

Policy 1.0 - REGISTRATION OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

- 1.1 An individual or organization shall register with The OSA prior to participating in any soccer programme under the jurisdiction of The OSA.
- 1.2 Except where indicated in these rules, all Published Rules of District Associations and Leagues shall comply with the Published Rules of the O.S.A. pertaining to registration.
- 1.3 A governing organization shall provide copies, either electronically or otherwise, of all of its registrations to The OSA.
- 1.4 A District Association shall:
 - a) register annually with The OSA
 - b) register all of its Clubs, Leagues and administrators
 - c) be responsible for ensuring and reporting that its Clubs have provided copies, either electronically or otherwise, of all of their registrations of Leagues, Divisions, Teams, players, coaches and administrators to The OSA
 - d) be responsible for ensuring and reporting that its Leagues have provided copies, either electronically or otherwise, of all of their registrations of divisions and administrators to The OSA
 - e) shall appoint a Registrar who will act on behalf of the O.S.A. in that District.
- 1.5 A Club shall:
 - a) register annually with its District Association
 - b) register all of its Leagues, Divisions, Teams, players, coaches and administrators with The OSA
- 1.6 A League shall:
 - a) register annually with its governing organization
 - b) register all of its divisions and administrators
- 1.7 An individual can participate as a player, coach, game official or administrator in a competition under the jurisdiction of The OSA by registering as such with The OSA.
- 1.8 An individual may function as a referee game appointer with a governing organization under the jurisdiction of The OSA provided she/he is registered in that capacity with The OSA.

A Club, League or District Association which fails to register a referee game appointer prior to the commencement of activity shall be subject to Discipline Misconduct Type 5.66, 6.66, 7.66 as applicable.
- 1.9 A registered individual or organization shall at all times act in good faith and in the best interests of The OSA, and act at all times in accordance with the aims, objectives, rules and regulations of The OSA, and shall not engage in any conduct that may create a conflict of interest or that may bring The OSA into disrepute.
- 1.10 A registered individual or soccer organization shall not directly or indirectly encourage or assist in the establishment or operation of a soccer organization or competition unless that soccer

organization is an affiliated governing organization of The OSA, and, in the case of a competition, the competition must be sanctioned by the District Association in which it operates.

- 1.11 A person in a "governance position" is any individual elected or appointed, who is in a position of authority and is involved in any way in a decision-making process. An individual elected or appointed to a governance position in a governing organization may be personally subject to the same disciplinary procedures in accordance with the published rules for any failure of that governing organization to adhere to any of Policies 1.1 to 1.10.

Related Topics:

Policy 2.0 - PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 2.1 When necessary, birth certificates, passports or other evidence acceptable to the Board shall be accepted as proof of age, and evidence shall accompany all registration forms. The burden of proof of age shall rest with the player.
- 2.2
- a) A player is registered by his/her Club with that Club's District Association.
 - b) As part of the registration process for the purpose of the player playing in a Registered League and/or a Sanctioned Competition(s), the Club will do the "Player Assignment To Team" by designating the registered team of that Club to which the player has been assigned.
 - c) A Club may register its mini soccer players or recreational players, playing in a Club League, with its District Association without initially assigning these players to teams. Such players shall be assigned to a team by the Club at a later date, subject to balancing the competitive level of the league in which they play. A District Association may impose a deadline for "Player Assignments To Team".
- 2.3
- a) A player is registered only after his/her registration has been validated by The OSA's computerized registration system as per Policy 7.0
 - b) The effective date of registration for a player registered on a team playing in an amateur league shall be the day after the registration has been data entered in The OSA's computerized registration system. The effective date of registration for a player registered on a team playing in a professional league shall be the day the registration has been data entered in The OSA's computerized registration system.

In situations when The OSA's computerized registration system is not working correctly, a player is registered only after his/her registration form has been validated by the District Association with which his/her Club is affiliated. The responsibility for the validation of registration forms may not be delegated to Leagues or Clubs.
 - c) A player may not register through The OSA's computerized registration system or through the validation of a player registration form by the District Association before:
 - 1. for outdoor player registration: October 1st of the year preceding the outdoor playing season;
and
 - 2. for indoor player registration: June 1st preceding the indoor playing season.
- 2.4 A player shall be registered by his/her Club in one of the following two ways:
- a) through The OSA's computerized registration system; or
 - b) on a Registration Form provided by, or approved by, the O.S.A.. A District Association can either obtain Player Registration Forms from the O.S.A. at no charge to the District Association or it can design and produce its own forms, subject to the approval of the O.S.A. and providing that the District Association's form meets all O.S.A. requirements.
- 2.5 If required, Clubs shall obtain their Registration Forms from their District Association.
- 2.6 A player's "Player Assignment To Team" designation by its Club on an outdoor team is terminated on December 31 or when the Club de-registers the player, whichever occurs first. However for insurance purposes, the player's "outdoor" registration with the O.S.A. is effective until May 31 of the following year.
- 2.7 A player's "Player Assignment To Team" designation by its Club on an indoor team is terminated on May 31

or when the Club de-registers the player, whichever occurs first. However for insurance purposes, the player's "indoor" registration with the O.S.A. is effective until December 31 of the following year.

- 2.8 An amateur player is bound to the team for which he/she has registered until the end of the current playing season of the League in which his/her team plays, with indoor and outdoor leagues as separate entities.
- 2.9 A non-amateur or professional player is bound to the team for which he/she has registered until both the expiry of his/her contract and of any extension thereof which his/her Club may be entitled to exercise.
- 2.10 A League may establish a deadline after which a player registering on a team is not eligible to play in competitions organized by that league. In such a case, the League must advise, in writing, its Governing Organization that such a deadline has been established.
- 2.11 Registration fees, transfer fees, reinstatement fees, and any other fees related to player registration shall be established by the O.S.A..
- 2.12 Player Registration Fees shall be based on the actual data in the The OSA's computerized registration system. By May 31, each District Association shall pay an amount equal to the lower of:
 - a) the actual,
 - or b) 80% of the previous year's player registration fees;and will pay the balance of the Player Registration Fees against invoices received from the O.S.A. which will be based on the actual data in the The OSA's computerized registration system.
- 2.13 The processing and validation of player registration, transfers, reinstatements and other transactions pertaining to player registration shall be delegated to the District Associations. Such authority may not be delegated to Clubs or Leagues.
- 2.14 A registered player whose league has completed its playing season, and who wishes to play for another team in any league or competition, must be de-register from that team and be registered again by completing and signing a new registration form.
- 2.15 With the permission of his/her District Association, an amateur player may register on a maximum of three outdoor teams, only one of which may be a competitive team.
- 2.16 With the permission of his/her District Association, an amateur player may register on a maximum of three indoor teams.
- 2.17 A professional player may register on a maximum of one professional outdoor team and one professional indoor team.
- 2.18 However, a player may not play for more than one team in the same division, cup, or competition.
- 2.19 A player going from one province to another province, under the jurisdiction of the C.S.A., shall not be registered in that province until he/she receives in writing a clearance from the Secretary of the Provincial Association under which he/she was last registered.

[Related Topics:](#)

Policy 3.0 - LEAGUE REGISTRATION

- 3.1 Each League must annually register with its Governing Organization, in accordance with the published rules for both, leagues and player registration. A League is registered only after its registration has been data entered in The OSA's computerized registration system in accordance with Published Rules.
- 3.2 A League must be registered before any of its divisions, teams and players are registered.
- 3.3 When registering, a league must provide the following information:
 - a) the address, telephone number, fax number (if applicable), and "LEAGUE REGISTRATION NUMBER" of the league;
 - b) the name, address, telephone number(s), fax number (if applicable), date of birth (optional), sex, and "OSA REGISTRANT NUMBER" of each member of the league's Board of Directors;
 - c) Associate Member fee (if applicable);
 - d) League Fee (if applicable);
 - e) League Bond (if applicable);
 - f) a copy of the league's last published constitution plus copies of any amendments approved since its publication;
 - g) an Audited Financial Statement of the league's last completed fiscal year;
 - h) other information, as required by its Governing Organization;
 - i) a list of all the Member Teams with the "TEAM REGISTRATION NUMBER" for each team and the name, address, telephone number(s), fax number (if applicable), of each team's contact person;
 - j) League Status; League Classification; League playing season; League Gender; and League Age Division(s) - as listed in Section 5.0 - Leagues, Policy 7.5
- 3.4 A league may be classified under one or more different types of league status, league classification, league playing season, league gender, and league age divisions
- 3.5 Each league's Governing Organization will assign it a "LEAGUE REGISTRATION NUMBER". That number shall be used when referring to the league in league registration, team registration, player registration, coach registration, and administrator registration.

Related Topics:

Policy 4.0 - CLUB REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Each Club must annually register with its District Association, in accordance with the Published Rules. A Club is registered only after its registration has been data entered in The OSA's computerized registration system in accordance with Published Rules. A Club must be registered before any of its teams and players may be registered.
- 4.2 When registering, a Club must provide the following information:
 - a) the address, telephone number, fax number (if applicable), and the "CLUB REGISTRATION NUMBER" of the Club;
 - b) the name, address, telephone number(s), fax number (if applicable), date of birth (optional), sex, and "OSA REGISTRANT NUMBER" of each member of the Club's Board of Directors;
 - c) a copy of the Club's last published constitution plus copies of any amendments approved since its publication;
 - d) an Audited Financial Statement of the Club's last completed fiscal year; and
 - e) other information, as required by its District Association.
- 4.3 A Club may operate teams with different types of team status, team classification, team playing season, team gender, and team age divisions.
- 4.4 Each Club's District Association will assign it a "CLUB REGISTRATION NUMBER". That number shall be used when referring to the Club in Club League registration, team registration, player registration, coach registration, and administrator registration.
- 4.5 Each club will assign to each of its Club Leagues a "LEAGUE REGISTRATION NUMBER". That number shall be used when referring to the Club League in league registration, team registration, player registration, coach registration, and administrator registration.
- 4.6 A Club shall only affiliate to one District Association and within which it has located its headquarters. A Club shall register its players on both, its indoor and outdoor teams with the District Association to which it affiliates.

Related Topics:

Policy 5.0 - TEAM REGISTRATION

- 5.1 A team is registered annually by its Club to play in sanctioned competition(s). A team is registered only after its registration has been data entered in The OSA's computerized registration system.
- 5.2 Each Club must annually do the "**Team Assignment To Division**" for each of its teams participating in a division of a league. The validation of its "Team Assignment To Division" shall also require the authorization from the league operating the division to which the team has been assigned.
- 5.3 In the case of a team not participating in a league, each Club must register such a team directly with the Club as a "**Tournament Team**".
- 5.4 At the conclusion of its playing season, the team shall be de-registered and shall cease to exist as an entity.
- 5.5 When registering a team, a Club must provide the following information:
 - a) the address, telephone number, fax number (if applicable), date of birth (optional), sex, and "**OSA REGISTRANT NUMBER**" of the team contact;
 - b) the address, telephone number, fax number (if applicable), date of birth (optional), sex, and "**OSA REGISTRANT NUMBER**" of each coach, manager and other team personnel;
 - c) the "**TEAM REGISTRATION NUMBER**" of the team;
 - d) the Team Status; Team Classification; Team playing season; Team Gender; and Team Age Classification corresponding to those in Section 5.0 - Leagues, Policy 7.5
- 5.6 In the team age divisions Under-21 and lower, each player on:
 - a) an outdoor team cannot exceed the stipulated age before January 1 preceding the current outdoor playing season; and
 - b) an indoor team cannot exceed the stipulated age before January 1 during the current indoor playing season.
- 5.7 With the written permission of its District Association, a Club may:
 - a) permit a player of demonstrated lower ability to play for an age level team within its Club League lower than the one to which he/she should, by age, be registered, provided that the age difference does not exceed two years; and
 - b) place children with special needs at the appropriate age group;and the permission is for intra-club recreational competition only.
- 5.8 In the team age divisions Over-30 and over, each player on:
 - a) an outdoor team must exceed the stipulated age before January 1 preceding the current outdoor playing season; and
 - b) an indoor team must exceed the stipulated age before January 1 during the current indoor playing season.

- 5.9 In Open Age divisions, teams may contain players of any age.
- 5.10 Each Club operating teams at the youth level and/or the mini soccer level up to, and including, the Under-18 age classification shall register not less than four teams at the youth and mini-soccer levels.
- 5.11 Each Club shall register on each of its youth level teams and on each of its mini-soccer teams no less than nine players whose legal residence, on the date of registration with The OSA, is within the District with which the Club is affiliated. In the event that the legal residence of the player changes to another District after the date on which the player registered with The OSA, the player will still be considered a resident in the Club's District for the purposes of this rule. In the event that the number of players who reside in the District becomes less than nine, the team must immediately register another player resident in the District prior to participating in any sanctioned game.
- (NOTE: Operational Procedure 5.11 contains a chart which will serve as a guide for a team which registers the minimum number of players permitted on a team as per Registration Policy 5.17 and that minimum number of players is less than nine players.)*
- 5.12 Mini Soccer is a developmental game played by youth athletes on a small sided field. The number of players on the field at any one time for each team for Under-10 and younger age classifications, shall be no more than seven (one of whom must be a goalkeeper).
- 5.13 A Club shall register no more than three players who are in the Under-10 or younger age classifications on any Under-11 or older team except for an Under-11 team or an Under-12 team which is registered as a mini-soccer team.
- 5.14 A team type (status, classification, playing season and gender) must correspond with one of the league categories listed in Section 5.0 - Leagues Policy 7.5
- 5.15 Notwithstanding Registration Policy 5.14, a team with an "indoor" team classification or a "futsal" team classification shall be permitted to play in an "outdoor" tournament played in an indoor facility in Ontario during the period from January 1 to April 15, providing that all of its players are either registered as "indoor" players for an indoor team or as "futsal" players for a futsal team.
- 5.16 Notwithstanding Registration Policy 5.14, a player registered on an "indoor" team or a "futsal" team shall be permitted to play in an "outdoor" tournament played in an indoor facility in Ontario during the period from January 1 to April 15, providing that the player is either registered as an "indoor" player on an indoor team or as a "futsal" player on a futsal team.
- 5.17 A Club shall register its players on its teams, subject to the following maximum and minimum limits.

Team Status	Team Classification	Team playing season	Maximum Limit	Minimum Limit
Amateur	Mini Soccer Outdoor	Outdoor	14 Players	7 Players
	Mini-Soccer Indoor	Indoor	14 Players	7 Players
	Mini-Soccer Futsal	Indoor	14 Players	5 Players
	Youth Outdoor Competitive	Outdoor	18 Players	11 Players
	Youth Outdoor Recreational	Outdoor	25 Players	11 Players
	Youth Indoor	Indoor	18 Players	7 Players
	Youth Futsal	Indoor	18 Players	5 Players
	Senior Outdoor Competitive	Outdoor	25 Players	11 Players
	Senior Outdoor Recreational (11-a-Side)			
	Senior Outdoor Recreational (5-a-Side)	Outdoor	25 Players	5 Players
	Senior Indoor	Indoor	25 Players	7 Players
Senior Futsal	Indoor	25 Players	5 Players	
Non-Amateur	A Club with one Non-Amateur Senior Outdoor Competitive	Outdoor	As per CSA Rules and Regulations and OSA's	As per CSA Rules and Regulations and OSA's

Team		MOU with Professional League.	MOU with Professional League.
A Club with two Non-Amateur Senior Outdoor Competitive Teams	Outdoor		
Non-Amateur Senior Indoor	Indoor		
Non-Amateur Senior Futsal	Indoor		

- 5.18 A Club must register, by no later than April 15, the minimum eleven players required on each team playing in a Youth Level 1, 2 and 3 Division.
- 5.19 A Club may only register a maximum number of imports to play on a Professional Status Team and that maximum number shall be annually determined by the CSA Board of Directors.
- 5.20 A female player may play on a female team, male team or a mixed team. A male player may play on a male team or a mixed team. This rule is binding on all leagues, cup competitions, tournaments and exhibition games under the jurisdiction of The Ontario Soccer Association and all of its member organizations.
- 5.21 With the permission of its District Association, a Senior Outdoor Recreational League may permit mixed teams.
- 5.22 Only teams whose team status, team classification, team playing season, and team gender correspond with the league status, league classification, league playing season, and league gender may compete in that League.
- 5.23 Notwithstanding Policy 5.22 above, a Club may have a Youth Competitive Team compete in a Senior Competitive League and/or may have a Youth Recreational Team compete in a Senior Recreational League, subject to obtaining the permission of both its District Association and the league in which its team is competing.
- 5.24 Notwithstanding Policy 5.22 above, a team in a Northern District registered as a competitive team for the sole purpose of entering the Ontario Cup, may play in a Recreational League within its District if no competitive league exists for its age classification.
- 5.25 Notwithstanding Policy 5.22 above, a Club may have a:
- a competitive girls team compete in a competitive boys league
 - a recreational girls team compete in a recreational boys league
 - a competitive mixed team compete in a competitive boys league
 - a recreational mixed team compete in a recreational boys league
 - a competitive girls team compete in a competitive mixed league
 - a recreational girls team compete in a recreational mixed league
- subject to obtaining the permission of both its District Association and the League in which its team is competing.
- 5.26 In the case(s) where there is a maximum age limit, a team's age classification shall not exceed the league division's age classification.
- 5.27 In the case(s) where there is a minimum age limit, a team's age classification shall not fall short of the league division's age classification.
- 5.28 A Club which operates a team in an amateur league outside of Ontario and such non-Ontario league is designated under the League Policy 26.6, shall register a minimum of fifteen of its **"designated top players"** with its District Association in accordance with The OSA Published Rules and such players shall only play in that non-Ontario league while they are registered with the Club. Notwithstanding Player Registration Policy 5.16 which limits each senior outdoor competitive team to a maximum of twenty-five players and each youth outdoor competitive team to a maximum of 18 players, the Club may also register additional players who are also actively registered, competitively or recreationally, with (an) other Club(s) in Ontario, up to a maximum total (including the **"designated top players"**) of twenty-six players, for the sole

purpose of playing in the non-Ontario league. With regard to the Club with which the additional player is actively registered:

1. the player will retain full eligibility to play in all games for that Club;
2. participation in a game in a non-Ontario league designated under the League Policy 26.6 shall not render the player ineligible for the Ontario Cup, National Club Championships, or any other competition entered by that Club;
3. if there is a schedule conflict between league games of both Clubs, its games shall be given priority unless it permits the player to play for the other Club.

[Related Topics:](#)

Policy 6.0 - O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK

- 6.1 a) Except where stipulated in these Published Rules, a player shall be issued with an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" which shall have the effective date of registration, to that specific team for that specific playing season, validated by the District Association. The player is responsible for having it available at all games (including league, cup, tournament and exhibition games) for presentation. Failure to present such document shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.
- b) A team official, as defined in **Club Policy 3.1**, regardless of the team classification of the team to which the team official has registered, shall be issued with an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" which shall have the effective date of registration, to that specific team for that specific playing season, validated by the District Association. The team official is responsible for having it available at all games (including league, cup, tournament and exhibition games) for presentation. Failure to present such document shall render the team official ineligible to participate in that game, to be listed on the team sheet and to be present in the team's bench area. In the case of a Club Head Coach, there will be no designation to a specific team but only to the Club.
- 6.2 The "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" is the property of the person whose registration has been validated in the book.
- 6.3 A player may only have one "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" for playing purposes and a team official may only have one "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" for team official purposes.
- 6.4 Notwithstanding **Policy 6.1** , a Club operating an Outdoor Senior Club League or (a) Club(s) operating an Outdoor Youth Level 6 League or an Outdoor Youth Level 7 League may, with the permission of their District Association, waive the requirement for games in that league only for:
- a) a player to have an "O.S.A. Registrant Book"; and
- b) a team official to have an "O.S.A. Registrant Book" .
- 6.5 Notwithstanding **Policy 6.1** , if an indoor team is playing in an Indoor Senior Club League, in an Indoor Youth Level 7 League, or in an indoor tournament in which all of the indoor teams are from the same Club:
- a) a player on that team will not be required to obtain an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**"; and
- b) a team official on that team will not be required to obtain an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**".
- A player or Team Official on an indoor team playing in any other indoor soccer game shall be required to obtain an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**".
- 6.6 Notwithstanding 6.4, any player who is registered on a "**outdoor recreational**" team and who wishes to play for a "**outdoor competitive**" team in a sanctioned competition or league game, must be issued with an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" and have it available for presentation at the game in which he/she is playing. Failure to present such document shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.
- 6.7 An "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" shall be valid for three years for a mini-soccer or youth player; and shall be valid for five years for a senior player or team official.
- 6.8 The "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" will be produced by The OSA's computerized registration system and will include the following:

- a) a wallet with sleeves to hold two or more cards;
- b) a laminated identification card which includes:
 - i) the registrant's photograph;
 - ii) the registrant's name;
 - iii) the registrant's date of birth;
 - iv) the registrant's "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT NUMBER**";
 - v) the registrant's sex;
 - vi) an expiry date; and
 - vii) the name of the District Association which issued the book.
- c) a card for each team to which the player is registered and which will include:
 - i) the effective date of registration with that team;
 - ii) the team name and "**TEAM REGISTRATION NUMBER**";
 - iii) **the "team type" information**; and
 - iv) the signature of the player (for a player book) or the team official (for a team official book)
- d) a discipline card; and
- e) a card for any other registration category for which the registrant is registered with the O.S.A..

Related Topics:

Policy 7.0 - THE OSA'S COMPUTERIZED REGISTRATION SYSTEM

- 7.1 The OSA will provide a framework by which all governing organizations of The OSA manage The OSA's computerized registration system in order to ensure optimum security. This framework includes procedures, training instructions and reference documents that will assist and ensure Clubs, Leagues, District Associations and The OSA use best practices when using its computerized registration system. The framework will be documented in the Operational Procedures in The OSA's published rules.
- 7.2 A District Association must comply with player registration deadlines (including data entry requirements) or the O.S.A. shall take over responsibility for that District Association's player registration in The OSA's computerized registration system and charge back (to that District Association) all expenses incurred.
- 7.3 The O.S.A. must register all Senior Provincial Leagues, Senior Regional Leagues, Senior Multi-Jurisdictional District Leagues, Youth Level 1 Leagues, Youth Level 2 Leagues, Youth Level 3 Leagues, Youth Level 4 Leagues and Youth Level 5 Leagues (governed by The OSA) by no later than March 1.
- 7.4 Each Senior Provincial League, Senior Regional League, Youth Level 1 League, Youth Level 2 League and Youth Level 3 League must register each of its Divisions by no later than March 15.
- 7.5 Each Senior Multi-Jurisdictional District League, Youth Level 4 League and Youth Level 5 League (governed by The OSA) must register each of its Divisions by no later than April 1.
- 7.6 Each District Association must register all of its Senior District Leagues, and Youth Level 5 Leagues (governed by that District Association) and the Divisions in those Leagues by no later than May 1.
- 7.7 Each District Association must register all of its Senior Multi-Jurisdictional Club Leagues and Youth Level 6 Leagues and the Divisions in those Leagues by no later than May 1.
- 7.8 A player registered in the "recreational" player classification or "mini soccer" player classification will be registered to a Club and not to a team. Assignment to a team will:
- a) only be required if that team:
 - i) will be playing against a team from another Club, or
 - ii) is playing in a Senior District League or Senior Multi-Jurisdictional District League or Youth Level 4 League or Youth Level 5 League
 - b) be optional if that team will only play against other recreational teams or mini soccer teams within the same Senior Club League or Senior Multi-Jurisdictional Club League or Youth Level 6 League or Youth Level 7 League.
- In the case of a **Club League's All Star Team** playing against a team from outside its Club, no team assignment will be required.
- 7.9 For all players registered on a team playing in an amateur league, the Club or the District Association must complete the data entry into The OSA's computerized registration system one day before the player plays for that team. For all players registered on a team playing in a professional league, the Club or The Ontario Soccer Association must complete the data entry into The OSA's computerized registration system before the player plays for that team.
- 7.10 If a Club uses The OSA's computerized registration system to register its players,

- a) The District Association shall levy appropriate registration fees to that Club based on the actual data in The OSA's computerized registration system; and
 - b) The O.S.A. shall levy appropriate registration fees to the District Association based on the actual data in The OSA's computerized registration system.
- 7.11 A player would become insured upon "**Player Registration with Club**" (ie., when the Club accepts his club registration form and club registration fee). Although the player would be ineligible to play in any OSA sanctioned game until "**Player Registration with OSA**" (effective one day after her/his registration has been data entered in OSA's computerized registration system) has been transacted, the player would still be insured if she has completed "**Player Registration with Club**".

Related Topics:

Policy 8.0 - PLAYING FOR A TEAM TO WHICH A PLAYER IS NOT REGISTERED

8.1 A player may play for a team to which he/she is not registered only under one of the following conditions:

- a) he/she plays with a **"TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT"**:
 - i) plays up in a league game for a higher level Club Team of a Club other than one with which he/she is registered, or
 - ii) plays as a guest player in a tournament (subject to tournament rules) or exhibition game (subject to the agreement of both teams) with a Club other than one with which he/she is registered ;
- b) he/she plays with a **"TRIAL PERMIT"**;
- c) with permission of his/her club, for another Club Team within the same Club to which he/she is registered, subject to the following:
 - i) plays up in a league game or a cup game for a higher level Club Team
 - ii) plays as a guest player in a tournament (subject to tournament rules) or exhibition game (subject to the agreement of both teams) with a Club Team within the same Club;

(NOTE: A League or District Association, or the competition rules, may impose limitations on such movement within a Club, provided that the limitations are applied consistently) ;
- d) his/her Club permits him/her to play for another team within the same Club League in which he/she is registered to play;
- e) a registered senior player plays for another senior team of the same Club under the following conditions:
 - i) A Senior League may permit player movement both upwards (ie., to a higher level team) and downwards (ie., to a lower level team) between senior teams of the same Club and such movement shall be subject to that league's published rules; and
 - ii) in the National Club Championships only, a player registered on an Over-30 team will be permitted to play on an Over-35 team;
- f) he/she plays in an exhibition game (subject to the agreement of both teams) or in a tournament (subject to tournament rules) as a guest player
(NOTE: Temporary Registration Permit is required if player is not registered with that team's Club) ;
- g) he/she plays for a C.S.A., O.S.A., District Association, or League All-Star Team;
- h) a player may play on an All-Star team in sanctioned outdoor games (Exhibition & Tournament games) up to May 31 without being registered to an outdoor club team as long as that player was registered in the previous outdoor playing season.
- i) his/her Club permits him/her to play for a Professional Team (ie., a higher level Club team) with which his/her Club has an *"Affiliation Agreement - Amateur and Professional"* ;
- j) a youth player registered with a Club that operates youth teams is permitted by his/her Club to play for a higher level Club Team in a Club that operates senior teams, subject to an *"Affiliation Agreement - Senior Amateur and Youth Amateur"* between the two clubs; or

- k) with the permission of the District Association, a youth player registered with a Club that operates youth teams is permitted by his/her Club to play for a higher level Club Team in another Club that operates youth teams, subject to an "Affiliation Agreement - Youth Amateur and Youth Amateur" between the two clubs.

8.2 In all cases in which a player is playing for an outdoor competitive team or an indoor team under one of the conditions in 8.1 above, the player must possess an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" and have such document available for presentation at the game in which he/she is playing. Failure to present the "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.

8.3 A higher level team referred to in Policy 8.1 a) and c) shall be defined as a team which meets any of the following criteria:

- a) registered in a higher team age classification;
- b) registered in a higher player classification;
- c) registered in a higher team classification;
- d) playing in a higher league level; or
- e) playing in a higher division of the same league

Notwithstanding this policy and providing that the player meets the age eligibility requirements of the tournament or exhibition game, a registered youth player or a registered mini soccer player, may play as a "guest player" for a team in a lower team age classification in a tournament or in an exhibition game in accordance with [Competitions Policy 9.7.1](#). In all other instances, a player may not play up to, or as a guest player of, a team with a younger team age classification than the team with which the player is registered

8.4 The hierarchy of age classifications, player classifications, team classifications, and league levels shall be as follows:

Team's Age Classification	Player Classification	Team Classification	Senior League Levels	Youth League Levels
Open Age	Professional	Competitive	National League	National League
Under-21	Senior Amateur	Recreational	Provincial League	Level 1 League
Under-20	Youth Amateur		Regional League	Level 2 League
Under-19	Mini Soccer		District League or Multi-Jurisdictional District League	Level 3 League
Under-18			Club League or Multi-Jurisdictional Club League	Level 4 League
Under-17				Level 5 League
Under-16				Level 6 League
Under-15				Level 7 League
Under-14				
Under-13				
Under-12				
Under-11				
Under-10				
Under-9				
Under-8				
Under-7				
Under-6				
Under-5				
Under-4				

NOTES:
1. The above levels are in descending order.

2. The hierarchy of "division levels" shall be determined by each league.

- 8.5 If a player is registered as both a competitive player and a recreational player, he/she may only play up to a higher level team, as referred to in Policy 8.1 a), c) i) j) and k), from the competitive team.

Related Topics:

Policy 9.0 - TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT

- 9.1 Any player registered with the O.S.A. or another Provincial Association affiliated to the C.S.A. is eligible to obtain a "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**", which shall entitle the player, subject to Policy 8.0 to play for a registered Club Team of a Club other than the one with which he/she is registered in a game of any registered league or sanctioned competition.
- 9.2 A player registered on a Club Team shall be allowed a Temporary Registration Permit to play on a District Association's team in the Senior Provincial League, Senior Regional League, Youth Level 1 League, Youth Level 2 League, or Youth Level 3 League providing that he/she is a resident of the District.
- 9.3 A "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" being used to play for an amateur team must be validated by the District Association with which the team, from which he/she is playing up, is registered. A District Association may not delegate to any other organization or individual the function of validating such document. A District Association may not validate a "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" unless all sections of the form have been properly completed. The validation of a "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" being used to play for a professional team is subject to League Policy 21.3 a).
- 9.4 A player using a "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" in order to be eligible to play for an outdoor competitive team or an indoor team must also possess an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" available for presentation at the game. Failure to present the "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.
- 9.5 A "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" is not valid for amateur cup competitions.
- 9.6 A player shall be entitled to three "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS**" to play for an amateur team during each playing season. An outdoor playing season and an indoor playing season shall be considered as different playing seasons. The maximum number of "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS**" to play for a professional team is subject to League Policy 21.3 c).
- 9.7 The District Association with which the team, from which he/she is playing up, is registered shall be responsible for maintaining a record of the number of "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS**" assigned to the player when playing for an amateur team.
- 9.8 In a tournament, a "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" must be used by any player playing for a Club Team, other than one with which he/she is registered, subject to the following conditions:
- a) the tournament rules permit guest players;
 - b) the number of guest players does not exceed the tournament rules or the O.S.A. Published Rules on Competitions, [Policy 9.0](#)
 - c) if the tournament is classified as permitting competitive teams only, the player has an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" available for presentation at each game in which he/she plays;
 - d) the "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" entitles the player to play in all of the games in the tournament; and
 - e) the District Association has stipulated for which tournament the "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" is valid.
- 9.9 A League or a District Association or the competition rules may impose limitations on the use of "

TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS , provided that the limitations are applied consistently.

- 9.10 The policies governing "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS**" for play on a professional team are outlined in [League Policy 21.3](#).

Related Topics:

Policy 10.0 - TRIAL PERMIT

- 10.1 A "**TRIAL PERMIT**" is a temporary registration with the O.S.A. which shall only used by players who are not registered with the O.S.A. or a Provincial Association affiliated to the C.S.A.. Notwithstanding the fact that this is considered a registration with a specific team, it shall not be included in the count of total number of players registered with a team for implementation of The OSA's [Registration Policy 5.11](#),
- 10.2 A player who was previously registered with a Club during the current playing season and who was de-registered by that Club, shall not be eligible to obtain a Trial Permit to play for that Club during the current playing season.
- 10.3 A "**TRIAL PERMIT**" entitles a non-registered player to play two games for a Registered Team during a fifteen day period.
- 10.4 The "**TRIAL PERMIT**" shall be obtained from the District Association to which the team's Club is affiliated.
- 10.5 The District Registrar shall issue two copies of the "**TRIAL PERMIT**" and when validating the "**TRIAL PERMIT**" shall ensure that the form has both the starting date and the expiry date of the trial period. The player may use the "**TRIAL PERMIT**" to play in any two games for the team stipulated on the form and which occur during the trial period. Once the player has played in her/his second game, the District Association shall terminate the Trial Permit by revising the expiry date to the date of the second game.
- 10.6 A copy of the "**TRIAL PERMIT**" shall be affixed to the teamsheet submitted to the referee at each trial game. Prior to submitting the copy of the "**TRIAL PERMIT**" to the referee, the team must write the date of the game on the "**TRIAL PERMIT**".
- 10.7 A player playing in an outdoor competitive game or an indoor game while using a "**TRIAL PERMIT**" must also obtain an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" which must be available for presentation at the trial game in which he/she is playing. Failure to present the "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.
- 10.8 A player may obtain two "TRIAL PERMITS" during one playing season. The trial period for each shall not overlap. An outdoor playing season and an indoor playing season shall be considered different playing seasons.
- 10.9 A player may only be issued one "TRIAL PERMIT" to play for any one Club.
- 10.10 A "**TRIAL PERMIT**" shall be permitted, subject to the competition rules, at league games, exhibition games, and tournament games but not in cup games.
- 10.11 When making application for a "**TRIAL PERMIT**", a player shall:
 - a) complete a "**TRIAL PERMIT**" application form approved by the O.S.A. and obtained from the District Association to which the team's Club is affiliated;
 - b) pay the fee as established by the O.S.A.;
 - c) if the player is playing on trial for a competitive team, supply a recent passport-sized photograph (which shall be affixed, by the District Registrar, to the "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**"); and
 - d) indicate the starting date and the expiry date of the fifteen day trial period.

10.12 A League or a District Association or the competition rules may impose limitations on the use of "**TRIAL PERMITS**" , provided that the limitations are applied consistently.

Related Topics:

Policy 11.0 - DE-REGISTRATION

- 11.1 An outdoor player shall be de-registered on December 31 of the outdoor registration year; and an indoor player shall be de-registered on May 31 of the indoor registration year.
- 11.2 A player may be de-registered earlier for any of the following reasons:
- a) his/her Club declares him/her surplus;
 - b) with the consent of the Club's District Association, his/her Club ceases to operate the team on which he/she was playing;
 - c) his/her League's playing season has ended.
- 11.3 A player shall be de-registered by one of the following methods:
- a) automatic de-registration of outdoor player by The OSA's computerized registration system on December 31 and automatic de-registration of indoor player by The OSA's computerized registration system on May 31;
 - b) her/his Club de-registers the player in The OSA's computerized registration system with the effective date of de-registration being the date of validation by The OSA's computerized registration system;
 - c) her/his Club submits a De-Registration Form to its District Association which de-registers the player in The OSA's computerized registration system after which the de-registration is effective.
- 11.4 A player who has been de-registered during the playing season may register as a new player.

Related Topics:

Policy 12.0 - AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL PLAYER STATUS

- 12.1 Players who are not in receipt of any remuneration other than the actual expenses incurred during the course of their participation in, or any activity connected with, soccer shall be regarded as amateur.
- 12.2 Travel and hotel expenses incurred through involvement in a match and the costs of a player's equipment, insurance, and training may be reimbursed without jeopardizing a player's amateur status.
- 12.3 Any player who receives remuneration in excess of the amount stated in 12.2 in respect of participation in, or an activity connected with, soccer shall be regarded as professional.
- 12.4 The amateur/professional status of players shall be determined in accordance with 12.1, 12.2, and 12.3 by the National Association with which they are registered.
- 12.5 The C.S.A. shall keep an official register of the professional players under its jurisdiction.
- 12.6 A player leaving a National Association shall not be described as professional unless he/she was last registered as such by that National Association.

Related Topics:

Policy 13.0 - REINSTATEMENT FROM PROFESSIONAL TO AMATEUR STATUS

- 13.1 A player last registered with any National Association as a professional player must apply for "*Reinstatement To Amateur Status*" before being registered as an amateur player.
- 13.2 The procedure for approving the reinstatement of a player from professional to amateur status shall be as set out in the C.S.A. Rules and Regulations and in accordance with any additional requirements as set out in this section.
- 13.3 Each application must be:
- a) made on a form approved by the O.S.A. and supplied by the District Association with which the player's new Club is affiliated.
 - b) accompanied by a fee as established by the O.S.A..
- 13.4 Upon receipt of a properly completed application and the required fee, the O.S.A. will issue a "*Permit To Play Pending Reinstatement*" with an effective date fourteen days after receipt of the application by the O.S.A.. This will permit the player to be registered and play as an amateur player.
- 13.5 If the application for reinstatement is subsequently denied by the C.S.A., the "*Permit To Play Pending Reinstatement*" will be cancelled.
- 13.6 A player who is registered as a professional player may be reinstated to play amateur indoor soccer or Futsa, subject to the following conditions:
- a) the application shall be on a "**TEMPORARY INDOOR REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION FORM**" which the player will obtain from his District Association;
 - b) the player shall submit the application form to the District Association with which he/she wishes to register as an amateur indoor or Futsal player;
 - c) the application form must be accompanied by:
 - i) a fee as established by the O.S.A.;
 - ii) a "**letter of permission**" from the Club with which the player is under contract as a professional player;
 - d) the application form must be authorized by the League of which the player's professional team is a member;
 - e) the reinstatement applies to indoor soccer and Futsal only; and
 - f) the player remains under contract, for outdoor soccer purposes, with the Club with which he/she has registered as a professional player.

Related Topics:

Policy 14.0 - TRANSFERS

14.1 International Transfers and Inter-Provincial Transfers

- a) When the CSA advises The OSA that a player has requested a transfer to another Country, or when another Provincial Association advises The OSA that a player has requested a transfer to that Province, The OSA shall immediately advise, in writing, the District Association (with which the player was last registered) that a transfer has been requested.
- b) After being advised by The OSA about the transfer request, the District Association shall immediately advise the Club with which the player was last registered in order to obtain a statement from that Club that the player has no further obligations to the Club and is free to transfer.
- c) A District Association shall respond to The OSA within six days after it receives the written notification from The OSA about the International or Inter-Provincial transfer request.
- d) If the District Association does not respond within six days, The OSA shall:
 - a) assume a compliance position by the District Association and Club; and
 - b) on the seventh day, advise:
 - i) the CSA (in the case of an International Transfer); or
 - ii) the Provincial Association (in the case of an Inter-Provincial Transfer)that the player has no further obligations to her/his former Club and is free to transfer.
- e) If a Club or District Association has a valid reason for delaying the issuance of an International Transfer or Inter-Provincial Transfer, the District Association must advise The OSA within six days after The OSA has issued the written request for the transfer to the District Association. In such a case, the Club or District Association must provide, in writing, the reason why the transfer should not be issued or should be delayed. Upon receipt of such a request, The OSA shall immediately advise the CSA or the other Provincial Association about the reasons for not issuing the transfer.
- f) If The OSA does not respond to the CSA within seven days of a request by the CSA for an International Transfer for a player, the CSA shall assume a compliance position and on the eighth day, shall immediately issue the International Transfer Certificate (for that player) to the other National Association.

14.2 A professional player may be loaned between two professional teams. The "**Loan Agreement**" is subject to the following conditions:

- a) the agreement must be signed by the player and both teams;
- b) copies of the signed agreement must be distributed to: the player; both teams; the League(s); and the O.S.A.;
- c) the agreement shall stipulate the time period of the loan and specify which date that the player must be returned to the loaning team;
- d) the team receiving the "**Loan Player**" must agree to pay, during the loan period, the player's salary, as per the original contract, or as per an amount re-negotiated between the player and the team receiving the "**Loan Player**"; and
- e) the amount of the salary must be stipulated in the "**Loan Agreement**".

- 14.3 A player shall be entitled to the following transfers:
- a) Two transfers only during the current playing season within the jurisdiction of a District Association. However, a player once transferred cannot be transferred back to the team for which he was originally registered until a period of thirty days has elapsed.
 - b) One transfer within the jurisdiction of the O.S.A.
 - c) One transfer between the O.S.A. and any other Provincial Association, except that in the event of a player having been transferred under section a) and b) finding it necessary to return to the jurisdiction under which he was originally registered, he shall be allowed to transfer his services back to the team for which he was last registered.
 - d) A player moving outside the jurisdiction of the O.S.A. may apply for, and be granted, an "open" transfer upon payment of the applicable fee. The transfer will bear the required signatures of the officials of the team from which he/she is transferring and will become effective when completed by officials of his/her new team in the receiving jurisdiction.
- 14.4 No person, association, league, club or team shall limit unreasonably the right of a player to transfer to the team of his choice. If a transfer is denied, the player may appeal in accordance with Policy 14.0 of The OSA Published Rules on Appeals
- 14.5 Notice of all transfers as hereby provided shall immediately be mailed to the Secretary of the Club and to the O.S.A.. The player so transferred shall be eligible after one day following the registration of such transfer, to play all games for the team to which his transfer has been granted.
- 14.6 The fee payable for transfer shall be set by The OSA. The fee together with a copy of the transfer form, shall be sent to the O.S.A. by the District Association into which the player is transferring within seven days of such transfer.
- 14.7 A transfer of registration between two Senior Teams within the same Club must follow all the requirements of this Rule.
- 14.8 **Transfer of Registration from Recreational Team to Competitive Team**
- a) Any Club having a team playing in the Competitive category desiring to sign a player from a team playing in the Recreational category during the current playing season shall remit the required fee with the registration form. The fee shall be paid to the Recreational Club concerned. The required fee shall be set by The OSA.
 - b) Any Club operating teams in the Competitive category and in one or more Recreational categories shall be allowed to sign, as a Competitive player, any player(s) on its Recreational team(s) during the current playing season without payment of a fee.
- 14.9 **Transfer of Registration from Youth Team to Senior Team**
- a) Any Club having a team playing in the senior age division desiring to sign a registered player from a team playing in a youth age division during the current playing season shall remit the required fee with the registration form. The fee shall be paid to the Youth Club concerned. The required fee shall be set by The OSA.
 - b) Any Club operating teams in the senior age division and in one or more youth age divisions shall be allowed to sign, as a senior player, any player(s) on its youth age team(s) during the current playing season without payment of a fee.

[Related Topics:](#)

Policy 15.0 - INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER FROM ANOTHER NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

- 15.1 An amateur or non-amateur player who has become eligible to play for a Club affiliated to a National Association may not qualify for a Club affiliated to another National Association unless the latter National Association has received an international transfer certificate issued by the National Association which the player wishes to leave. For the complete policies regarding international transfer certificates, you are referred to The OSA's Operational Policies.
- 15.2 An international transfer certificate is not required for a player under the age of twelve years.
- 15.3 Each application for an International Transfer shall:
- a) be on a form approved by the O.S.A. and supplied by the District Association with which the player's new Club is affiliated; and
 - b) be accompanied by a fee established by the O.S.A..
- 15.4 The procedure for approving the international transfer of a player shall be:
- a) the application form shall be completed and signed by the player and his/her new Club; and shall be submitted to the new Club's District Association with the application fee.
 - b) the new Club's District Association is required to:
 - i) check that the application form is in order and that the application fee is correct;
 - ii) approve the application form by signing the form at the section requiring District Association Authorization;
 - iii) receive and deposit the application fee;
 - iv) forward the application form to the O.S.A. office;
 - v) if the District Association is implementing The OSA's Computerized Registration System, enter the required data in the computer program; and
 - vi) after the O.S.A. has advised it that the international transfer certificate has been issued to the C.S.A., register the player.
 - c) the O.S.A. is required to:
 - i) verify that the application form is in order;
 - ii) approve the application form by signing the form at the section requiring O.S.A. Authorization;
 - iii) forward the application form to the C.S.A. office;
 - iv) enter the required data in The OSA's Computerized Registration System program;
 - v) after the C.S.A. has advised it that the international transfer certificate has been issued by the player's former National Association, notify the District Association that the transfer has been approved and the player is free to register in Canada;
 - vi) enter the "C.S.A. Authorization Number" in The OSA's Computerized Registration System program; and
 - vii) send a copy of international transfer certificate to both, the player and the player's new District Association.
 - d) the C.S.A. is required to:
 - i) review applications for international transfers received from the O.S.A.;

- ii) if the application is in order, request an international transfer certificate from the player's former National Association;
 - iii) advise the O.S.A. immediately after it has been notified that an international transfer certificate is being issued by the player's former National Association; and
 - iv) send a copy of the international transfer certificate to the O.S.A..
- 15.5 In the case of a refugee player, the Club shall write a letter to the O.S.A. and send a copy of such letter to its District Association. The letter must include:
- a) the name, date of birth, address, and telephone number of the player;
 - b) the name, address, and telephone number of the new Club with which he/she wishes to register;
 - c) the player status and player classification of which the player wishes to register in Canada;
 - d) the name of the player's former Club (with which he/she was last registered);
 - e) the name of the National Association to which he/she was last registered and the year of that registration; and
 - f) the player status and player classification when the player was last registered with his/her former Club and former National Association.

The O.S.A. shall forward the above information to the C.S.A. which will refer the matter to the F.I.F.A. Players' Status Committee. Based on its investigation, the F.I.F.A. may issue a document equivalent to an international transfer certificate. If such is the case, the C.S.A. would then authorize the player's registration in Canada and advise the O.S.A.. The O.S.A. would advise the player and the player's new District Association. If F.I.F.A. does not issue this document, the player may not register in Canada unless he obtains an international transfer certificate from his former National Association.

15.6 The player registration form shall include a section requiring:

- a) the Club with which the player last registered;
- b) the name of the country in which the player last registered; and
- c) the year in which the player was last registered for that Club and country.

A player shall complete this section, failing which the District Association shall not validate the registration form. In such a case, the form should be returned to the player's new Club which shall be requested to ensure that the player supplies this required information in order to validate the registration.

If the player indicates a country, other than Canada, an International Transfer shall be required, unless the player was under twelve years of age when he/she last registered.

15.7 A player found guilty of providing false information on a registration form, including the information required by section 15.6 of these policies and procedures, shall be suspended in accordance with the discipline policies and procedures.

A warning about this 15.7 shall be prominently displayed on the registration form.

15.8 In the event it is discovered that a player, who was last registered in another country, has registered in Canada without an international transfer certificate:

- a) the player shall be declared an ineligible player;
- b) any games in which the player played shall be forfeited to the opposing team, in accordance with the competition's rules; and
- c) the player shall be subject to disciplinary action.

NOTE: For more information, refer to FIFA's Regulations on the Status and Transfers of Players which

is attached as a PDF file below.



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Related Topics:

Policy 16.0 - AFFILIATION AGREEMENT - AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL

- 16.1 A Club operating amateur teams may enter into an "Affiliation Agreement" with a Club operating a Professional Team providing that the Club is in the same District as the "Professional Team's franchise territory".
- 16.2 Notwithstanding Policy 16.1, a Club may enter into an Affiliation Agreement with a Club operating amateur teams in a District outside of its "Professional Team's franchise territory" as long as:
1. the District in which the Club operating amateur teams is not located in a "Professional Team's franchise territory" assigned to another Club in accordance with its Professional League's Franchise Agreement; or
 2. the Club assigned the "Professional Team's franchise territory" in which the Club operating amateur teams is located gives its permission to such Affiliation Agreement.
- 16.3 A professional league may enter into an "Affiliation Agreement" with a higher level professional Club in order to permit player movement between the league and the Club.
- 16.4 The "Affiliation Agreement" must be filed with the following organizations in order to be in effect
- a) The Ontario Soccer Association;
 - b) the District Association with which the Club is affiliated; and
 - c) the League in which the Professional team plays.
- 16.5 With the permission of his/her Club, a player may **"play up"** into the **"Professional Team with which the Club has an 'Affiliation Agreement'"** in accordance with all the applicable provisions of [Policy 8.1 c\)](#)
- 16.6 The individual players will not register or sign an agreement with the Professional Team.
- 16.7 A **"TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT"** is not required when such movement occurs.
- 16.8 The player must obtain an **"O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK"** which must be available for presentation at each game in which he/she is playing. Failure to present the **"O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK"** shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.
- 16.9 The League in which the Professional Team plays, may impose limitations on such movement, provided that the limitations are applied consistently.

Related Topics:

Policy 17.0 - AFFILIATION AGREEMENT - SENIOR AMATEUR AND YOUTH AMATEUR

- 17.1 An "Affiliation Agreement" is a document signed by two Clubs under which they agree to "play up" players from a youth team of one Club to a senior team of the other Club in accordance with the applicable provisions of [Policy 8.1 c](#)).
- 17.2 There shall be a "Standardized Affiliation Agreement" to be provided by The OSA and it will include the terms of the agreement. One term shall be that any game of the player's youth team shall take precedence over any game of the senior team.
- 17.3 A Club operating youth amateur teams may enter into an "Affiliation Agreement" with a Club operating senior amateur team(s) providing that the two Club are affiliated to the same District Association.
- 17.4 The "Affiliation Agreement" must be filed with the following organizations in order to be in effect
- a) The Ontario Soccer Association;
 - b) the District Association with which the two Clubs are affiliated; and
 - c) the League in which the senior team(s) play(s).
- 17.5 With the permission of his/her Club, a youth player may "**play up**" into any "**Senior Team with which the Club has an 'Affiliation Agreement'**" in accordance with the applicable provisions of Policy 8.0
- 17.6 The individual youth player will not register or sign an agreement with the Club with which he/his Club has an "Affiliation Agreement".
- 17.7 A "**TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT**" is not required when such movement occurs.
- 17.8 The player must obtain an "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" which must be available for presentation at each game in which he/she is playing. Failure to present the "**O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK**" shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.
- 17.9 The League in which each Senior Team plays, may impose limitations on such movement, provided that the limitations are applied consistently.
- 17.10 A youth player who is also registered as a senior player with any Club shall not be eligible to "play up" into a senior team under the "Affiliation Agreement" provisions.
- 17.11 A Club operating youth amateur teams may enter into an "Affiliation Agreement" with only one Club that operates both (a) Women's team(s) and (a) Men's team(s); or it may enter into an "Affiliation Agreement" with:
1. only one Club which operates (a) Women's team(s) but does not operate (a) Men's team(s) ; and
 2. only one Club which operates (a) Men's team(s) but does not operate (a) Women's team(s)
- 17.12 A Club operating senior amateur teams may enter into an "Affiliation Agreement" with only one Club that operates both Girls' teams and Boys' teams; or it may enter into an "Affiliation Agreement" with:
1. only one Club which operates Girls' teams but does not operate Boys' teams; and
 2. only one Club which operates Boys' teams but does not operate Girls' teams
- 17.13 Notwithstanding Policies 17.11 and 17.12, and in a District in which there is only one Club operating competitive youth teams, that Club may enter into an "Affiliation Agreement" with any number of Clubs

operating Men's and/or Women's team(s) in that District.

- 17.14 An "Affiliation Agreement" between two Clubs shall be in effect for one year only but may be renewed on an annual basis.
- 17.15 Notwithstanding Policy 17.14 above, either Club may terminate the "Affiliation Agreement" at any time during the year by providing written notice to the other Club and by submitting a copy of the written notice to:
1. The Ontario Soccer Association
 2. the District Association with which the two Clubs are affiliated; and
 3. the League in which the senior team(s) play(s).

[Related Topics:](#)

Policy 18.0 - AFFILIATION AGREEMENT - YOUTH AMATEUR AND YOUTH AMATEUR

- 18.1 With the permission of their District Association, a "Youth Affiliation Agreement" is a document which may be signed by two Clubs under which they agree to "play up" players from a youth team to a higher age or higher classification team of the other Club in accordance with the applicable provisions of [Policy 8.1 c](#)).
- 18.2 There shall be a "Standardized Youth Affiliation Agreement" to be provided by The OSA and it will include the terms of the agreement.
- 18.3 A Club operating youth amateur teams may enter into a "Youth Affiliation Agreement" with another Club operating youth amateur team(s) providing that the two Clubs are affiliated to the same District Association.
- 18.4 A Club operating youth amateur teams (Club "A") may enter into one "Youth Affiliation Agreement" per playing season with only one other Club (Club "B") for the purpose of allowing players from Club "B" to "play up" to a Club "A" team. However, if Club "B" operates youth teams of one gender only, then Club "A" may enter into a "Youth Affiliation Agreement" with a second Club (Club "C") to "play up" players of the opposite gender. For purposes of this rule, any reference to Club "B" shall apply to Club "C".
- 18.5 A Club operating youth amateur teams (Club "B") may enter into one "Youth Affiliation Agreement" per playing season with only one other Club (Club "A") for the purpose of allowing players from its Club to "play up" to a Club "A" team. However, if Club "A" operates youth teams of one gender only, then Club "B" may enter into a "Youth Affiliation Agreement" with a second Club (Club "D") to "play up" its players of the opposite gender to a Club "D" team. For purposes of this rule, any reference to Club "A" shall apply to Club "D".
- 18.6 The "Youth Affiliation Agreement" must be filed with the following organizations in order to be in effect
- a) The Ontario Soccer Association;
 - b) the District Association with which the two Clubs are affiliated; and
 - c) the Leagues in which Club "A"'s team(s) play(s).
- 18.7 With the permission of Club "B", a youth player may **"play up"** into any **"Youth Team with which the Club has a 'Youth Affiliation Agreement'"** in accordance with the applicable provisions of [Policy 8.0](#)
- 18.8 The individual players will not register or sign an agreement with Club "A".
- 18.9 A **"TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMIT"** is not required when such movement occurs.
- 18.10 The player must obtain an **"O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK"** which must be available for presentation at each game in which he/she is playing. Failure to present the **"O.S.A. REGISTRANT BOOK"** shall render the player ineligible to play in that game.
- 18.11 Any Youth League may impose limitations on such movement, provided that the limitations are applied consistently.
- 18.12 A youth recreational player with Club "B" who is also registered as a youth competitive player with another Club shall not be eligible to "play up" into any Club "A" team under the "Youth Affiliation Agreement" provisions.
- 18.13 A "Youth Affiliation Agreement" between two Clubs shall be in effect for one year only but may be renewed on an annual basis.

- 18.14 Notwithstanding Policy 18.13 above, either Club may terminate the "Youth Affiliation Agreement" at any time during the year by providing written notice to the other Club and by submitting a copy of the written notice to
1. The Ontario Soccer Association
 2. the District Association with which the two Clubs are affiliated; and
 3. the League in which Club "A"'s team(s) play(s).

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