

Regions Policy

Rationale

The OSGA 55+ (Ontario Senior Games Association) strives to promote an active living lifestyle for older adults (55+) in Ontario. The desire is to meet the ever-changing needs of our membership, in which the OSGA 55+ programs are designed to offer events and activities to enhance participation at all levels. It is the view of the OSGA that older adults will become involved when friendly levels of competition are maintained.

Logo

The OSGA 55+ approved logo must be used on all materials affiliated with OSGA 55+ operations (District, Regional, Ontario 55+ Games, etc.) – written approval for all logo use must be received from the OSGA 55+ office before printing or electronic production to ensure brand and design consistency.

Regional Games

1. Region is a designated group of Member Districts recognized by the OSGA as follows:
 - a. Northern (Districts 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3, 3A, 3B)
 - b. Central (Districts 4, 11, 12, 13, 14, 28)
 - c. Eastern (Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)
 - d. South Central (Districts 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24)
 - e. Southwest (District 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 33A)
2. Regions may be added or removed as circumstances warrant.
3. Regional Games is organized by a specific Region for its Member Districts every other year (i.e., odd numbered years)
4. The OSGA Board/Staff will provide support to Regional Games hosts as follows:
 - a. appropriate liability insurance coverage for committees and volunteers;
 - b. liaison for host committees to the applicable Ministry and other funding organizations;
 - c. logistical support and training to ensure successful committee operations.
5. The Regional Games host with the assistance of the OSGA:
 - a. Identify the next Regional Games host and establish a committee (as per the Regional Games manual).
 - b. Maintain an active liaison with the OSGA through its Host Committee – must appoint two representatives to ensure all correspondence is communicated back (i.e., committee, conveners, participants, etc.).
 - c. Hold at least two (2) meetings each year for all Member Districts within the Region to provide a means for communicating, for promotion, mentoring and sharing of ideas etc. (one held by OSGA and other by Games host).
 - d. Establish a minimum of 10 events to be held with consideration given to events in the OSGA technical manual and/or new events/categories that may be of interest to the region.
 - e. Use of OSGA rules for events is encouraged.

Regional Games Funding

1. Regional Games host requesting funding support will:
 - a. Be a recognized committee including a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Registrar (refer to manual);
 - b. Bank account to operate the Regional Games (support letter from OSGA when requested)
2. Regional Games host will submit an application (Appendix A) along with a draft budget to the OSGA office.
3. Regional Games host will recognize OSGA for funding support through all applicable materials and publications.
4. Regional Games Host will complete a final report (i.e., final budget, participants by event, medal winners, volunteer numbers, etc.) within 60 days of the completion of the Games.

Appendix A: Regional Games Funding Application	
Region:	
Proposed Event Date:	
Proposed Event Host: <small>(List all cities/towns)</small>	
Committee Information: <small>(Include name with email/phone)</small>	<p>Chair:</p> <p>Treasurer:</p> <p>Secretary:</p> <p>Registrar:</p> <p>Other:</p>
Bank Account Information: <small>(Bank Name, address and account details)</small>	
Proposed Events:	
Target Participant #'s:	
Draft Budget Attached:	Yes / No
Applicant Name:	
If Application Approved: <small>Please indicate who the OSGA makes the cheques payable to and mailing address.</small>	