

Tournament and Events Policy

It is recognized that tournaments play an important role in meeting the needs of the OSGA as well as Districts. In this policy, three separate streams will be established, each outlining their specific demands to meet the minimum requirements. All OSGA rules and policies will apply to all tournaments, regardless of which category it is.

OSGA Open Events and Tournaments

These events are planned, funded, and executed by the OSGA office and Board of Directors. Attendance of these events will be open to all OSGA participants. The OSGA Board of Directors and staff will determine which events will be offered each fiscal year. All expenses and revenue incurred through these events will be managed by the OSGA. In an effort to host events throughout the province, the OSGA office may request Districts to assist the OSGA in hosting these events and everyone in attendance will be representing the OSGA as a whole. These events will be stand alone and will not be used as qualifying events for the Ontario 55+ Games, nor the Canada 55+ Games.

In order to attend these events, participants must be a registered OSGA participant, have paid their annual fees, signed all required waivers and declarations. Registrations will be hosted through the OSGA centralized database and registration system. Any registrants who are unable to utilize the online system themselves will be input through the OSGA office with support from Districts as required.

District Invitational Events and Tournaments

Invitational tournaments are organized and hosted exclusively by a District or combination of Districts, outside of their regular annual roster of District events, with monetary support from the OSGA office. The OSGA Board of Directors will determine the total amount of funding available per fiscal year, with a maximum of \$500.00 awarded per event. The Board of Director will determine and communicate the application deadlines throughout the year once they are determined. There will be two different deadlines annually to allow districts time to plan both winter and summer events. There may also be funding priorities set by the Board of Directors which will also be communicated with the application deadline notices.

It is desired that Districts will plan these events at the start of the year and get their applications in on time so that the Board of Directors have time to review all submissions and ensure a variety of events are being offered across the province. Applications must be submitted and approved prior to the start of the event planning process.

Districts will be required to use OSGA branding for the promotion of all events. Districts will be responsible for all planning and implementation of these events. All expenses and revenues incurred through these events will be managed by the District.

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Qualification Play-downs

Qualification events may be required in high volume events with limited space at the Ontario/Canada 55+ Games. These events will be held by the OSGA office and may be in conjunction with District(s) to serve as an extra layer of playdowns to create a fair and honest qualification system for the Ontario 55+ Games and the Canada 55+ Games. Notice and/or invitation of these events will be posted with enough time for individuals/teams to be aware of their significance and schedule their participation.

All expenses and revenues incurred through these events will be managed by the host. All participants must be registered in the OSGA's centralized database and registration system in order to compete. This includes every individual team member for team sports.

Appendix D – Invitational Application

1. DISTRICT DETAILS			
District submitting application:		Additional Districts:	
Contact Name:		Telephone #:	
E-mail Address:			
Date submitted:		Date Received: <i>for office use</i>	
2. EVENT DETAILS			
Event Name:		Date(s):	
Location:			
Categories:		Any Additional Information:	
Who is this event open to?			
Do you intend for this event to serve as a qualifier?		YES / NO	
3. DESCRIPTION OF EVENT			
Please include a budget to supplement the following questions:			
Amount being requested:		Reasons:	
Budget attached?		YES / NO	