

OASA Tournament Draw Policy

Tournament Formats

Based on the number of teams in the classification the OASA will consider the most appropriate format to use, guaranteeing each U8, U10, U12, Intermediate B / C, Masters and Legends team at least 3 games and each U14, U16, U19, U23 and Intermediate A / Open team at least 2 games. The Minor Committee Chairperson in consultation with each Divisional Convenor (DC) will determine the format for U8 to U19 classifications. The Men's Committee Chairperson in consultation with each DC or members of the committee will determine the format for the U23 to Legends classifications.

For Elimination tournaments (U14, U16, U19, U23 and Intermediate A/Open) the OASA will utilize a blind draw format to assign teams to games, except for the first game played by the host team (if there is one) who shall have their choice of which game they want to have. The host's first game will be determined prior to the blind draw taking place.

For Intermediate B/C, Masters and Legends the first game for the host team (if there is one) will be determined prior to the blind draw taking place. Depending on the number of teams in each classification and whether there are regional tournaments the format to be used could be round robin or a modified double / triple knockout format. Teams will be assigned via a blind draw.

Draw Process

The OASA will have at least 2 or more neutral individuals complete the draws. One of the following two processes will be followed:

1. All teams that are going to be playing in the tournament will be placed in a hat/bowl and their names drawn and assigned to the games in order from 1 thru n (where n =the number of games in the first round). The only exception to this will be if the host team has been assigned a specific game for their 1st game of the tournament.

OR

2. Based on the number of teams playing in the tournament numbers from 1 to n will be placed in a hat/bowl and drawn. Based on a list of teams provided by the OASA registrar teams will be assigned the numbers as they are drawn. After all of the numbers have been drawn teams will be assigned to games in order: game 1, 1 & 2; game 2, 3 & 4; game 3, 5 & 6; game 4, 7 & 8; etc.

Wherever possible the draw will be completed in person with multiple witnesses. If the draw is not able to be completed in person with multiple witnesses the OASA will consider completing the draw via a video call or over the internet to ensure the draw is truly random.

8 team sample draw (team - # randomly drawn):

Tavistock - 3
New Hamburg - 2
Napanee - 6
Bracebridge - 1
Simcoe - 4
Oshawa - 5
Ottawa - 8
Kitchener - 7

Game 1 - Bracebridge and New Hamburg

Game 2 - Tavistock and Simcoe

Game 3 - Oshawa and Napanee

Game 4 - Kitchener and Ottawa

U8 Events, U10 and U12 Qualifiers

For U10 and U12 Qualifiers, teams will be divided into East and West groups. The DC will endeavour to distribute teams into pools where they get the opportunity to play teams that they normally do not face, if at all possible. Teams will be assigned to pools via a blind draw if there is no obvious grouping. Typically teams will play 3 round robin games with the top 4 teams advancing to a playoff format to assist in seeding for the Provincials.

For U8, teams will be divided into East and West groups wherever possible. Teams will be grouped into pools where they get the opportunity to play teams that they normally do not face, if at all possible.

Provincials

For Provincial tournaments (U10, U12, U14, U16, U19 and U23) teams will be divided into A, B, C, etc groups of 8 teams (ideally) based on a combination of their results at the Qualifiers or Eliminations in addition to input received by the DC such as current year invitational tournament or league results, and previous years' results. The DC and the Minor or Men's Chairperson will be the ultimate individuals to determine where teams are seeded. Where teams have not played in the Qualifier or Eliminations the DC will solicit input from as many sources as possible in an attempt to determine the most appropriate level to assign those teams.

Based on the number of teams in a classification the following counts will be used for Provincials:

Up to 11 – all in A

12 to 19 – 8 in A, 4 to 11 in B

20 to 27 – 8 in A, 8 in B, 4 to 11 in C

Where there are regional Intermediate B tournaments held the for the Intermediate B Grand the top 2 teams in each region will be invited to participate in a 1 day round robin tournament.