



EASTERN ONTARIO DISTRICT  
SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## CLUB TEAM PLAYING OUT CRITERIA

### 7.1 Conditions governing requests from a Club for a team to play out of District in a higher level competition.

7.1.1 Except for teams that are eligible for promotion to a higher level league in accordance with OSA Published Rules, all teams wishing to play out of the Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association (EODSA) and into either a Provincial or National League or outside Ontario must apply, through their Club, to the EODSA by November 30 of the current year for the following year. **Applications received after that date will not be considered.**

7.1.2 In accordance with OSA Published Rules Section 4 Policy 25.2.1.6 teams being promoted into the youngest operating division of a Regional Youth League or Provincial Youth League must apply to the EODSA for "Playing-Out Permission" by November 30 of the current year for the following year.

7.1.3 Each Club must apply on behalf of its team and no team can assume automatic approval simply because it has already been granted permission to play out during the current season.

7.1.4 Applications must be made on a Playing Out Application Form supplied by the District Association and will include as a minimum the documentation specified in a following paragraph (i.e. 7.3).

7.1.5 Application must be accompanied by the Playing Out Fee. See EODSA schedule of fees for appropriate fee. This fee is non-refundable.

7.1.6 The above conditions apply to:

- Teams that are applying for the first time; **as well as**
- Teams that had previously been granted permission to play out. **They must submit an application annually.**

### 7.2 Who may apply.

7.2.1 Any team meeting Pyramid For Play requirements and that was:

- in first place in the League's Premier Division at the end of the previous Outdoor Season, **and**
- that is in first, second or third place in the Leagues Premier Division at the time of application

may apply to play out subject to the conditions outlined herein.

7.2.2. Only league winning teams and those already playing out will be evaluated. ~~All other applications will be rejected.~~

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7.2.3 For Club Teams applying to play outside the normal Pyramid For Play the team must have demonstrated their superiority over a minimum of two years playing full field (11 a-side) soccer.

### 7.3 Documentation.

7.3.1 The following documentation must accompany all requests to play out of District;

- the Team Playing out application form, **and**
- a statement signed by two members of the Club's Executive, at least one of whom is not directly involved with the team, authorizing the team to play out and committing the Club to assume responsibility for the teams actions and financial liabilities, **and**
- form(s) signed by parents that they are aware of the obligations involved i.e. financial, travel, time commitment and otherwise, **and**
- the team's record in league play excluding mini-soccer, over the previous two years, **and**
- team rosters during that period, **and**
- team discipline record during that period, **and**
- coach's name, resume and certification level (must have complete level 3 technical under the previous NCCP Coach Certification Program or senior level of the OSA Community Coaching Certificate), **and**
- a statement of justification for the request. This must include;
  - proof that there is insufficient quality of competition locally, **and**
  - comparison of the level of play in the league in which the team wishes to play with that available in its current competition

7.3.2 **In addition**, teams that have previously been granted permission to play out must supply the following, signed by an authorized member of the League in which they are playing;

- record in league play during previous and current season, **and**
- discipline record during previous and current season.

### 7.4 Evaluation.

7.4.1 Only applications from teams that meet **all** of the above criteria for selection will be evaluated. The evaluation will take place at the conclusion of their league's playing season. The teams will be notified by January 31 of the status of their applications.

### 7.5 Obligations

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7.5.1 Any team which has been granted playing out permission must, in general, act as a goodwill ambassador for the EODSA

7.5.2 The District Association will undertake to monitor the performance of any team which has been granted playing out permission.

## 7.6 **General**

7.6.1 Each annual application will be treated on its own merits and neither the granting or denial of playing out rights in any previous year shall be regarded as setting a precedent for the application in question.

7.6.2 The EODSA may suspend the playing out rights of any team under its jurisdiction or take other corrective action, for cause.

7.6.3 In accordance with OSA Published Rules, 25.1.3.6. (into a Provincial League) and 25.1.3.7 (into a Regional League) for a senior team and 25.2.2.7 (into a Provincial League) and 25.2.3.8 (into a Regional League) for a youth team, the EODSA may submit a "Club Promotion Objection" to the OSA Board of Directors in order to prevent the promotion of a Club team.

7.6.4 These conditions come into effect for applications to play out in the 2005 Outdoor season. Any decisions or policies related to playing out permission in prior years cannot be cited as precedent once the current policy enters into effect on March 12, 2004.

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