



Rationale

The OSGA 55+ (Ontario Senior Games Association) whole purpose is to promote an active life style for those 55+ adults who are not involved in the more advanced or master levels of activities. It is the view of the OSGA that **older adults** will become involved when friendly levels of competition can be maintained. To this end the following eligibility criteria are established to ensure all OSGA activities are safe and friendly for our older adults.

Policy Guidelines

1. Participants eligible to participate in OSGA events must be a resident of the Province of Ontario.
 - a. Must be 55 (65, 75+) years of age or older by 12:00 midnight December 31st in the year of the event.
Please Note: Participants who are 55, 65 or 75 or older by midnight December 31st in the year of participation in Ontario 55+ Winter Games are eligible.
2. Participants, trying to qualify for Regional or Ontario 55+ Games, must limit their competition to just one District for each set of Games i.e. Summer Games or Winter Games. Generally, this will be the District in which the participant resides. The exception to this would be participants who wish to participate in an adjacent district due to geographical proximity, event availability or social connections i.e. playing partner living in another district.
*Please Note: A district accepting a player from *outside its boundaries must inform the player's home district.**
3. Participants, who have won a competition at the district level, may compete in only one event or division at the Ontario 55+Summer Games, Winter Games or Regional Games.
4. Participants must have competed in the District Games before moving on to represent their District. Where an event was not held due to a lack of sufficient participants, the district may name individuals or a team to represent the district in any event providing they are a **current OSGA member**.
5. **Districts that enter teams (i.e. hockey, volleyball, slo-pitch, etc) in Regional or Ontario 55+ Games, must provide proof that a tournament was held or at least offered (ie. an event date/venue has been booked and promoted on your District Games Registration Form). If a District does not meet these criteria, then the OSGA will move on to a District that does until the cap is met. If the cap is not met, then the OSGA will fill the remaining entries based on the first come first serve basis criteria.**
6. The participants must be a **current OSGA member**.
7. Participants who are past winners of Ontario 55+Summer Games, Winter Games or Regional Games are eligible to compete in the current games.
8. The replacement of a team member at Ontario 55+Summer Games, Winter Games or Regional Games, may only be made by the District Coordinator, not the individual team member, if a member is unable to participate due to a medical reason or special circumstances. The replacement must be of approximately equal caliber.

Administration

This policy shall be administered by the OSGA President and OSGA Rules Chair any OSGA related meeting.

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Date


Signature