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REGIONAL (MP & WP)

Division Sizes

In 2026 the OCSL will operate the following divisions, each containing the following maximum number of teams:

Men's Premier	9 teams
Women's Premier	6 teams

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

Number of Games

- MP: 16 games
- WP: 10 games

Format

Teams in MP and WP will play a home and away season.

Promotion and Relegation

MP

The bottom three (3) teams in MP will be relegated to C1 division in the subsequent season (2027).
The top two (2) teams in MC1 will be promoted to the Premier division the subsequent season (2027).

Should a spot in a Premier division open (e.g., where it is known that a team is not returning to the Premier division in 2027), the spot will be offered to teams using the following based on where they finished in 2025:

1. The team that finishes 6th in MP
2. If declined, the team that finished 3rd in MC1
3. If declined, the team that finished second-last in MP
4. If declined, it will be offered to the last place in MP
5. If declined, the spot will continue to be offered to the next highest team in line from the C1 division until accepted. Teams may only be promoted to the Premier division if they finish within six points of the second place C1 team. All promotions to the MP and WP divisions must be approved by Ontario Soccer.



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WP

The last place team in WP will be relegated to C1 division in the subsequent season (2027).

The winner of WC1 will be promoted to the Premier division the subsequent season (2027).

Should a spot open in WP (e.g., where it is known that a team is not returning to the Premier division in 2027), the spot will be offered to teams using the following based on where they finished in 2026:

1. The team that finishes 2nd in WC1
2. If declined, the team that finished 6th in WP
3. If declined, the team that finished 3rd in WC1
4. If declined, the spot will continue to be offered to the next highest team in line from the C1 division until accepted. Teams may only be promoted to the Premier division if they finish within six points of the second place C1 team. All promotions to the MP and WP divisions must be approved by Ontario Soccer.



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COMPETITIVE (C1-C4 & U21)

DIVISION SIZES

In 2026 the OCSL will operate C1-C4, U21 Premier and U21 C1 divisions.

MC1	14
MC2	14
MC3	8
MC4	16
U21 Premier	16
U21 C1	7

WC1	8
WC2	11
U21 Premier	9

NUMBER OF GAMES

Men's

- MC1: 13 games
- MC2: 13 games
- MC3: 14 games
- MC4: 15 games
- U21 Premier: 14 games (7 + 7)
- U21 C1: 12 games

Women's

- WC1: 14 games
- WC2: 13 games (10 + 3)
- U21 Premier: 11-12 games (8 + 3 or 4)



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FORMAT

MC1 & MC2

Play each opponent once

MC3

Play each opponent twice (home and away)

MC4

Play each opponent once

Men's U21 Premier

First Phase

Divided into East and West, 8 teams each. Play each opponent once (7-games).

- The top four (1st through 4th) from both East and West will be moved to the Championship group
- The bottom four (5th through 8th) from both East and West will be moved to the Second group

Second Phase

Both the Championship Group and Second Group will have 8 teams. They will play each opponent once (7-games).

At the end of the second phase all teams will have played 14 games.

WC1

Play each opponent twice (home and away)

WC2

First Phase

Play each opponent once (10-games).

- The top four (1st through 4th) will be moved to the Championship Group
- The middle four (5th through 8th) will be moved to the Second Group
- The bottom three (9th, 10th and 11th) will be moved to the Relegation Group

Second Phase

Both the Championship Group and Second Group will have 8 teams. They will play each opponent once (7-games).

At the end of the second phase all teams will have played 14 games.



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U21W

First Phase

Play each opponent once (8-games).

- The top five (1st through 5th) will be moved to the Championship Group
- The bottom four (6th through 9th) will be moved to the Second Group

Second Phase

The Championship Group will have five teams, and Second Group will have four teams. They will play each opponent in their group once (3-4 games).

At the end of the second phase all teams will have 11-12 games.

PROMOTION & RELEGATION

Men's Competitive

The following is a table of how the Men's Competitive (MC) divisions will look in 2027.

- The row along the top is the division name and game nights for 2027.
- Where a team finishes in 2026 determines which division they will have a spot in for 2027.

Ex: Team X finishes in 10th in MC1 in 2026. They will play in MC1 Tuesdays in 2027

	MPrem - Thurs	MChamp - Tues	MC1 - Tues	MC2 - Mon	MC3 - Thurs	MC4 - Sun	
1	1st MP	7th MP	7th MC1	13th MC1	13th MC2	7th MC3	
2	2nd MP	8th MP	8th MC1	14th MC1	14th MC2	8th MC3	
3	3rd MP	9th MP	9th MC1	3rd MC2	3rd MC3	3rd MC4	
4	4th MP	3rd MC1	10th MC1		4th MC2	4th MC3	4th MC4
5	5th MP	4th MC1	11th MC1		5th MC2	5th MC3	5th MC4
6	6th MP	5th MC1	12th MC1		6th MC2	6th MC3	6th MC4
7	1st MC1	6th MC1	2nd MC2	7th MC2	1st MC4	7th MC4	
8	2nd MC1	1st MC2	1st U21	8th MC2	2nd MC4	8th MC4	
9				9th MC2	1st MR1	9th MC4	
10				10th MC2		10th MC4	
11				11th MC2		11th MC4	
12				12th MC2		12th MC4	
13				1st MC3		13th MC4	
14	2nd MC3		15th MC4				
15	2nd U21		16th MC4				



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WC1

Promotion

The winner of WC1 will be promoted to WP in 2027.

The second place team in WC1 will be offered promotion to WP in 2027.

Relegation

The bottom two teams in WC1 will be relegated to WC2 in 2027.

WC2

Promotion

The winner of the WC2 league will be offered promotion to WC1 in 2026.

The winner of the second stage's 'Championship Group' will be offered promotion to WC1 in 2027. If the winner of the first and second stage are the same team, the team that finishes 2nd in league play will be promoted.

Relegation

If there are enough teams to form a WC3 division in 2027, the last two teams in WC2 will be relegated to WC3 in 2027. If not, relegation is not applicable.

Women's U21 Premier

Promotion

The winner of the U21 division will be offered promotion to WC1 in 2027.

Relegation

N/A

OPEN SPOTS IN ANY COMPETITIVE DIVISION

Should a spot in a competitive division open (e.g., where it is known that a club with an existing spot is not returning in 2027), the spot will be offered to teams using the following based on where they finished in 2026:

1. The team that finishes 3rd in the next lowest division
2. If declined, the team that finishes second-last in that division in 2026
3. If declined, it will be offered to the last place team in 2026



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4. If declined, the spot will continue to be offered to the next highest team in line from the next lowest division until accepted.

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

Division Sizes

For the 2026 season, the OCSL's Recreational divisions will each contain the following number of teams:

MR1	5
MR2	9
MR3	8
MR4	6
MR5	6

WR1	9
WR2	9
WR3	8
WR4	6

OT1	5
OT2	9
OT3	8
OT4	8
OT5	8
OT6	8
OT7	8

MOT1	6
MOT2	6
MOT3	11
MOT4	7

GMOT	9
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Number of games

All recreational teams will play 14 games



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Promotion, Relegation & New Team Placement

MR & WR

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 2026 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 23 and inform clubs which division their team is being offered a spot in by April 29.

OT & MOT

The first-place team in each division will be promoted to the next highest division for the subsequent season (2027). 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 (2027).

Should a spot open in a division, it will be offered to the second-place team of the next lowest division from the 2026 season, provided they finished within 6 points of the first-place team. If the team declines promotion, it will be offered to 3rd place team from said division.

Grandmasters 55+

N/A