

Request for Decision (R.F.D.)

September 2011

R.F.D. # 2011-007
Revision Date: 07/16/2011
Subject Title: Eligibility of Academy Players To Participate in Provincial and Regional Teams' Programs
Submitted by (name of person authoring RFD form) Alex Chiet, Technical Officer on 07/16/2011
Organization Submitting RFD: Technical Advisory Council
Programme Area: Provincial Teams
Secondary Programme Area(s): Academies
Present Situation:

In Section 22 of the Operational Procedures (Academies), Procedure 1.1.3.3 - 8 stipulates that:

- 8) information about the National and Provincial programs (NOTE: in order to play for an OSA Regional Team or Provincial Team, the player will have to be registered with a Member Club affiliated with the District Association in which the player lives.)

This means a player participating in an Academy Program is not eligible to play for an OSA Regional Team or Provincial Team unless she/he is also registered with a Member Club affiliated with the District Association in which the player lives.

As part of LTPD implementation, the OSA's LTPD Technical Advisory Council is recommending that players involved in an Academy Program should be eligible to play for an OSA Regional Team or Provincial Team without having also to register with a Member Club affiliated with the District Association in which the player lives.

Specific Decision Requested:

To revise Section 22 of the Operational Procedures (Academies), Procedure 1.1.3.3 - 8 as follows:

- 8) information about the National and Provincial programs (NOTE: ~~in order to play for an OSA Regional Team or Provincial Team,~~ the player will have to be registered with a Member Club affiliated with the District Association in which the player lives each player involved in an Academy Program of a Club Academy or an OSA-recognized Non-Club Academy shall be eligible to play for an OSA Regional Team or Provincial Team.)

RFD was amended as follows:

To revise Section 22 of the Operational Procedures (Academies), Procedure 1.1.3.3 - 8 as follows:

- 8) information about the National and Provincial programs (~~NOTE: in order to play for an OSA Regional Team or Provincial Team, the player will have to be registered with a Member Club affiliated with the District Association in which the player lives~~ each player involved in an Academy Program of a Club Academy or an OSA-Recognized Non-Club Academy shall be eligible to play for an OSA Regional Team or Provincial Team.)

As as result of the above amendment the Operational Procedures (Academies), Procedure 1.1.3.3 - 8 will now read as follows:

- 8) information about the National and Provincial programs
- 2) To revise Provincial Team Policy 5.1 as follows:

5.1 Program Responsibility

The Ontario Soccer Association shall be responsible for providing opportunities for players and coaches to reach a Provincial, National, and International Standard of Play.

The Ontario Soccer Association shall be responsible for and operate the Provincial Team Program.

The District Associations, **Club Academies and OSA-Recognized Non-Club Academies** through assigned Regions, shall provide the opportunities for players and coaches to participate in a Province-wide Player Development Program.

Budget Requirements (Change if any): This **\$0.00**

year:

Availability of Funds if not included in this **not applicable**

year's budget:

Advantages:

1. It will permit players in academy programs to play for a Provincial Team or Regional Team.
2. It adheres to the principle of Long Term Player Development
3. It provides the opportunity for players within Academies to be identified by Regional and Provincial technical staff at an earlier age.
4. It provides an environment for these players to compete in a National All-stars competition and accessed yearly by National Teams Technical staff.
5. It increases the player base for our Regional and Provincial identification programs.
6. No player/parent is forced to make a choice towards player pathway to have the opportunity to compete at the Regional or Provincial level.

Possible

Objections:

Alternatives:

Attachments: **None**

Decision **Withdrawn**

Date **18 - September - 2011**
