

Request for Decision (R.F.D.)

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Subject Title: Games Involving School Teams Playing Against Club Teams
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Organization Submitting RFD: Board of Directors
Programme Area: Competitions
Secondary Programme Area(s) Referee Development
Present Situation:

Currently, the OSA rules do not permit a Club team to play against a university team, college team or high school team. If a Club team plays against a university team, college team or high school team, it is not insured for that game and the club will be disciplined for Misconduct Type 5.65 (*ie., one of its teams participated in an unsanctioned competition*) which carries a \$500.00 fine for a first offence, \$750.00 fine for a second offence, and \$1000.00 fine for a third offence.

A referee is only permitted to officiate a game involving two school teams. If the referee officiates a game involving a Club team against a university team, college team or high school team, the referee will be disciplined for Misconduct Type 4.58 (*ie., officiated an unsanctioned or unaffiliated soccer game*) which carries a 30-day suspension for a first offence, a 3-6 month suspension for a second offence, and a 1-2 year suspension for a third offence.

There are reports from various District Associations that Club teams are playing exhibition games against either university teams, college teams or high school teams. It has also been reported that some District Associations are neither monitoring this type of activity nor are they taking disciplinary action against the involved clubs or the referees. Meanwhile, some District Associations are enforcing this rule and consequently, there is an inconsistent application of this rule in the province.

The Ontario University Athletic (OUA) and the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) are Associate Members of the OSA.

Some Clubs are interested in having their teams play exhibition games against university, college, or high school teams.

At its September 16-18 meeting, the OSA's Board of Directors provided direction that the process should consist of:

1. an **Application to Host an Exhibition Game (AHEG)** would be submitted by the affiliated Club to its District Association
2. the District Association would process the AHEG and decide whether to approve the exhibition game
3. if the exhibition game involved the Club team travelling to another District, the Club would also have to submit a **Team Travel Permit (TTP)** to its District Association for approval.

Specific Decision Requested:

Amend the OSA's policies to permit:

1. **an affiliated Club team to play an exhibition game against a university team or a college team if the exhibition game has been approved by the applicable District Association**
2. **an OSA registered referee to officiate an exhibition game involving an affiliated Club team against a university team or a college team if the exhibition game has been approved by the applicable District Association**

To amend the following policies:

Referee Policy 4.3

A referee may only be appointed to games involving:

- a) registered teams playing in sanctioned competitions,
- b) school, college or university 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) Special Olympics teams in games sanctioned by the OSA, and
- f) two teams which are both operated by an OSA-recognized Non-Club Academy or an OSA-recognized Non-Club Academy team playing a team from out of province in an exhibition game approved by the OSA

Competitions Policy 11.1

11.1 An exhibition game is a game arranged between two teams of registered players, which is neither a scheduled league game0

play-off game, cup game, or tournament game. **An exhibition game may also include one team of registered players playing against:**

- a) a college team, providing that the OSA has an adequate written agreement with the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association regarding the liability pertaining to the college team's participants;**
- and**
- b) an university team, providing that the OSA has an adequate written agreement with the Ontario University Athletics regarding the liability pertaining to the university team's participants.**

Competitions Policy 12.3

12.3 Approval for an Exhibition Game to be played in Ontario is required from the following Associations:

<u>Game Involving</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
Ontario Teams	District Association		
Other Canadian Team	District Association	OSA	
USA Team	District Association	OSA	CSA
Other Team	District Association	OSA	CSA
Team from outside Province to play an OSA-recognized Non-Club Academy	OSA	C.S.A. (if the team is from outside Canada and U.S.A.)	

Ontario Team to play against a college team or an university team

District Association

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. This will permit Club Teams to play against university teams and college teams.**
2. This will permit OSA registered referees to officiate games involving a Club Team

