

Request for Decision (R.F.D.) December 2011

R.F.D. # **2011-020**
Revision Date: **31/10/2011**
Subject Title: **Approval of Tournaments Involving Non-Registered Teams**
Submitted by (name of **Bruce Henderson, Director of Organizational Development on 26/10/2011**
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Organization Submitting **Board of Directors**
RFD:
Programme Area: **Competitions**
Secondary Programme **Referee Development**
Area(s)
Present Situation:

Currently, the OSA rules permit an OSA registered referee to only officiate games involving:

1. registered teams playing in sanctioned competitions,
2. school, college or university teams,
3. municipality sponsored competitions, subject to the approval of the District Association,
4. Special Olympics teams in games sanctioned by the OSA, and
5. 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

If an OSA registered referee officiates any game which is not covered by any of the above five criteria, 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, 3-6 month suspension for a second offence, and a 1-2 year suspension for a third offence.

There are other competitions for which the OSA and its District Associations are requested to provide referees. These include:

1. national championships and tournaments of special groups such as the Police Association, Military, etc.
2. promotional competitions organized by sponsors such as Carlsberg, Umbro, Labatt's/Budweiser, etc.
3. cultural groups organizing annual tournaments such as Croatian Tournament, Portuguese Tournament, Eritrean Tournament, etc.
4. other groups organizing tournaments

All of the above groups do approach the OSA and/or District Associations to have OSA registered referees officiate the games in their competitions.

In some cases, an OSA-registered team will play in the competition along with the unregistered teams.

In most cases, a District Association will not approve such competitions or the use of referees at these competitions but, the OSA has been advised that at least one District Association will approve such a competition by granting the host organization an Associate Membership - even though such approval contravenes the OSA's rules. So again, we have a situation of inconsistent application of the OSA's rules throughout the province.

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

1. **A *Tournament Application Form (TAF)*** would be submitted by the organization hosting the competition to the District Association in which the tournament is being played.
2. If approved by the District Association, the TAF would then be submitted to the OSA for its approval.
3. The host organization would pay a Tournament Hosting Fee in the amount of \$200.00 to the District Association for approval of the competition. \$100.00 of this fee would be forwarded to the OSA and the other \$100.00 of the fee would be retained by the District Association.
4. Prior to the commencement of the competition, the host organization would provide the applicable District Association with a team roster for each team participating in the competition and every player on that roster would either be:
 1. already registered as a player for the current season with the OSA; or

2. become registered with the OSA on a "**Short Term Registration Permit**" basis.
5. Validation of this team roster (*with the required information about each player*) plus the "**Short Term Registration Permit Fee**" (\$10.00 payable for each player who is not already registered as a player for the current season with the OSA) by the District Association would constitute the "**Short Term Registration**" of each player who is not already registered with the OSA.
6. if any affiliated Club teams are participating in the competition:
 1. the team would be exempt from paying the "**Short Term Registration Permit Fee**" for the players on that team providing that each player is registered with the OSA.
 2. any team travelling to another District would require that its Club would also have to submit a **Team Travel Permit (TTP)** to its District Association for approval.
7. Clubs affiliated to soccer organizations outside of Ontario which are part of the FIFA structure may participate in the competition providing that they can provide written approval from their governing organization.

Specific Decision Requested:

Amend the OSA's policies to permit:

1. an OSA registered referee to officiate games in a sanctioned tournament hosted by an unaffiliated organization providing the tournament has been approved by both the OSA and the applicable District Association.
2. an affiliated Club team to play in games in the above competition types if the competition has been approved by both the OSA and the applicable District Association.

To approve a new **Competition Policy 4.11**

4.11 Senior Tournaments Hosted by Unaffiliated Organizations

The following class of senior tournament is open to registered and unregistered senior teams providing that all players are currently registered with The OSA:

- i) on an annual basis or**
- ii) on a short term registration basis in accordance with Registration Policy 8.1 b) or,**
- ii) the players are registered with teams from outside Ontario which have received written approval from their governing organization to participate in the tournament.**

O-NAUC	Outdoor	North American	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
O-INUC	Outdoor	Inter-National	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
O-IPUC	Outdoor	Inter-Provincial	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
O-IDUC	Outdoor	Inter-District	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
O-DTUC	Outdoor	District	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
I-NAUC	Indoor	North American	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
I-INUC	Indoor	Inter-National	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
I-IPUC	Indoor	Inter-Provincial	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
I-IDUC	Indoor	Inter-District	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only
I-DTUC	Indoor	District	Unaffiliated Organization	Club teams only

To amend the following OSA policies:

Competition Policy 5.3.1

- 5.3.1 **All tournaments hosted by an Unaffiliated Organization will require the approval of the OSA and the District Association in which the tournament is played.**
An International Tournament shall also require the approval of the CSA and FIFA..

Referee Policy 4.3

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) municipality sponsored competitions, subject to the approval of the District Association.
- d) Special Olympics teams in games sanctioned by the OSA, and
- e) 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

f) a 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

Registration Policy 8.1 b)

8.1 A player may play for a team to which he/she is not registered only under one of the following conditions:

- a)
- b) he/she plays with a "TRIAL PERMIT" **or a "SHORT TERM REGISTRATION PERMIT";**

To approve a new **Registration Policy 11.0** and re-number Registration Policies 11.0 to 18.0 accordingly

POLICY 11.0 - SHORT TERM REGISTRATION PERMIT

- 11.1 A "SHORT TERM REGISTRATION PERMIT" is a temporary registration with the O.S.A. which shall only used by players who are not registered with the O.S.A. or a Provincial Association affiliated to the C.S.A. for the specific purpose of playing in a 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.**
- 11.2 A "SHORT TERM REGISTRATION PERMIT" shall consist of a Team Roster Report which, when validated by the District Association, entitles all of the non-registered players listed on the report to play in all of the games of that specific tournament.**
- 11.3 The "SHORT TERM REGISTRATION PERMIT" shall be obtained from the District Association in which the tournament is being played.**
- 11.4 If a player's name is not included on the "SHORT TERM REGISTRATION PERMIT", she/he will not be eligible to play in that tournament.**
- 11.5 There is no limit to the number of times a player may be listed on the "SHORT TERM REGISTRATION PERMIT" during one playing season.**

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 OSA registered referees to officiate military/police championships.
2. This will permit OSA registered referees to officiate cultural, sponsor and other tournaments.
3. This will allow all of these tournaments to be held with the assurance that every participant will be held accountable for any misconduct as they will all be registrants of the OSA or of a governing organization from outside Ontario.
4. All participants will be insured.
5. This will generate additional revenue for the OSA and for the involved District Associations.

Possible

Objections:

Alternatives:

Attachments: **None**

Decision **Approved**

Date **11 - December - 2011**
