



## **Rationale**

The OSGA 55+ (Ontario Senior Games Association) continues to promote an awareness of its goals, and objectives in order to attract more 55+ adults to the benefits of an active life style. As well, the OSGA recognizes the value to be gained through the inclusion of other organizations who share like interests in the well-being of the 55+ demographic. The following sets out the guidelines the OSGA will use to attract and encourage the support of like-minded groups/individuals to work in association with the OSGA.

## **Policy Guidelines**

1. For the purposes of this policy:
  - a. Region is a designated group of OSGA Member Districts as recognized by the OSGA.
  - b. Regional Committee consists of representatives from each Member District.
  - c. Regional Games is a set of games organized by a specific Region for its Member Districts
2. **Five (5)** regions across the province shall be:
  - a. Northern (Districts 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 3B)
  - b. Central (Districts 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 28)
  - c. Eastern (Districts 5, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 9, 10)
  - d. South Central (Districts 15, 16, 17, 19, 20,21, 22, 24)**
  - e. Southwest (District 25,26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 33A)Regions may be added or removed as circumstances warrant.
3. The OSGA will work to support its Regional Committees as part of its mandate to encourage an active life style for Ontario's 55+ adults by:
  - a. Maintaining applicable policies, goals and objectives as established by the OSGA membership as it supports regional committees;
  - b. Extending and providing liability insurance to Regional committees and their volunteers;
  - c. Providing a supportive liaison between the Regional committee and the appropriate ministry, and any other related organizations;
  - d. Working with the Regional committee as it seeks grant funding
  - e. Provide technical support to assist the region
  - f. Encourage regional committees to offer new events or new variations on the rules for approved events. Regional committees are encouraged to report on these variations to the OSGA.
4. The Region with the assistance of the OSGA should:
  - a. Form a regional committee of member districts to over-see the operations of the region;
  - b. Choose a chair, secretary and a treasurer;
  - c. Determine how the region is to be funded;
  - d. Maintain an active liaison with the OSGA;
  - e. Approve the use of OSGA game rules with local variations; (see #4)
  - f. Organize and operate Regional Games on a biennial basis;
  - g. Hold at least two (2) meetings each year for all district members within region to provide a means for communicating, for promotion, mentoring and sharing of ideas etc.

## **Administration**

This policy shall be administered by the OSGA President and Program Manager.

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OSGA President

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