



Policy G-017
Event Viability for
Ontario 55+ and Regional Games

Rationale

While the OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) encourages 55+ adults to participate in a variety of events at community, District, Ontario 55 + Games levels, it is understood that not all events offered will attract sufficient participants to make a competition either reasonable or financially viable. As well, it is not fair to participants to register and pay for an event and then find there can be no reasonable competition. To assist Ontario 55+ Games and Regional hosts as well as districts in planning competitions, the following guidelines are set out to deal with limited or insufficient participation.

Policy Guidelines

1. For an event to be considered viable there must be a minimum of 4 entries.
2. Where minimum numbers for participation in any event or particular division of an event are deemed insufficient for a competition the host committee will consult with the the OSGA rules committee (and the appropriate Ministry representative for Ontario 55+ Games). A decision will be made to:
 - a. Combine the division with another to achieve the required number of entries, Options may include:
 - i. combine with a lower age category or
 - ii. create an open category within the age category
 - b. Cancel the event or division.

NOTE: Combined events will only have one set of medals presented regardless of previous categories.

3. Where an event or division of an event has been modified or cancelled, the host (or OSGA will notify the District Coordinators of the changes to the competition. The participants who are affected by the change will decide on one of the following:
 - a. Withdrawing from the competition and receiving a refund,
 - b. Accepting participation in the modified event,
 - c. Dropping down an age group (if cap space available)if the event/division is cancelled even if the selected event has a participant from their district.
 - d. Switching to a different event (if cap space available) if the event is cancelled even if the selected event has a participant from their district.
4. The District Coordinator will have 7 days from the date of notification to respond with the participant's decision. If the participant does not respond, the participant will be withdrawn from the competition and a refund will be issued.

Administration

This policy shall be administered by the OSGA Rules Committee and the Ontario 55+ Host representatives.

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