

Request for Decision (R.F.D.) September 2010

R.F.D. # 2010-021
Revision Date: 14/07/2010
Subject Title: Policy Revisions To Assist The Promotion and Development of Futsal
Submitted by (name of person authoring RFD form) Vince Tersigni, Chair, Futsal Committee on 14/07/2010
Organization Submitting RFD: Futsal Committee
Programme Area: Futsal
Secondary Programme Area(s) Clubs, League Management, Registration
Present Situation:

The following OSA rules are having a detrimental impact on the development of Futsal in Ontario.

Club Policy 1.4

Except for "District Clubs", every Club operating teams at the youth level and/or mini soccer level shall register not less than four youth and/or mini-soccer teams.

Registration Policy 5.11

Each Club shall register on each of its youth level teams and on each of its mini-soccer teams no less than nine players whose legal residence, on the date of registration with The OSA, is within the District with which the Club is affiliated. In the event that the legal residence of the player changes to another District after the date on which the player registered with The OSA, the player will still be considered a resident in the Club's District for the purposes of this rule. In the event that the number of players who reside in the District becomes less than nine, the team must immediately register another player resident in the District prior to participating in any sanctioned game.

League Policy 25.1

A Club shall apply annually to its governing organization(s) to enter a team in a league outside its normal jurisdiction.

The development of "Futsal" in Ontario has been hindered by specific OSA rules. Rules regarding residency, leagues in which a team may play, and the minimum number of youth futsal teams in a Club may be beneficial to outdoor soccer but, they are impractical for "Futsal" and retard its growth and development. In order to develop "Futsal" in Ontario, the rules need to be less restrictive. Teams should be permitted to form:

- regardless of each player's "District of residence" and with no requirement for nine players resident in any District;
- whether the club has a minimum of four youth teams or not;
- play in any league regardless of the District with which the league is affiliated; and
- play in Inter-District Leagues because District Futsal Leagues are only practical in very few Districts.

In order for The OSA to promote the development of "Futsal" in Ontario, it must modify its rules and remove these restrictions on "Futsal".

With regard to Registration Policy 5.11, it is important to realize that Futsal Clubs do not register as many players on each Futsal team as indoor teams do. The average number of Youth Futsal players registered on a Youth Futsal team is 9.6. The following information was derived from the OSA's registration database for the 2009-2010 indoor season.

District Name	Team	Players	Average players on team
Durham Region S.A.	9	85	9.4
East Central Ontario S.A.	0	0	
Eastern Ontario District S.A.	75	775	10.3
Elgin Middlesex S.A.	12	102	8.5
Essex County S.A.	0	0	
Hamilton District S.A.	0	0	
Huron District S.A.	0	0	
Lambton Kent S.A.	0	0	
Niagara S.A.	0	0	
North York S.A.	3	29	9.7
Peel Halton S.A.	0	0	
Sault Amateur S.A.	0	0	
Scarborough S.A.	1	12	12.0
Soccer North	0	0	
Soccer Northeastern Ontario	0	0	
Soccer Northwest Ontario	0	0	
Southeast Ontario S.A.	0	0	
Southwest Ontario S.A.	94	883	9.4
Sudbury Regional S.A.	0	0	
Toronto S.A.	6	48	8.0
York Region S.A.	15	130	8.7
TOTAL	215	2064	9.6

Specific Decision Requested:

To approve the following revisions to the following OSA policies:

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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 this is a time sensitive policy, it shall go into effect October 19, 2010.

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 clubs which only operate Futsal teams to be formed without the restrictions of Club Policy 1.4 and Registration Policy 5.11.**
2. The proposed exception in League Policy 25.1 will permit a Level 5, 6 or 7 Futsal League to be formed under the governance of a District Association and will allow Futsal teams from any District to play in that league without the requirement of obtaining "District Playing-Out Permission" from the District Association with which the Futsal team's Club is affiliated.

Possible

Objections:

Alternatives:

Attachments: **None**

Decision **Withdrawn**

Date **19-September-2010**
