

SECTION 6 - GAME TYPES

PROCEDURE 1.0 - RECOGNIZED GAME TYPES

- 1.1 Ontario Soccer recognizes the following Game Types:
- a) 11 v 11 Soccer
 - b) Small Sided (excluding Grassroots Soccer and inclusive of 3 v 3 tournaments)
 - c) Grassroots Soccer (U12 and younger ages)
 - d) Futsal
 - e) Beach Soccer
 - f) Accessible Soccer

PROCEDURE 2.0 – 11 V. 11 SOCCER

- 2.1 The Operational Procedures for 11 v 11 Soccer are included in various existing Ontario Soccer Operational Procedures and must be played in accordance with the [IFAB Laws of the Game](#).

PROCEDURE 3.0 – SMALL-SIDED SOCCER

- 3.1 A Small Sided soccer competition in the Province of Ontario must be played in accordance with the [Ontario Soccer's Playing Rules of Small-Sided Soccer](#).
- 3.2 **3 on 3 Soccer Tournaments**
- 3.2.1 3 on 3 Soccer is a competition played in a tournament format only and is subject to the [Ontario Soccer's Playing Rules of Small-Sided Soccer](#).
- 3.2.2 3 on 3 Soccer is played under the "Laws Of The Game" with the exceptions outlined in the Operational Procedures below.
- 3.3 **Registration**
All players must be registered in Ontario Soccer Database at the time of the competition. Players registered to separate teams and/or Clubs shall notify their teams, Clubs and District Association of their intention to enter a 3 on 3 Soccer Competition.
- 3.4 **Team Eligibility for Competitions**
In 3 on 3 competitions, the teams are comprised of Ontario Soccer registered players who are not required to be registered with the same team playing in the competition. The team entry shall be submitted by an Ontario Soccer Registrant and not by a Club or registered team.
- 3.5 **Team Composition**
- 3.5.1 Teams consist of 3 to 6 registered players, playing in a 3 on 3 format, with no goalkeeper.
- 3.5.2 The team provides the competition host with their list of 3 to 6 registered players that will be the official team roster for the competition. The team roster list will consist of First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth and Ontario Soccer ID Number of each player.
- 3.5.3 Teams may also list a Coach or Manager.



3.6 Duration of Games:

Unless otherwise specified in the competition rules, the duration of the game shall be:

- a) Two 10 minute halves or 10 goal lead; or
- b) 16 minute game.

3.7 Player Dismissal:

If a player is dismissed from the game, the player is not permitted to continue playing in the game but, the team still plays with three players on the field.

The competition rules will determine the minimum number of players required by each team to be on the field.

3.8 Goals:

Goals must be last touched by either team in the OFFENSIVE half of the field only. On a kickoff, the ball is not considered in the offensive half of the field. The ball must be completely on the offensive half and must roll over the mid-line in order to be shot into the goal.

PROCEDURE 4.0 – FUTSAL

4.1 A Futsal competition in the Province of Ontario must be played in accordance with the ["Futsal Laws of the Game"](#) as approved by the IFAB which can be obtained from the FIFA website.

4.2 The following modifications to Ontario Soccer Operational Procedures apply to Futsal Competitions:

4.3 Team Composition:

Teams consist of 5 to 14 registered players.

Each team must provide the competition host with its Ontario Soccer Team Roster Report.

4.4 Club Policy 1.4 (ie. requirement for Club to have minimum of four youth teams) does not apply to a Club operating Futsal teams.

4.5 All provincial competitions (e.g. the Ontario Futsal Cup) shall be officiated by four Match Officials appointed by Ontario Soccer: a Referee, a Second Referee, a Third Referee and a Timekeeper. During provincial competitions player bibs, a suitable chronometer, a public scoreboard, visible signs and documents shall be used as described in the Futsal Laws of the Game.

4.6 Walls and board are not permitted in Futsal competitions.



PROCEDURE 5.0 - GRASSROOTS SOCCER

5.1 Ontario Soccer Grassroots Soccer refers to all soccer played in Ontario between the ages of Under-4 to Under-12

5.2 Grassroots Matrices

All Grassroots Soccer shall be organized and played in accordance with Ontario Soccer's **LTPD Development Matrices** and **LTPD Recreational Matrices**

1. [Outdoor Recreational Matrix](#)
2. [Outdoor Development Matrix](#)
3. [Indoor Recreational Matrix](#)
4. [Indoor Development Matrix](#)

5.2.1 The LTPD Matrices shall be developed and maintained by Ontario Soccer's Player Development Department.

5.3 Festivals

All competitions for Grassroots Soccer shall be in accordance with the Festivals Sections of the Competitions Operational Procedures (Section 8.0 Operational Procedures 10.0 to 17.0) and [Ontario Soccer's Festival Guide](#)

5.4 Playing with an older age group squad

An Under 12 and younger aged player may only play with an older age group under one of the following conditions:

- a) He/she is evaluated to play with an older age group:
 - i. under -7 and under-8 players wishing to play with an older age group must complete the [U7 and U8 Fast Tracking/Player Evaluation](#)
 - ii. under -9 to under -11 players wishing to play to an older age group must complete the [U9 – U11 Fast Tracking/Player Evaluation](#)
 - iii. under -12 player wishing to play to under -13 team must complete the [U12 Fast Tracking/Player Evaluation](#)

Grassroots players are prohibited from being evaluated to play more than 1 year older.

5.4.1 If a player is evaluated and approved to play with an older age group that player shall be registered in that age group.

5.5 Playing with a squad with which you are not registered

An under 12 and younger age player may play with a squad with which they are not registered under the following conditions:

- a) He/she uses a Trial Registration Permit:
 - i. May only be used by players who are not registered with Ontario Soccer or a Provincial Association affiliated to Canada Soccer
 - ii. Must be used in accordance with Operational Procedure Section 6.0 Registration Procedures 8.0 Trial Registration Permit.
- b) Movement of players may occur between recreational to development programs within the same club.
Note: Must abide by the number of allotted competition days per week.



c) **Grassroots Club Player Movement Agreement**

With permission of the District Association and Ontario Soccer a Grassroots Club Player Movement Form Agreement is a document which may be signed by two Clubs under which they agree to allow players to play for the affiliated Club that offers a suitable program at the specified age group as a result of the other affiliated Club not being able to provide an equivalent program.

5.6 Grassroots Pilot Programs

Ontario Soccer may conduct Grassroots Pilot Programs throughout the Province to evaluate on a short term basis how a new program may work on a large scale across the Province. These Pilot Programs will be developed and executed by Ontario Soccer in conjunction with specified District Associations or designated focus groups.

5.7 Heading Protocol

Ontario Soccer's heading recommendations and protocol for youth players, specifically at the Grassroots ages are outlined in the **Grassroots Soccer – Provincial Curriculum**.

PROCEDURE 6.0 - BEACH SOCCER

6.1 A beach soccer competition in the Province of Ontario must be played in accordance with the **Beach Soccer Laws of the Game** as approved by the FIFA Beach Soccer Committee.

6.2 Player Equipment
Shoes, cleats and shin pads are not permitted. Players may protect their feet with bindings that do not cover the heels or toes.

6.3 Registration
All players must be registered in Ontario Soccer Database at the time of the competition. Players registered to separate teams and/or Clubs shall notify their teams, Clubs and District Association of their intention to enter a Beach Soccer Competition.

6.4 Team Composition

6.4.1 Teams consist of 5 to 10 registered players, playing in a 5 on 5 (4 players +1 goalkeeper) format.

6.4.2 The team provides the competition host with their list of 5 to 10 registered players that will be the official team roster for the competition. The team roster list will consist of First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth and Ontario Soccer ID Number of each player.

6.4.3 Teams may also list a Coach or Manager

6.5 Duration of Game

Unless otherwise specified in the competition rules, the duration of the game shall be:

- a) Two 14 minute halves; or
- b) Three periods of 12 minutes (as per FIFA Laws)

6.6 Team Eligibility for Competitions

In Beach Soccer competitions, the teams are comprised of Ontario Soccer registered players who are not required to be registered with the same team playing in the competition. The team entry shall be submitted by an Ontario Soccer Registrant and not by a Club or registered team.



PROCEDURE 7.0 - ACCESSIBLE SOCCER

- 7.1 Ontario Soccer will support the integration and inclusion of all players with a disability to participate in an environment that is safe, fun and challenging.
- 7.2 Ontario Soccer recognises the established laws of the game associated with the following types of accessible soccer:
1. Special Olympics Football through Special Olympics Ontario
 2. Blind soccer (5-a-side) through the International Blind Sport Federation
 3. Para soccer (7-a-side) through– International Federation of CP Football/Powerchair Football (wheelchair) through Fédération Internationale de Powerchair Football Association
 4. Amputee soccer through the World Amputee Football Federation
- 7.3 Ontario Soccer may use its discretion to enable athletes with a disability to play soccer in an age group other than the groups dictated by their birth date, including “playing down”.
- 7.4 Ontario Soccer provides clear guidance to District Association and Club Technical Directors regarding the decision making process for a player to ‘play down’.
- 7.5 Programs specific to any disability will follow the rules of that disability group as defined on the international federation’s website (IBSA, IFCPF, Special Olympics etc.)
- 7.6 Programs that combine athletes with a disability and able bodied athletes will, where required, seek guidance from the applicable disability specific group as per Operational Procedure 7.2 above.
- 7.7 All participants must be registered in Ontario Soccer database.
- 7.8 Where a reciprocal agreement exists between Ontario Soccer and another organization identified in Operational Procedure 7.2 above, then registration with either party must be confirmed to ensure the player’s well-being is addressed.

