

Rationale

The OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) through its membership is responsible for the sanctioning of specific events as well as the rules for each event for Ontario's 55+ demographic. It has been the practice of the OSGA to identify two aspects of how any game is played. These are game rules and game format. In the interests of meeting the needs, abilities and interests of its 55+ participants, the OSGA Board will give due consideration and if appropriate, will recommend rule and format changes. To this end, the following policy is established.

Policy Guidelines

1. The OSGA Rules Committee will have the responsibility to review the current technical manual on an ongoing basis, review any proposals submitted and make recommendations to the OSGA Board. The Rules Committee will give a full report of the year's activities at the Annual General Meeting.
2. Proposals may be submitted by participants with the approval of their District, Member District Committees, Ontario 55+ Games Hosts or Regional Committees.
3. The Process for making Rule/Format Change will consist of the following steps:
 - a. STEP ONE:
 - i. Recommendations for Rule and/or format changes must be made on the approved OSGA form(s) with the following information;
 - i. contact information of the person making the proposal
 - ii. details with reasons why the changes would benefit the event and the participants
 - iii. reference to current rules/format
 - iv. evidence of support from other districts (at least 7 districts)
 - b. STEP TWO:
 - i. Rules Committee would review the proposal including the following steps;
 - i. Review statistics from District Reports if applicable
 - ii. Hold discussions with
 1. Experts, referees etc
 2. The appropriate sports body
 3. The person making the proposal
 - iii. Review the implication of the changes to the event with Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) i.e. numbers, facilities, caps for Ontario 55+ Games
 - iv. Survey the Member Districts if applicable
 - c. STEP THREE
 - i. Rules Committee would make recommendation to the OSGA Board
 - i. If Approved:
 1. OSGA will notify MTCS of approved changes
 2. Results would be communicated to person who made the proposal
 3. Results would be communicated to Member Districts electronically
 4. Changes would come into effect as soon as possible
 - ii. If not approved, the results would be communicated to the person making the proposal as soon as possible.



4. Any rule or format change not approved by the OSGA is deemed to have *“died on the floor”* and will not be considered again for another two (2) years by the OSGA.
5. OSGA will consult with MTCS and the Ontario 55+ Summer + or Winter Games hosts any rule of format changes. The Host Community will implement any rule or format changes that are deemed possible. The Host will notify OSGA and MTCS if any rule or format change cannot be implemented due to previous commitments, budget concerns or other concerns that the host community identifies.

The current and official version of the OSGA Rules and format are electronically available at www.ontarioseniorgames.ca

Administration

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

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