



2v2 Festival Guidelines

A Guide to hosting 2v2 Festivals



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1. Introduction

2v2 Festivals provides athletes at the U8-U12 age groups within Ontario Soccer the opportunity to experience a player-centric, small-sided game model outside their usual game day environment. Hosting 2v2 Festivals may also allow the host organization to market their program in the local community and provide information to interested families and athletes. Participation at 2v2 Festivals are open to all Ontario Soccer Clubs and Academies.

Section I – Hosting Requirements

2. Approved Hosting Documentation

In line with Ontario Soccer’s tournament and festival approval protocol, organizations hosting a 2v2 Festival MUST be in possession of a district approved Festival Application Form (FAF), processed via the [Competition Travel Management System](#) (CTMS). An approved FAF needs to have been obtained before team registration for the given event may take place.

Organizations interested in hosting a 2v2 Festival shall notify Ontario Soccer no later than six (6) weeks prior to the intended event date, of the intent to host. This is to ensure that the sanctioning governing body is given sufficient time to review the application & documentation submitted via CTMS.

3. 2v2 Festival Application Fee

The application fee, if any, must follows the guidelines of the governing organization.

4. Festival Information Package

Along with the opening of team registration, hosting organizations shall provide the following information:

- Event Date & Time
- Location
- Number of teams accepted to event
- Registration Fee (if applicable)
- Link to Registration Portal

5. Festival Rules

Rules outlining the 2v2 Festival shall be standardized through modification of the implementation of the rules & regulations set out in the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Festival Guide.

Playing Format	2v2 (no goalkeeper)
Restart from touchline	Pass in or Dribble In
Retreat Line	Yes - 1/2 Way
Field Size	Min: 10m x 16m Max: 12.5m x 18.5m
Goal Size (no larger than)	1.20m x 0.6m
Ball Size	4

Duration of games

All games will have a maximum 5 minute game with a 2 minute recover/ field rotation.



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Total duration time including field rotation is 7 minutes. Playing time per player per festival shall follow the Ontario Soccer Development Matrix.

6. Online Registration Portal

To provide a seamless registration process for teams entering the festival, hosts must have an established online registration portal. Any such registration portal shall collect the following information:

- Program Name
- Organization's Name
- Contact Information including email address
- Indication of district approved Application to Travel Form (ATF)
- Listing of team's available uniform colours

The registration portal shall be made available no later than three (3) weeks prior to the event date.

7. Age Appropriate Playing Equipment, Field Equipment & Size

All 2v2 Festivals shall be played in accordance with this Guide. Hosting Organizations commit to provisioning appropriate field lining methods which shall not impede on the field of play nor pose a risk to participants.

8. Team Payment Method

Hosting organizations shall be solely responsible for the collection of payment from teams registered. Payment method and deadlines shall be communicated as part of the Festival Information Package.

9. Venue Access

Venue procurement, permitting and payment shall be the sole responsibility of the hosting organization.

10. Scheduling

Scheduling of matches, and communication thereof, shall be completed by the hosting organization. Consideration shall be given to teams travelling greater distances, in the effort to avoid early games for any such teams. 2v2 Festival schedules must be compliant with [Ontario Soccer's Development Matrix](#)

All games must not exceed the maximum duration per age group. Game schedule is required only for the first set of games, after each game team movement will follow the "ladder style" of movement as directed by the nearest Game Leader.

11. Teaming

- a) Age groups separated by gender
- b) Age groups mixed genders

12. Game Leader Appointment Protocol

It is the responsibility of the hosting organization to source and appoint Game Leaders for any 2v2 Festival. Ontario Soccer will grant access to the Game Leader Accreditation to hosts, free of charge.



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13. Medical Services

It is recommended for host organization to have a MINIMUM of 1 (one) designated Medical staff to oversee injury management on-site. Any medical service provider appointed to a 2v2 Festival shall have a minimum of 1 (one) of the following qualifications:

- CASEM Sport Med. Physician
- Physician with Standard First Aid/CPR-HCP
- Certified Athletic Therapist
- D.C. FRCCSS(C), Licensed Chiropractor
- D.C. Sports Residency with First Responder
- Sport Physiotherapist Diploma
- Sport Physiotherapist Certificate
- Registered Physiotherapist
- A.T. Certification Candidate with First Responder
- Registered Massage Therapist First Aid/CPR-HCP
- Registered Massage Therapist
- Licensed Kinesiologist or Student
- First Responder, First Aid or EMS Personnel

The hosting organization shall be responsible for booking and payment of on-site medical services, if any.

Section II – Team Information Package

14. Team Information Package

Not later than seven (7) days prior to the date of the event, the host organization shall provide all participating teams with the following information:

- List of all players participating on the event
- Festival Game Schedule
- Explanation of Check-In/Registration Process
- Addresses and Maps of field location(s)
- Food options available in the area or on-site, if any

Section III – Festival Hosting

15. Day-of Registration Checklist

To ensure all participating teams are eligible to compete at the respective 2v2 Festival, hosting organizations shall be responsible to check the following documentation:

- Approved Application to Travel Form (if applicable)
- Validated rosters
- Validated player & team official identification books or cards
- List of participants

16. Marketing and Branding

During the event, the hosting organization must set up and display the following pieces of partner-branded signage, provided to them by Ontario Soccer:

- i. Pop-up banners (max of 10)



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- ii. Feather banners (max of 10)
- iii. Railing/Fence Banner (max of 5)
- iv. Table Cloths (max of 2)
- v. Tent cover (max of 2)

The hosting organization must also execute the distribution of partner-branded promotional items, as provided by Ontario Soccer:

- i. Water bottles, containing coupon books (max of 150)

All items will be delivered to the host organization before the event, and applicable signage and branding must be shipped back to Ontario Soccer by no later than the Wednesday following the festival.

Note that NO signage or promotional items representing partners/sponsors in the gas station/bar and/or convenience store category may be displayed or utilized.

17. Hydration Station

In order to provide athletes adequate opportunity to hydrate, hosting organizations shall have a designated hydration station placed at a central location.

18. Food/Concession Options

Providing food options to participating athletes & families is highly encouraged. The presence of local restaurants, food trucks, sales of concessions, etc. is permissible at the sole discretion of the hosting organization.

19. Field Access

1. It is the responsibility of the hosting organization to ensure that only individuals who are registered (team officials, game leaders, volunteers, as well staff of the host organization or Ontario Soccer) are present on the field, at any given time.
2. Spectators and players not participating in a given match shall not be permitted on the field.
3. Any shelter (such as canopies) placed over the team bench shall not pose a risk to participants and must be a minimum of two (2) meters from the sideline.

Section IV – Post-Event Responsibilities

20. Event Surveying

In the ongoing effort to improve on the 2v2 Festival Concept and obtain valuable feedback on its efficacy, hosting organization shall provide contact information for participating teams to Ontario Soccer. This information should be part of the teams' online registration.

Hosting organizations are encouraged to provide any specific questions to be included in the post-event survey, to Ontario Soccer. Upon completion of the survey, Ontario Soccer shall share pertinent findings with the hosting organization.



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21. Impact Report

Hosting organizations are encouraged to assemble a summary report following the completion of the respective event. This information will be pivotal in developing a sense of the scope, opportunities, and determining viability of engaging program partners to aid in the delivery of 2v2 Festivals. The summary report should contain information such as participant numbers; players and estimated spectators, number of matches played, and ancillary activities & offerings available at the event.



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Appendix A – Festival Hosting Guidelines

In order to meet requirements of sanctioned festivals, host organizations shall ensure that all criteria within the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Festival Guide are satisfied, in addition to the following requirements.

- Field Rental
- Fields lined in accordance to the Field Image Guide in Appendix B
- 2 equal sized nets per 2v2 field (small nets preferable)
- Different colors bibs.
- Size 4 balls
- Game leaders

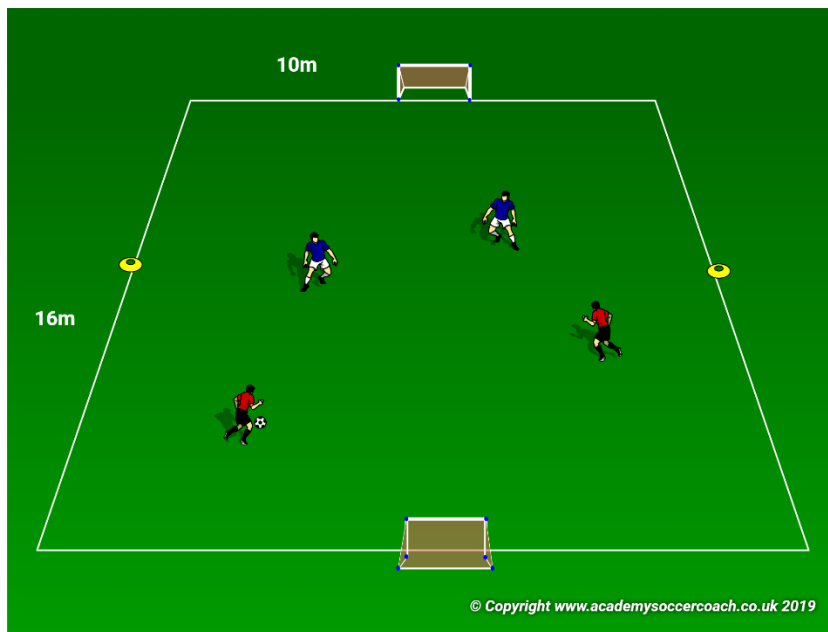
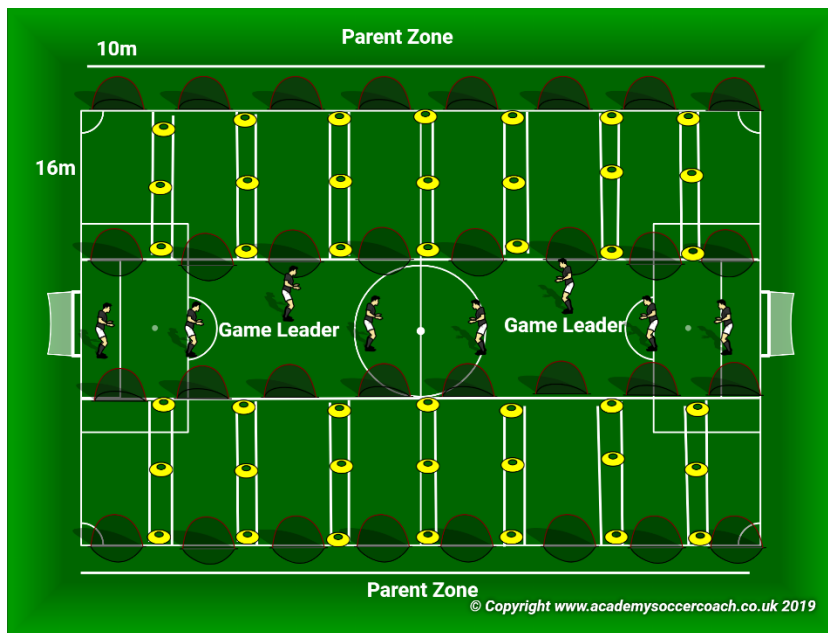
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Appendix B – 2v2 Festival Field Layout



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