



Rationale

The OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) is an organization established by the Province of Ontario for the purpose of involving Ontario 55+ adults in an active life-style in the belief that active living enhances their quality of life. To this end, the Province of Ontario sets out expectations and requirements for support funding. It is incumbent on the OSGA to ensure its Executive, Board and Member Districts meet these expectations and requirements in a consistent and responsible manner. To this end, the following policy guidelines are established.

Policy Guidelines

1. This policy applies to the OSGA at all levels inclusive of the Executive, the Board and, the Member Districts as each works in harmony for the benefit of Ontario 55+ adults;
2. Member Districts have been established and organized under the Constitution and Bylaws of the OSGA to better achieve its goals to involve and encourage 55+ adults in active living.
3. It is the responsibility of the OSGA through its elected Executive and Board to conduct the affairs and operations of the Association in a responsible manner by:
 - a. applying and adhering to the policies, goals and objectives set out and approved by the OSGA membership;
 - b. providing appropriate liability insurance coverage for district committees and volunteers;
 - c. providing a liaison between Member Districts and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCSS), and Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and other such organizations;
 - d. providing technical information and support where needed to operate successful games;
 - e. ensuring Member Districts are able to operate according to the policies, goals and objectives established and approved for the OSGA and amended from time-to-time at its Annual General Meeting;
4. It is expected that each Member District shall:
 - a. organize and operate District Games on an annual basis;
 - b. maintain an active liaison with the OSGA through its District Coordinator and through its participation in the decision making processes at the AGM.
 - c. name a District Coordinator who as part of his/her duties will serve as primary contact with the OSGA office;
 - d. form a district committee to over-see the operations of the 55+ games in accordance with the OSGA mandate;
 - e. hold an Annual General Meeting;
 - f. manage district finances as set out by OSGA policies; see policy F-003
 - g. **ensure approved membership fees and complete records are forwarded to OSGA offices by the due date indicated by the OSGA**
 - h. submit an annual report on District finances and operations as required by the OSGA;
 - i. ensure all participating 55+ adults have signed OSGA approved waiver forms and have an OSGA membership card and number;
 - j. ensure all volunteers are registered and have signed OSGA approved waiver forms;

The OSGA, in its desire to meet the ever changing needs of Ontario 55+ adults, encourages districts to offer other events in addition to the recognized events of the OSGA program. As such, these events are a valid part of the OSGA mandate to involve 55+ adults in active living.

Administration

This policy shall be administered by the OSGA President and Treasurer.