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# Game Fee & Assigning Protocol

## Match Officials Development

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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 8.7 No additional Referee Association, District or Club may require an additional membership fee or additional program for game assignments unless pre-approved by Ontario Soccer.

### 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 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 may not pay lower than, or exceed the game fees as indicated in tables in this Game Fee & Assigning Protocol.
- 1.4 The game fees shall be reviewed every 2 years

### **2.0 Cancelled Games**

A league must define and publish how and when a match official shall be notified and/or paid for a cancelled game in the league 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 Pyramid of Assigning. 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) A senior tournament hosted by an unaffiliated organization which has been approved by both Ontario Soccer and the District Association
  - g) Games to which a match official is eligible to be appointed by a league
- 4.3 A league with designated assigning responsibilities, which fails to follow the referee appointments table, shall be subject to discipline under Ontario Soccer Discipline Policy Misconduct Type 6.66
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 The “Order of Precedence” of appointments, whether as a Referee or Assistant Referee, shall be as follows. This was approved January 1, 2020 and communicated via Bulletin October 15, 2019:

Competition	Assigned by	Recommended Grades	Pathway
International Adult	Canada Soccer	National and FIFA	Talented
International Representation	Canada Soccer	National, FIFA, NextGen	Talented
MLS/Cdn Championships	Canada Soccer	National, FIFA	Talented
CPL	Canada Soccer	National, FIFA, NextGen	Talented
USL League 1	Canada Soccer	National, FIFA, NextGen	Talented
League1 Ontario	CS	8 to 10	Talented
League1 Reserves OPDL U17	CSB Ontario Soccer	7 to 10	Talented
OCAA/OUA/MLS Adidas Generations	Ontario Soccer	7 to 10	Talented
	Canada Soccer		
OPDL U13 to U15	Ontario Soccer	5 to 8	Talented

National Club Championships	Canada Soccer requests	7 to 9	Soccer For Life
Ontario Cup U18 and up	Ontario Soccer	7 to 9	Soccer For Life
Senior Provincial Leagues	League	7 to 9	Soccer For Life
Ontario Cup U17 and under	Districts, Ontario Soccer	6 to 8	Soccer For Life
OASL/Youth Regional	Districts, Ontario Soccer	4 to 8	Soccer For Life
Senior Regional	Districts/Leagues	4 to 8	Soccer For Life
Other Competitions* as defined by District/Club	Districts/Leagues	4 to 8	Soccer For Life

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

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

## GAME FEES APPROVED MARCH 2022

MATCH OFFICIAL GAME FEES 2023 TO 2024				
Competition with full crews. Fourth Official fee is same as AR* fee			*AR - Assistant Referee	
DISTRICT COMPETITION - full crews				
2023-2024				
	Referee	AR		
U13	50.00	35.00		
U14	55.00	40.00		
U15	55.00	40.00		
U16	60.00	45.00		
U17	65.00	50.00		
U18	65.00	50.00		
REGIONAL COMPETITION - full crews				
2023-2024				
	Referee	AR		
U13	55.00	40.00		
U14	60.00	45.00		
U15	60.00	45.00		
U16	65.00	50.00		
U17	70.00	55.00		
U18	70.00	55.00		
ONTARIO CUP OUTDOOR - full crews				
2023-2024				
	(Regional Competition)		(Provincial Competition)	
	Referee - Qualifying	AR - Qualifying	Referee - Semis and Finals	AR - Semis and Finals
U13	55.00	40.00	60.00	45.00
U14	60.00	45.00	65.00	50.00
U15	60.00	45.00	65.00	50.00
U16	65.00	50.00	70.00	55.00
U17	70.00	55.00	75.00	60.00
U18	70.00	55.00	75.00	60.00
OPDL - full crews				
2023-2024				
	Referee	AR/4th		
U13	65.00	50.00		
U14	70.00	55.00		
U15	70.00	55.00		
U16	75.00	60.00		
U17	80.00	65.00		
U18	80.00	65.00		

\* Ontario Cup qualifying rounds are considered Regional competition; Ontario Cup Semis and Finals are considered Provincial competition.

## Adult Games

<b>DISTRICT/Soccer For Life COMPETITION - full crews</b>		
<b>2023-2024</b>		
	<b>Referee</b>	<b>AR</b>
<b>OSL OWSL MJD U21 SENIOR</b>	80.00	55.00

<b>REGIONAL LEAGUES - full crews</b>		
<b>2023-2024</b>		
	<b>Referee</b>	<b>AR</b>
<b>OSL / OWSL SR. OPEN AGE / U21</b>	85.00	65.00

<b>PROVINCIAL LEAGUES - full crews</b>		
<b>2023-2024</b>		
	<b>Referee</b>	<b>AR</b>
<b>League 1 Premier</b>	150.00	100.00
<b>League 1 Ontario</b>	140.00	85.00
<b>League 1 Reserves</b>	110.00	75.00
<b>OUA/OCAA</b>	110.00	75.00
<b>OSL Elite</b>	95.00	65.00
<b>Provincial U21</b>	95.00	65.00

<b>2023-2024</b>		
<b>1 Referee System*</b>		
<b>District Recreational Adult</b>	<del>107.50</del> Adjusted to <b>\$90.00</b> for 2023-2024 season	

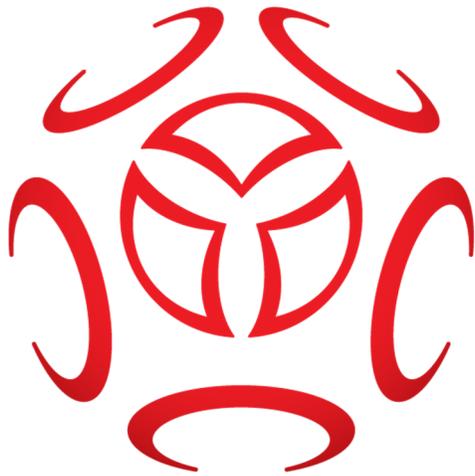
\*The one Referee system is not permitted above District Adult Recreational.

## ONE REFEREE SYSTEM

<b>The One Referee System is NOT permitted at District Competitive or higher</b>	
<b>DISTRICT RECREATIONAL COMPETITION</b>	
<b>Referee system</b>	
<b>2023-2024</b>	
<b>Referee Fee + 50% of one Assistant Referee Fee</b>	
<b>U13</b>	67.50
<b>U14</b>	75.00
<b>U15</b>	75.00
<b>U16</b>	82.50
<b>U17</b>	90.00
<b>U18</b>	90.00
<b>The Two Referee System is NOT permitted in Canada</b>	

## TRAVEL FEES

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



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