



Game Fee & Assigning Protocol

Match Officials Development

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This guide outlines the requirements that are in addition to the CSA Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees. It supplements the Ontario Soccer Match Officials Operational Procedures.



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ASSIGNORS CODE OF ETHICS AND GUIDELINES

All Assignors are required to complete the official registration process on RefCentre. There is no cost to registering as an assignor. There will be a copy of the Code of Ethics (shown below) that will need to be accepted as part of the Registration process.

If an assignor does not register, they CANNOT assign for any Ontario Soccer affiliated league, club or organization.

Assignor

- 8.1 A District Referee Coordinator (DRC) should not principally also hold the role of Assignor, unless it is necessary to assist the Assignor in scheduling of games within the District.
- 8.2 No additional fees can be charged by any Association or Organization to a match official in order to be assigned games.
- 8.3 Each District Association must provide to Ontario Soccer a complete list of all leagues, and all game assignors annually by May 31st on the template provided by Ontario Soccer.
- 8.4 All other areas in regards to assigning are covered in this Game Fee & Assigning Protocol
- 8.5 Each assignor must annually register as a member of Ontario Soccer and accept and sign the Assignors Code of Ethics.
- 8.6 Ontario Soccer reserves the right at any time to request from a District Association, League or Club a list of the game assignments for each competition.

Assignor's Code of Ethics

As an Ontario Soccer Registered Assignor, I will:

- I. maintain the utmost respect for match officials and others including coaches, administrators, players, fans and volunteers of the game and I will conduct myself ethically (honorably) at all times including in the assignment process;
- II. be supportive of officials at all times, including when I am a spectator, player, team official, administrator or volunteer;
- III. contribute to the continuing growth of the Ontario Soccer Match Officials Development program through support, encouragement and positive attitude
- IV. respect and accept constructive feedback from those to whom I am accountable
- V. work with the local District Referee Co-ordinator and Ontario Soccer to ensure that upgrading officials are provided opportunities for upgrading purposes as required;
- VI. assign match officials based on the Ontario Soccer Game Fee & Assigning Protocol and CSA Pyramid of Assigning;
- VII. contribute to the continuous development of match officials;
- VIII. offer appointments equally to all registered match officials based on classification, grade, ability & availability and not based on their affiliation with an assignor, league, group or association;
- IX. respect the rights and dignity of all match officials ;
- X. offer appointments equally based on level and abilities to all qualified match officials, and I will not discriminate against any individual or group, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, or national origin;
- XI. remove personal differences or issues when appointing officials
- XII. cooperate fully in any grievance, hearing or complaint undertaken by Ontario Soccer or District Association;
- XIII. be aware of all current information pertaining to assigning by keeping in constant communication with the Ontario Soccer Match Officials Development Department and relevant District Referee Coordinators



ASSIGNING & APPOINTMENTS

1.0 Game Fees

- 1.1 A league shall not provide any additional financial reimbursements to a match official, including such items as travel fees, mileage or apparel, without the prior approval of the league's governing organization
- 1.2 All leagues must have their game fees approved annually by their governing organization, and make them available to their members and Match Officials
- 1.3 Leagues shall set game fees, but may not pay lower than the minimum, or exceed the maximum game fees as indicated in tables in this Game Fee & Assigning Protocol.
- 1.4 The game fees shall be reviewed annually

2.0 Cancelled Games

A league must define and publish how and when a match official shall be notified about a cancelled game in its policies.

- 2.1 If the league must cancel a game, and notifies the match official within the specified time as outlined in the league's policies prior to the start of the game, the match official shall not receive remuneration for the game.
- 2.2 If the league must cancel a game and notifies the match official within less than the specified time as outlined in the league's policies prior to the start of the game, the match official shall be paid fifty (50%) percent of the league's published game fee and any incurred travel expenses as per the Game Fee & Assigning Protocol.

3.0 Abandoned Games

- 3.1 When a match official must declare the game abandoned prior to the start of the game, the officials shall be paid fifty (50%) percent of the league's published game fee for that game and any incurred travel expenses as per the Game Fee & Assigning Protocol. The match official may be required by the league to collect the game sheets at the field and submit the game report in order to be compensated for the abandoned game.
- 3.2 When a match official must declare a game to be abandoned after it has been started, the match official shall be paid the game fee as published and any incurred travel expenses as per the Game Fee & Assigning Protocol.



4.0 Appointments

- 4.1 A match official may only take part in a game for which his/her classification and/or grade permits. This is outlined in this Game Fee and Assigning Protocol and the CSA Pyramid of Officiating and Pyramid of Play charts (Appendix A). These are in accordance with the CSA Rules and Regulations. In the case of extenuating circumstances, a lower grade match official may be used when necessary.
- 4.2 A match official may only be appointed to games involving the following:
- a) Registered teams playing in a sanctioned competition
 - b) School, college, university teams
 - c) Special Olympic teams
 - d) A registered team playing against a college or university team in a sanctioned competition
 - e) Municipally sponsored events – subject to the approval of the District Association
 - f) An Ontario Soccer recognized non-club academy (ORNCA) team playing against
 - i. Another ORNCA team
 - ii. A team from out of province in an exhibition game approved by Ontario Soccer
 - iii. A team operated by an affiliated club in an exhibition game hosted by the affiliated club and approved by the District Association
 - iv. A team in a *Selected Showcase Tournament* which has been approved by the District Association, of by Ontario Soccer
 - g) A senior tournament hosted by an unaffiliated organization which has been approved by both Ontario Soccer and the District Association
- 4.3 Games to which a match official is eligible to be appointed by a league
- 4.4 A league with designated appointment responsibilities, which fails to follow the referee appointments table shall be subject to discipline under [Ontario Soccer Discipline Policy Misconduct Type 6.66](#)
- 4.5 Ontario Soccer, a District Association or a League may impose additional requirements that an official must meet in order to be assigned to the league on condition that these additional requirements are published prior to the start of the active season. The additional requirements must be requested in writing to, and approved by Ontario Soccer Match Officials Development Committee at minimum 60 days prior to the start of the active season.



- 4.6 The “Order of Precedence*” of appointments, whether as a Referee or Assistant Referee, shall be as follows:
- 1) International Appointments
 - 2) International Representative matches appointed by The Association
 - 3) The MLS
 - 4) The NASL/USL PRO
 - 5) National Championships
 - 6) PDL and W-League
 - 7) League1 Ontario
 - 8) OPDL
 - 9) Provincial Cup
 - 10) OUA/OCAA
 - 11) Provincial Leagues
 - 12) University and College Soccer Leagues
 - 13) Regional Leagues
 - 14) SAAC
 - 15) All other Competitions of The Association
 - 16) Regional Soccer
 - 17) District Soccer where appropriate

*Currently under review by Canada Soccer

** Note Semi-final and Final ties in all Provincial Competitions will take precedence over PDL, W League, and Senior Provincial League Competitions or equivalent.

- 4.7 Registered match officials shall not officiate in any Competition or League, which is not sanctioned, or a match in which unaffiliated clubs compete.

* Ontario Soccer reserves the right to adjust the Pyramid of Assigning as the OPDL age groups increase and advance.



STAGE 1 APPROVED DECEMBER 2015

REFEREE FEES recommended 2017 & mandatory 2018

		Preferred Referee Grade	Minimum Referee Grade	Current 2015	Minimum Game Fee 2018	Maximum Game Fee 2018
Senior Provincial Leagues	League1 Ontario M/F	10	9	110	125	135
	PDL/OUA / OCAA	10	9	85	85	100
	OSL Elite	10	9	65	85	100
	OWSL Provincial / U21	9	8	65	85	100
	OSL Provincial / U21	9	8	55	85	100
Youth Provincial Leagues	OPDL U13 M/F	7	6	45	50	55
	OPDL U14 M/F	7	7	50	55	60
	OPDL U15 M/F	8	7	55	60	65
	OPDL U16-17 M/F	9	8	-	70	80
	OYSL U18	9	8	50/60	70	80
Regional Leagues Senior and Youth	Senior Open Age	9	8	60/65	70	75
	U21	9	8	50/55	65	75
	U16-18	7	6	50	55	65
	U14-15	7	6	40/45	50	60
	U13*	6	5	N/A	45	50
	OSL / OWSL Regional	7	7	55	65	75

ASST. REFEREE & 4TH OFFICIALS FEES recommended 2017 & mandatory 2018

		Preferred Grade	Current 2015	Minimum Fee 2018	Maximum Fee 2018	Preferred 4th Official	Minimum Fee 2018	Maximum Fee 2018
Senior Provincial Leagues	League1 Ontario M/F	8	60	65	75	9	65	75
	PDL/OUA / OCAA	7	50	55	60	9	55	60
	OSL Elite	8		55	60	8	55	60
	OWSL Provincial / U21	7	45	55	60	7	55	60
	OSL Provincial / U21	7	35	55	60	7	55	60
Youth Provincial Leagues	OPDL U13 M/F	5	30	35	40	6	35	40
	OPDL U14 M/F	6	35	35	40	6	35	40
	OPDL U15 M/F	6	40	40	45	6	40	45
	OPDL U16-17 M/F	7	-	45	50	7	45	50
	OYSL U18	7	35	45	50	7	45	50
Regional Leagues Senior and Youth	Senior Open Age	7	40/45	50	55	7	55	60
	U21	7	35	45	50	7	45	50
	U16-18	6	35	40	45	N/A		
	U14-15	6	30/35	40	45	N/A		
	U13*	5	30/35	35	40	N/A		
	OSL / OWSL Regional	6	35/40	45	50	N/A		



- Please note, Regional U13 fees were added May 17th 2018 in preparation for future projects.

STAGE 2 – APPROVED DECEMBER 2016

FEES FOR recommended 2018 & mandatory 2019

		Preferred Referee Grade	Minimum Referee Grade	Current 2015	Minimum Game Fee	Maximum Game Fee	Preferred Assistant Referee Grade	Current 2015	Minimum Game Fee	Maximum Game Fee	Assigned by
Soccer4Life Competitive Leagues	OSL/OWSL MJD U21	8	6	55/50	60	70	6	35/40	45	50	League
	Senior Male/ Female	8	6	55	70	80	6	35	55	60	District
	U21 Male/ Female	8	6	60	60	70	6	40	45	50	District
	U16-18	7	6	45/50	50	60	6	35	40	45	District
	U14-15	6	6	40/45	45	55	5	30	35	40	District

TRAVEL FEES


League/Level of play	Per km	After # km	Other
Semi Pro League	.45	100	
Provincial Senior Leagues	.35 to .45	0	
Youth Provincial Leagues	.35 to .45	50	
Regional Senior Leagues	.35 to .45	50	to a maximum of \$50.00
Regional Youth Leagues	.35 to .45	50	to a maximum of \$50.00





ASSIGNOR TEMPLATE			
2016 Season			
District:			
DRC Name:			
DRC Email:			
DRC Phone number:			
League	Level of League (Dist Rec/Com; Regional)	Assignor Full Name	Assignor Phone Number

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