

Request for Decision (R.F.D.)

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Subject Title: Tournaments, Exhibition Games and Festivals for Under-8 Teams
Submitted by (name of person authoring RFD form) William Hay (Peel Halton Technical Director) & Russ Turnbull (York Region President) on 30/09/2011
Organization Submitting RFD: Peel Halton S.A. & York Region S.A.
Programme Area: Competitions
Secondary Programme Area(s): Long Term Player Development
Present Situation:

While the OSA had moved in 2006 to restrict the U8 and younger aged team from playing in inter-club leagues and from OSA leagues offering U8 divisions or permitting U8 and younger aged teams from entering into a league (playing up) the tournament policies still permit Clubs, Leagues, Districts and the OSA from hosting tournaments with divisions from U4 upwards. In addition teams could apply to travel and enter a tournament from U4.

LTPD identifies that this practice is contrary to best practices for the Active Start & Fundamentals ages. We need to address this now before the District Association's grant tournament applications which will include U4-U8 divisions.

This RFD is remove the tournament classifications for hosting a tournament of exhibition game and the ability for teams U4-U8 from making application to travel for a tournament or exhibition game.

Effects:

Some Clubs who have been hosting large U8 tournaments will not be able to offer that division. Teams who have been using tournaments as a league alternative for U8 will have to train and attend Festivals. Teams and Clubs will not be able to use Exhibition games as way to format a league to bypass the OSA rules.

Specific Decision Requested:

1. That Under-8 teams and younger be prohibited from participating in tournaments in Ontario or travelling to tournaments in other jurisdictions.
2. To recognize Under-8 Festivals in the OSA's competitions policies which are based on 5v5 matches between teams with no scores, standings or trophies.
3. To remove the references to Under-4/5/6/7/8 Boys/Girls/Mixed divisions in:
 - AFT Online Application
 - TAF Tournament Application Form
4. To prohibit an Under-8 or younger aged team from playing up into an older age division of a tournament.
5. To prevent a player who is in the Under-8 or younger age classification to:
 1. register on,
 2. play up to;, or
 3. play as a guest player on,an Under-9 or older aged team. However, each District Association may grant an exception to a player with exceptional ability to play on an Under-9 or older aged team, providing that there are no more than three such exceptions on each Under-9 or older aged team.

To amend the following OSA policies as follows:

Competitions Policy 3.7 - Types of Soccer

A tournament may be played under the rules of any of the following types of soccer:

1. outdoor soccer played under the Laws Of The Game
2. mini-soccer played under the OSA's Mini-Soccer Rules
3. indoor soccer played under the OSA's Playing Rules of Indoor Soccer
4. futsal played under the FIFA Futsal Laws Of The Game
5. 3 v 3 soccer subject to the tournament rules
6. beach soccer subject to the tournament rules
- 7. Under-8 Festival**

Competitions Policy 4.1 - Tournament Classifications

O-NARC	Outdoor	North American	Recreational	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Youth Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u> for Senior Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams
O-INRC	Outdoor	Inter-National	Recreational	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Youth Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u> for Senior Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams
O-IPRC	Outdoor	Inter-Provincial	Recreational	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Youth Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u> for Senior Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams
O-IDRC	Outdoor	Inter-District	Recreational	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Youth Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams and/or Level 6 and/or Level 7 League All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u> for Senior Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams
O-IDRA	Outdoor	Inter-District	Recreational	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Youth Tournaments: Youth Level 6 League All-Star Teams and/or Youth Level 7 League All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
O-DTRC	Outdoor	District	Recreational	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Youth Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams and/or Level 6 and/or Level 7 League All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u> for Senior Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams
O-DTRA	Outdoor	District	Recreational	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Youth Tournaments: Youth Level 6 League All-Star Teams and/or Youth Level 7 League All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
O-NAMC	Outdoor	North American	Mini Soccer (Under-10, Under-11 or Under-12 only)	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Mini Soccer Tournaments: Youth Level 6 League Teams and/or Youth Level 7 League Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
O-INMC	Outdoor	Inter-National	Mini Soccer (Under-10, Under-11 or Under-12 only)	<p>Subject to tournament rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Mini Soccer Tournaments: Youth Level 6 League Teams and/or Youth Level 7 League Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
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O-DTMC	Outdoor	District	Mini Soccer	Subject to tournament rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for Mini Soccer Tournaments: Level 6 and/or Level 7 League Teams and/or Level 6 and/or Level 7 League All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
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I-NAIC	Indoor	North American	Indoor	Club Indoor Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Futsal Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-INIC	Indoor	Inter-National	Indoor	Club Indoor Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Futsal Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-IPIC	Indoor	Inter-Provincial	Indoor	Club Indoor Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Futsal Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-IDIC	Indoor	Inter-District	Indoor	Club Indoor Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Futsal Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-IDIA	Indoor	Inter-District	Indoor	Indoor All-Star Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Futsal All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-DTIC	Indoor	District	Indoor	Club Indoor Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Futsal Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-DTIA	Indoor	District	Indoor	Indoor All-Star Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Futsal All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-NAFC	Indoor	North American	Futsal	Club Futsal Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Indoor Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-INFC	Indoor	Inter-National	Futsal	Club Futsal Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Indoor Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-IPFC	Indoor	Inter-Provincial	Futsal	Club Futsal Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Indoor Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-IDFC	Indoor	Inter-District	Futsal	Club Futsal Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Indoor Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
I-IDFA	Indoor	Inter-District	Futsal	Futsal All-Star Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Indoor All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>

-DTFC	Indoor	District	Futsal	Club Futsal Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Club Indoor Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>
-DTFA	Indoor	District	Futsal	Futsal All-Star Teams and (subject to tournament rules) Indoor All-Star Teams <u>From U9 with no teams U8 or below playing up</u>

Competitions Policy 4.1 - Teams eligible to play in Youth and Mini-Soccer Recreational Tournaments

For each Recreational Tournament listed in Policy 4.1 above, the Tournament Host Organization will indicate in its Application To Host Tournament Form which of the following Team Types is eligible to play in that tournament

- Youth Level 6 League Club Teams
- Youth Level 7 League Club Teams
- Youth Level 6 League All-Star Teams
- Youth Level 7 League All-Star Teams
- Mini Soccer Level 6 League Club Teams (Under-11 and Under-12 teams only)
- Mini Soccer Level 7 League Club Teams (Under-11 and Under-12 teams only)
- Mini Soccer Level 6 League All-Star Teams (Under-11 and Under-12 teams only)
- Mini Soccer Level 7 League All-Star Teams (Under-11 and Under-12 teams only)

For each Mini Soccer Tournament listed in Policy 4.1 above, the Tournament Host Organization will indicate in its Application To Host Tournament Form which of the following Team Types is eligible to play in that tournament:

- **Mini Soccer Level 6 League Club Teams (Under-9, Under-10, Under-11 and Under-12 teams only)**
- **Mini Soccer Level 7 League Club Teams (Under-9, Under-10, Under-11 and Under-12 teams only)**
- **Mini Soccer Level 6 League All-Star Teams (Under-9, Under-10, Under-11 and Under-12 teams only)**
- **Mini Soccer Level 7 League All-Star Teams (Under-9, Under-10, Under-11 and Under-12 teams only)**

Under-8 and younger aged teams are not eligible to participate in any tournaments.

Competitions Policy 9.1 - Teams Participating in Tournaments

A team may only participate in a tournament which has been sanctioned in accordance with OSA rules by the governing organization to which the Host Organization is affiliated. **Under-8 and younger aged teams are not eligible to participate in any tournaments. Notwithstanding this policy, an Under-8 team may play in an Under-8 Festival which is a series of 5v5 games without the recording of scores and standings and which prohibits trophies or awards.**

"New" Competitions Policy 11.11 - Teams Not Eligible to Play in Exhibition Games

Under-8 and younger aged teams are not eligible to participate in any exhibition games. Notwithstanding this policy an Under-8 team may play in an Under-8 Festival.

Registration Policy 8.1 a) & c) - Player Playing-Up to a Higher Level Club Team in a League Game or as a Guest Player in a Tournament or Exhibition Game

A player **registered on an Under-9 or older aged team** may play for a team to which he/she is not registered only under one of the following conditions:

a) he/she plays with a "TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT":

- i) plays up in a league game for a higher level Club Team of a Club other than one with which he/she is registered, or
- ii) plays as a guest player in a tournament (subject to tournament rules) or exhibition game (subject to the agreement of both teams) with a Club other than one with which he/she is registered ;

providing that there are no more than three players who are registered on an Under-9 or older team and who are also in the Under-8 or younger age classification.

c) with permission of his/her club, for another Club Team within the same Club to which he/she is registered, subject to the following:

- i) plays up in a league game or a cup game for a higher level Club Team
- ii) plays as a guest player in a tournament (subject to tournament rules) or exhibition game (subject to the agreement of both teams) with a Club Team within the same Club;

providing that there are no more than three players who are registered on an Under-9 or older team and who are also in the Under-8 or younger age classification.

To approve a new Registration Policy 5.14 and re-number the current Registration Policies 5.14 to 5.28 accordingly.

Registration Policy 5.14

A Club shall not register a player who is in the Under-8 or younger age classification on an Under-9 or older aged team. Notwithstanding this policy, a District Association may grant an exception to a player with exceptional ability to register on an Under-9 or older aged team, providing that there are no more than three such exceptions on each Under-9 or older aged team.

In accordance with **Policy 5.7** of the "Development And Approval Of Policies And Procedures", the Board is being requested to approve this RFD at one Board meeting (ie., the Concept approval and also the Final approval).

As the policies contained in this RFD are time sensitive policies, these policies shall go into effect on January 10, 2012.

Budget Requirements (Change if any): This **\$0.00**
year:
Availability of Funds if not included in this **not applicable**
year's budget:

Advantages: **1. All Under-8 teams and younger teams will comply with LTPD principles.**
2. Under-8 teams will be able to participate in festivals.

Possible

Objections:

Alternatives:

Attachments: **None**

Decision **Approved**

Date **11 - December - 2011**
