrade	Regional Upgrade	N/A

	OSL U21	Regional	Regional Upgrade	N/A
	OWSL	Regional	Regional Upgrade	N/A
	USL-Super 20	Regional	Regional Upgrade	N/A
School	OUA/OCAA Male	Provincial	Regional	Regional
	OUA/OCAA Female	Provincial Upgrade	Regional	Regional
Senior Level 3/4	OSL/OWSL Open	Regional	District Assigned District	N/A
	OSL/OWSL U21	Regional Upgrade	District Assigned District	N/A
Youth Level 1/2	USL-Super Y U16-18	Regional Upgrade	District Assigned District	N/A
	USL-Super Y U13-15	Regional Upgrade	District Assigned District	N/A
	OYSL U16-18	District Assigned District	District Assigned District	N/A
	OYSL U14-15	District Assigned District	District Assigned District	N/A
Academy	U21	Regional	Regional	N/A
	U16-18	Regional	Regional	N/A
	U13-15	District 8	District 7	N/A
	U11-12	District Youth	District Youth	N/A
	U8-10	District Youth	N/A	N/A
Senior Level 5	Senior Open Age & U21	District Assigned District	District Assigned District	N/A
Youth Level 3	U16/17/18	District Assigned District	District	N/A
	U12/13/14/15	District Assigned District	Youth	N/A
Youth Level 4	U16/17/18	District Assigned District	District	N/A
	U11/12/13/14/15	District Assigned District	Youth	N/A
Youth Level 5	U16/17/18	District Assigned District	District	N/A
	U11/12/13/14/15	Youth	Youth	N/A
	U10 Mini	Mini Soccer	N/A	N/A
Senior Level 6/7	Senior Open Age & U21	District	District	N/A
Youth Level	U16/17/18	District	District	N/A

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U11/12/13/14/15	Youth	Youth	N/A
Mini & Level 6 U9	Mini Soccer	N/A	N/A

The definitions related to this policy are:

District Association Designated Youth Referee a referee identified by the District Association as a capable and fit Youth Referee who may receive appointments in selected higher level competitions each year and the number of game appointments which are available.

District Association Designated District Referee referee identified by the District Association as a capable and fit District Referee who may receive appointments in selected higher level competitions each year and the number of game appointments which are available.

**Upgrading District Referee referee who has completed all the specified requirements in Operational Policy 3.0 to be included in the Regional Upgrading Program toward becoming a Regional Referee.

***Upgrading Regional Referee referee who has completed all the specified requirements in Operational Policy 3.0 to be included in the Provincial Upgrading Program toward becoming a Provincial Referee.

A league, with delegated referee appointment responsibilities, which fails to follow the referee appointments classification table shall be subject to discipline under OSA Misconduct Type 6.66

A Provincial Referee (M) is any Provincial Referee (male or female) that has successfully passed the Men's Provincial Referee Fitness Test Standards.

A Provincial Referee (F) is any Provincial Referee (female only) that has successfully passed the Women's Provincial Referee Fitness Test Standards.

- 4.6 A Mini, Youth and District Referee (under 18 years old) may only take part in games in which the team age classification of the teams involved in the game are a minimum 2 years younger than the official.

A first year Youth or District referee may not be appointed as a Referee to a game involving Competitive teams but may be appointed as an assistant referee.

- 4.8 In addition to the above chart, a District Association or League may impose additional requirements that a referee must meet in order to be able to referee in the league, on condition that these rules are published by the League and or District Association. These additional requirements must be approved by the OSA Referee Development Committee by March 1st each season before a League and or District Association may impose these additional requirements. These additional requirements may only be imposed on District and/or Youth referees.

- 4.9 The Appointment Precedent Chart is as follows set by the Canadian Soccer Association:

- 1) International
- 2) International representative matches appointed by the CSA
- 3) MLS
- 4) NASL & USL Pro
- 5) National Championships
- 6) PDL and W League
- 7) Senior Level 1 League competitions (Provincial)
- 8) Ontario cups - note semi-finals take precedence over PDL, W League and Senior Level 1
- 9) School - OUA, OCAA
- 10) OSA Recognized Non-Club Academy Senior Teams
- 11) All other competitions of the CSA
- 12) Youth Level 1 League competitions (Provincial) & Super Y
- 13) OSA Recognized Non-Club Academy Youth U13-18 Teams
- 14) Senior & Youth Level 3 & 4 League competitions (Regional)
- 15) Senior & Youth Level 5 & 6 League competitions (District)
- 16) OSA Recognized Non-Club Academy Youth U8-12 Teams
- 17) Senior & Youth Level 7 League competitions (Club)

Procedure 5.0 - GAME OFFICIALS FEES

- 5.1 Referees may only be paid game fees and expenses at rates set in advance by The OSA or Leagues under whose jurisdiction the games are played. It is an offence to offer or for an official to ask for, or receive, more than the set rates.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise stipulated in the rules of the competition, the home team, Club, League or Association shall pay all the designated fees and expenses.
- 5.3 Each league in Ontario has the authority to set its own game fees, however the league's game fees may not exceed the maximum game fee set out in **Operational Procedure 5.5.**
- 5.4 Each league will pay referees for cancelled games as per **Operational Procedure 5.8.**
- 5.5 Leagues shall set referee game fees but may not exceed the maximum game fees as indicated in Table 1 - Maximum Referee Game Fees for Youth amateur Games, Table 2 - Maximum Referee Game fees for Senior Amateur Games, Table 3 - Maximum Referee Game Fees for Semi-Professional Games

Table 1 - Maximum Referee Game Fees for Youth Amateur Games

Age Group	Youth Level 6 & 7 Leagues			Youth Level 5 League			Youth Level 3 & 4 Leagues			Youth Level 1 League		
	Referee	Assistant Referee	TOTAL	Referee	Assistant Referee	TOTAL	Referee	Assistant Referee	TOTAL	Referee	Assistant Referee	TOTAL
Mini U4-U9	\$20		\$20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mini U10+	\$25		\$25	\$30		\$30	-	-	-	-	-	-
U11 & U12	\$30	\$20	\$70	\$35	\$30	\$95	\$35	\$30	\$95	-	-	-
U13 & U14	\$35	\$25	\$85	\$40	\$35	\$110	\$40	\$35	\$110	\$55	\$35	\$125
U15 & U16	\$40	\$30	\$100	\$45	\$40	\$125	\$45	\$40	\$125	\$65	\$40	\$145
U17 & U18	\$45	\$30	\$105	\$50	\$40	\$130	\$50	\$40	\$130	\$65	\$40	\$145

Table 2 - Maximum Referee Game Fees for Senior Amateur Games

Age Group	Senior Recreational Leagues			Senior District & Regional Leagues			Senior Provincial Leagues		
	Referee	Assistant Referee	TOTAL	Referee	Assistant Referee	TOTAL	Referee	Assistant Referee	TOTAL
Under 21	\$50	\$35	\$120	\$60	\$45	\$150	\$70	\$55	\$180
Senior	\$60	\$45	\$150	\$70	\$55	\$180	\$80	\$65	\$210

Table 3 - Maximum Referee Game Fees for Semi-Professional Games

Age Group	Semi-Professional Soccer League			
	Referee	Assistant Referee	4th Referee	TOTAL
Reserve	\$80	\$60	-	\$200
Men	\$110	\$70	\$70	\$320

- 5.1.1 For Senior Recreational Leagues and Youth Level 4, Youth Level 5, Youth Level 6 and Youth Level 7 Leagues, the maximum referee game fee may be increased by \$10.00 when only a referee is required for a game.

The maximum referee game fees shall be reviewed annually.

5.6

All leagues must have their referee game fees approved annually by their governing organization, and make them available to their members and referees.

5.7

Cancelled Games:

5.8

5.4.1 A league must define and publish how and when a referee shall be notified about a cancelled game in its policies.

5.4.2 When a referee has arrived to the field to officiate a game and must declare the game cancelled or abandoned prior to the start of the game, the referee shall be paid fifty (50) percent of the league's published game fee. The referee may be required by the league to collect the game sheets at the field and submit the game report in order to be compensated for the cancelled or abandoned game.

5.4.3 If the league must cancel a game,

a) and notifies the referee within the specified time as outlined in the league's policies prior to the start of the game, the referee shall not receive remuneration for the game.

b) notifies the referee within less than the specified time as outlined in the league's policies prior to the start of the game, the referee shall be paid fifty (50%) percent of the league's published game fee.

5.4.4 When a referee must declare a game to be abandoned after it has been started, the referee shall be paid the game fee as published.

A league shall not provide any additional financial reimbursements to a referee, including such items as travel fees, mileage or apparel, without the prior approval of the league's governing organization.

5.9

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Procedure 6.0 - REPORTS

- 6.1 A referee shall, within forty-eight hours of the conclusion of the game, or such other time as may be stipulated in the rules of the competition, submit a written report, on a form supplied by The OSA, to the appointing body.
- 6.2 In the event of a serious incident, the referee shall submit a copy of the report to The OSA.

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