



Policy G-012
Approved Events
Sustainability, Approval
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Rationale

The OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) recognizes the need to offer events that meet current tastes and trends in order to attract Ontario 55+ adults and keep them involved in “active living”. To this end, the following guidelines are set out to (a) review the viability of approved events for Ontario 55 + Summer and Winter Games, (b) evaluate and change the status of events and (c) to consider the adoption of new events. This policy takes into consideration the practice of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to place caps on total participant numbers.

Policy Guidelines

1. Events will be placed in one of the following categories:
 - a. Core Sports/Divisions: sports/divisions that Ontario 55+ Games hosts WILL be required to include in their program,
 - b. Optional Sports/Divisions: sports/divisions that Ontario 55+ Games hosts MAY include in their program,
 - c. Developing Sports/Divisions ; sports/divisions that will be added to the that Ontario 55+ Games for a trial period consisting of 2 cycles of Ontario55+ Games and will be re-evaluated after that time.
2. The viability and sustainability of any given event will be governed by:
 - a. the number of districts offering the event as well as the participant numbers in each of the district games; and
 - b. the number of participants registered for that event at Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games and Regional 55+ Games
3. Games deemed no longer viable based on a decline in districts offering it or low participant numbers will be labelled as such by the OSGA. The game will be placed on a two year observation list.

After the second year of observation, the OSGA will recommend either

- a. the removal of the game from the approved list,
 - b. the continuation of the game on the approved Ontario 55+ list, or
 - c. a further year of observation before a determination is made.
4. The selection of new approved events for both Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games will be considered once the sport/division has met at least 2 of the following conditions for its designation:
 - a. For Core Sports/Divisions:
 - i. must have been held in 40% of the Districts
 - ii. must be held in 2 of the Regional Games or OSGA Invitationals
 - iii. must fill 50% of Cap numbers at previous games
 - b. For Optional Sports/Divisions:
 - i. must have been held in 15% of the Districts
 - ii. must be held in 2 of the Regional Games or OSGA Invitationals
 - iii. must fill 50% of Cap numbers at previous games
- or



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- c. For Developing Sports/Divisions:
 - i. must have been held in 25% of the Districts
 - ii. must be held in 1 of the Regional Games or OSGA Invitationals
 - iii. must include a PSO (or other organizing body) and OSGA partnership
- 5. In consideration of the MTCS's policy of "capping" total participant numbers at the Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games, the OSGA will place caps on individual events as a means of attaining number ceilings.
- 6. Submissions for the change in status or addition of a new sport/division must be forwarded on the approved form and must include statistics to show adherence to this policy.
- 7. Inclusion of a new event in the next set of games may not be feasible due to timing of the inclusion. This will be a joint decision by the MTCS, Games Host and OSGA.

Administration

This policy shall be administered by the OSGA President or Rules Committee.

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Date Signature