

Rationale

From time-to-time, the OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) is called upon to consider realignment of a district. While, for the most part, such requests come from the district or from elements within the district, considerations for realignment could be initiated by the OSGA as well. In response to applications for district realignment, the OSGA will be guided by the impact such realignment will have on the “parent district” as well as the long term viability of the new district. The OSGA will be guided by the following considerations:

Policy Guidelines

1. The OSGA will consider applications for the realignment of a district based on any of the following:
 - a. Geographic isolation of a significant population of 55+ adults;
 - b. Better serving a significant ethnic population with-in a district
 - c. Areas of a district where land communication is limited or non-existent
 - d. Population numbers have become too large and 55+ adults would be better served if the district was divided.
2. An Application for realignment will be accompanied with a letter from the home district indicating its agreement or disagreement with the proposal and the reasons for its position.
3. The applicants must be able to show how any new district will be able to remain viable by indicating:
 - a. The population numbers to be served;
 - b. Sources of funding to make the district viable.
 - c. Locations within the new district suitable for hosting events. Letters from the hosts should accompany this list.
 - d. A map and description of proposed boundaries including municipalities or wards etc. to be included:
4. Political disagreements among the resident 55+ adults will not be considered a reason for dividing a district.
5. Upon receipt of an application for realignment, the OSGA will appoint a committee to meet with the signees of the application and with the representatives of the parent district. This committee will recommend to the OSGA to proceed with the request to divide the district, or to not allow the request.
6. The OSGA, before approving an application for realignment will investigate and ensure to its satisfaction the following:
 - a. Funding sources available;
 - b. Numbers of 55+ adults make a new district feasible;
 - c. Locations for events are available and willing to serve as hosts;
 - d. The reasons for realignment are based on those set out in no. 1. of this policy;
 - e. Governance for the district.



7. Following the approval to realign a district, the OSGA will assist, guide and monitor to functioning of the district for one year to ensure :
 - a. The election of officers to manage the district;
 - b. The signing of Membership Agreement
 - c. The new district is given a district number and a name;
 - d. Assist and ensure fund raising is suitable to operate district functions;
 - e. 55+ adults are being contacted and involved in active programs.
8. OSGA will amend its records and documents to now include the new district, and, will notify the parent district of the establishment of the new district and of the boundaries established for that district.

Administration

This policy shall be administered by the OSGA President and Board of Directors.

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