



## **Ottawa Carleton Soccer League**

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### **2024 OCSL Divisional Configurations Policy**

#### **Legend**

- EODSA: Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association
- LMB: League Management Board
- MC: Men's Competitive
- MOT: Masters (50+)
- MP: Men's Premier
- MR: Men's Recreational
- OCSL: Ottawa Carleton Soccer League
- OT: Old Timers
- SOSA: Southeast Ontario Soccer Association
- WC: Women's Competitive
- WP: Women's Premier
- WR: Women's Recreational



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### REGIONAL (MP & WP)

#### Division Sizes

In 2024 the OCSL will operate the following divisions, each containing the following maximum number of teams:

Men's Premier	8 teams
Women's Premier	8 teams

SOSA is guaranteed one spot in the Premier division. They shall select the team to participate.

#### Number of games

##### Men's

Teams in MP will play a home and away season.

##### Women's

Teams in WP will play a home and away season.

#### Promotion and Relegation

##### Men's Premier

The bottom two (2) teams in MP will be relegated to the MC1 division in the subsequent season (2025).

The top two (2) teams in MC1 will be promoted to the MP division the subsequent season (2025).

Should a spot in the MP division open (e.g., where it is known that a team is not returning to the MP division in 2025), then the team that finished 7<sup>th</sup> will be offered the opportunity to stay in the MP division. If that team declines the offer, the team that finishes 8<sup>th</sup> will be offered the spot. If that team declines the offer, it will be offered to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place MC1 team. If they decline, the spot will continue to be offered to the next highest team in line from the MC1 division until accepted. Teams may only be promoted to the MP division if they finish within six points of the second place MC1 team. All promotions to the MP division must be approved by Ontario Soccer.

##### Women's Premier

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> place team in WP will be relegated to WC1 for the subsequent season (2025).

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in WC1 will be promoted to WP for the subsequent season (2025).



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Should a spot in either of the premier divisions open (e.g., where it is known that a team is not returning to the WP division in 2025), the team that finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 2024 will be offered the opportunity to stay in the WP division. If that team declines the offer, the team that finishes 6<sup>th</sup> will be offered to the opportunity to stay in the WP division. If that team declines, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place WC1 team will be offered the spot. The spot will continue to be offered to the next team in line from the WC1 division from the previous season until accepted. Teams may only be promoted to the WP division if they finish within six points of the 2<sup>nd</sup> place WC1 team. All promotions to the WP division must be approved by Ontario Soccer.



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### COMPETITIVE (C1-C4)

#### Division Sizes

In 2024 the OCSL will operate C1-C4 divisions. Each division can have a maximum of 16 teams.

#### Number of games

##### Men's

Teams in MC1, MC2 and MC4 will play each team once. MC4 teams will get 1-2 bonus games.

Teams in MC3 will play a home and away season.

##### Women's

Teams in WC1 and WC2 will play a home and away season.

#### Promotion and Relegation

##### Competitive

For the 2024 season, the top two (2) teams in each division will be promoted to the next highest division in 2025 (\*\*except for MC4, see below\*\*). Competitive teams cannot decline promotion.

The bottom two (2) teams will be relegated to the next lowest division in 2025.

Should a spot in one of these divisions open, the second last place team from the year before in that same division will be offered the spot. If they decline, the team in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the next lowest division will be offered the spot. The spot will continue to be offered to the next (i.e., 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, etc.) team in line from the next lowest competitive division from the previous season until accepted. Teams will only be offered a spot if they finish within 6 points of the second-place team. If these teams decline, it will be offered to the last place team from the year before in that same division.

\*\*The 1<sup>st</sup> place team in MC4 league play will be promoted. The top four (4) teams in MC4 league play will participate in the championship playoff.

- Semifinal #1: 1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>
- Semifinal #2: 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup>

The winners will play in the final. The winner of the championship playoff will be promoted. If the league winner and playoff winner are the same team, the team that finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> in league play will be promoted.\*\*



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### RECREATIONAL (MR, WR, OT, MOT & Grand Masters)

#### Division Sizes

For the 2024 season, the OCSL's Recreational divisions will each contain the following maximum number of teams:

MR1	15
MR2	15
MR3	15
MR4	15
MR5	15
MR6	15

WR1	15
WR2	15
WR3	15
WR4	15

OT1	8
OT2	8
OT3	8
OT4	8
OT5	8
OT6	8
OT7	16

MOT1	8
MOT2	8
MOT3	15
MOT4	15

#### Number of games

All recreational teams will play 14 games.

#### Promotion, Relegation & New Team Placement

##### MR & WR



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Teams that finish top two (2) are eligible for promotion. Recreational teams can decline promotion – except in cases where a team finishes first (in the same division) in consecutive seasons, the LMB has the authority to move the team in question to the next highest division.

Teams that finish bottom two in a division for the 2024 season will only be relegated for the subsequent season if divisions need to be balanced.

New teams may request to play in any division. If there is space in the division, they will be placed there. If there isn't, they will be offered a spot in a different division. The LMB will review new team applications on April 18, and inform clubs which division their team is being offered a spot in by April 20.

### OT & MOT

The first-place team in each division will be promoted to the next highest division for the subsequent season (2025). OT & MOT teams cannot decline promotion.

The last place team in each division will be relegated to the next lowest division for the subsequent season (2025).

Should a spot open in a division, it will be offered to the second-place team of the next lowest division from the 2024 season, provided they finished within 6 points of the first-place team. If the team declines promotion, it will be offered to 3<sup>rd</sup> place team from said division.