

# OAKVILLE SOCCER CLUB

## TRAVEL AND EXHIBITION GAMES

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Any team approved to travel outside of Ontario will be required to have an OSC fulltime staff member attend the event and be a representative of the club. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the Senior Technical Director.

All travel and exhibition games require the approval of the Executive Director and Senior Technical Director. It is important to know that any team(s) that register for tournaments or showcases without approval and are subsequently denied approval will be responsible for any incurred fines and discipline may follow. Please contact the Senior Technical Director directly for more information on the guidelines. The travel policy, if applicable, can be forwarded as a separate document.

### General Guidelines

For teams entering tournaments or playing in exhibition games that are NOT within the Peel Halton District (PHSA), a travel permit is required. These permits are now being processed online. Note: Valid player cards are required by the district before travel permits are approved. Prior to applying for a travel permit outside of Ontario, the Head Coach of the team planning such participation must get written permission from the Senior Technical Director.

1. If the team is traveling to a tournament, the team will bear the cost of accommodation for the Coach. Further expenses of the Coach, in relation to travel, can be paid for by the team at its discretion, but payment must be pre-approved by the Senior Technical Director.
2. Teams are not permitted to remunerate any coach directly without the express written permission of the Senior Technical Director.
3. International travel and associated fundraising must have approval from the Executive Director, Director of Finance, and the Senior Technical Director.
4. An application for a travel permit that conflicts with Ontario Cup and/or Elite Camps will not be approved by the Senior Technical Director.
5. Coaches of traveling teams need to supply parents and players with an [OSC Rep Team Travel Rules & Responsibilities Form](#) which needs to be signed by the participants prior to the trip. The coach and/or manager will be responsible for keeping copies of the signed letters during the trip.

### Travel Guidelines

- On the field and off the field professional behavior will be expected and always monitored. A professional attitude, appearance and manners are always expected and will be enforced.
- A dress code will be enforced by all teams when traveling. Players will be expected to wear appropriate clothing, in good condition. Inappropriate or suggestive clothing is not acceptable. We consider our players to be high performance athletes representing OSC and expect them to act accordingly.
- All players will be staying at the same hotel unless given special permission by the Head Coach.

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- U13–U17: While staying at the hotel each player will be accompanied by a parent/guardian in a room (with a minimum 2:1 player to parent ratio).
- U18 + players will be two players in a room (based on hotel rules and regulations).
- Parents travelling must reside at the same team hotel accommodations.
- Any players leaving hotel property, at any time, must have a parent chaperone and be granted permission from the Head Coach.
- Any use of hotel facilities (pool, fitness room, etc.) shall be approved by the Head Coach and will always have an adult supervisor.
- All players are to remain on hotel property, unless approved by the Head Coach, and to abide by all hotel and team travel rules as outlined by the Head Coach.
- All players are to be always accompanied by at least one teammate when moving around the hotel property. No players are to walk around the hotel property unaccompanied even for very short distances for whatever reason. This is to be strictly enforced and is for the safety and security of the players.
- Players are to understand that the primary reason for travel is to play soccer, be competitive and to develop their skills. Extracurricular activities will be at the discretion of the Head Coach and will ensure that player performance is not compromised due to poor rest/sleep, inadequate meals or over exertion at non-soccer related activities.
- All players are expected to respect not only the opposition but also all of the opposition's facilities. This includes cleaning up the bench area after all games and keeping the opposition facilities in the state they were found. Disrespect of the opposition or their facilities will not be tolerated.
- If a player's family/guardian cannot attend the trip/event, their family/guardian must arrange for another attending family to be responsible for their player for the duration of the trip/event. This agreement and approval must be formally written and notarized (this will be required when travelling internationally).

### **Discipline and Behaviour**

- Use of alcohol, vaping, tobacco or illegal substances or possession of a substance will not be tolerated and is cause for immediate dismissal.
- Persistent, irresponsible, and disrespectful behavior to teammates, coaching/team staff, parents or others is cause for dismissal.
- Destruction of property or violation of provincial or other laws is cause for dismissal.
- Failure to comply with all team rules (curfew, attendance, dress code, schedules) is cause for disciplinary action.
- Opposite gender in player rooms, without adult supervision, must not be tolerated.
- Mandatory curfew and lights out will be set by the Head Coach and will be enforced. If curfew rules are not followed, then the Head Coach has the ability to bench that player.

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- Each player must submit their room number to the Head Coach and Team Manager for records.
- For social media etiquette please refer to [OSC's Social Media & Email Policy](#).

### **At Home Exhibition Games**

Permission is required, in advance, if a visiting team from outside PHSA will be playing an Exhibition Game in Oakville. An AHEG – application to host an exhibition game - must be submitted to the District for approval.

Full Match Official crews are necessary (one middle and two assistants) and are at the expense of the team. Please contact the Referee Development Manager for details.

### **Out-of-Province Travel**

All travel outside of the province must be pre-approved by the Senior Technical Director. Teams that attend a tournament or exhibition game out of OSC's District, without a travel permit, will be subject to fines and suspension. Teams will not be covered by insurance. Any resulting liability will be the sole responsibility of the Head Coach. Note: ALL fines are passed on to the team.

To meet OS required timelines, travel applications must be submitted via CTMS as follows:

- Tournaments in Ontario – 7 days.
- Out-of-Province Travel – 15 days.
- To the USA – 15 days.
- Travel outside of Canada and the USA – 45 days.
- Exhibition games in Ontario (between Ontario teams) – 7 days.
- Exhibition Games - Inter provincial – 15 days 18.
- Exhibition games to United States – 15 days.
- Exhibition games in Ontario (Int'l teams) – 30 days.