Request for Decision (R.F.D.)

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Revision Date:	**26/10/2011**
Subject Title:	**LTPD Game Formats for All Competitions (Leagues, Tournaments, Festivals, Exhibition Games & Cup Competitions)**
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Organization Submitting RFD:	**LTPD Technical Advisory Council**
Programme Area:	**Long Term Player Development**
Secondary Programme Area(s)	**League Management**

Present Situation:

1. **Level 3 Leagues operate Under-12 and older Divisions.**
2. **Level 4 Leagues operate Under-11, Under-12 and older Divisions.**
3. **Level 5 Leagues operate Under-10, Under-11, Under-12 and older Divisions.**
4. **Level 6 Leagues operate Under-9, Under-10, Under-11, Under-12 and older Divisions.**
5. **Level 7 Leagues operate Under-4, Under-5, Under-6, Under-7, Under-8, Under-9, Under-10, Under-11, Under-12 and older Divisions.**

1. **All Under-12 Leagues play 11v11 game format.**
2. **Approximately two-thirds of the Level 5 Under-11 Leagues Plays 11v11 game format while the other third of the Level 5 Under-11 Leagues play 9v9 game format.**
3. **All Under-10 Leagues play 7v7 game format.**

Specific Decision Requested:

The following decisions apply to Outdoor Soccer and Indoor Soccer and do not apply to Futsal.

Decision 1): Commencing with the 2013 outdoor season and the 2012-2013 indoor season, all **leagues, tournaments, festivals, exhibition games and cup competitions** will play in accordance with the following game structure:

Team Age Classification	Game Format	Squad Size	Game	Ball	Field Width	Field Length	Goals
Under-12	8v8 or 9v9	Max 14	2x35	4	42-55 m	60-75 m	6' x 18'
Under-11	8v8 or 9v9	Max 12	2x30	4	30-36 m	40-55 m	6' x 16'
Under-10	6v6 or 7v7	Max 10	2x30	4	30-36 m	40-55 m	6' x 14'
Under-9	6v6 or 7v7	Max 10	2x25	3/4	30-36 m	40-55 m	6' x 14'
Under-8	4v4 or 5v5	Max 10	2x15	3/4	25-30 m	30-36 m	5' x 8 '
Under-7	4v4 or 5v5	Max 8	2x15	3/4	20-25 m	30-36 m	5' x 8 '
Under-6	3v3	Max 6	2x15	3/4	18-22 m	25-30 m	5' x 8 '
Under-5	No Competition						
Under-4	No Competition						

NOTE: In the* Game Format *in the second column, the numbers (eg. 6v6, etc) include the goalkeeper.

Decision 2): Commencing with the 2013 outdoor season and the 2012-2013 indoor season, based on the following Team Age Classifications, teams will be eligible to play in the following competition types:

Team Age Classification	League Level	Tournaments	Festivals	Exhibition Games	Cup Competitions
Under-12	L3, L4, L5, L6 & L7	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Under-11	L4, L5, L6 & L7	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Under-10	L5, L6 & L7	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Under-9	L6 & L7	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Under-8	L7	No	Yes	No	No
Under-7	L7	No	No	No	No
Under-6	L7	No	No	No	No
Under-5	No Competition				
Under-4	No Competition				

Decision 3): Notwithstanding **Decision 1)** above, Under-12 Teams **ONLY** will be exempt from the implementation of the game structure (defined in **Decision 1**) for the 2013 outdoor season and the 2012-2013 indoor season **ONLY** and the game structure will **ONLY** become effective for Under-12 Teams in the 2014 outdoor season and the 2013-2014 indoor season.

Decision 4): Commencing with the 2013 outdoor season and the 2012-2013 indoor season, there will be no division standings or game results recorded for the Under-6, Under-7, Under-8, Under-9, Under-10, Under-11 and Under-12 Divisions of Leagues and Tournaments.

Decision 5): Notwithstanding **Decision 1)** above, Clubs will be granted a transition period from 2013 to 2016 to implement the requirements regarding Field Width, Field Length and Goals.

Decision 6): Notwithstanding **Decision 1)** above and with regard to indoor soccer, every attempt should be undertaken to have indoor facilities convert to the playing formats but, when and where that is not physically possible, the indoor league may apply to the OSA in order to obtain an exemption regarding the field sizes.

Decision 7): Notwithstanding **Decision 1)** above, a Level 5, 6 or 7 League which has an insufficient number of teams to operate a division based on a one year age increment, may combine two age classifications in the same division.

In accordance with Policy 5.7 of the "Development And Approval Of Policies And Procedures", the Board is being requested to approve this RFD at one Board meeting (ie., the Concept approval and also the Final approval).

Budget Requirements (Change if any): This year:	**$0.00**
Availability of Funds if not included in this year's budget:	**Not applicable**

Advantages:	**1. Alignment with LTPD playing formats (consistent with CSA and other provinces)** **2. Consistency in playing formats and field sizes across the province** **3. Much more player development focused player formats (more touches on the ball,, due to smaller fields and less players)** **4. Player retention and player development both enhanced**
Possible Objections:	
Alternatives:	
Attachments:	**None**

Decision	**First Approval (In Principle)**	Date	**11 - December - 2011**