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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

**Bulletin #:** I2024-42  
**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2024  
**To:** Ontario Soccer; District Membership, Associate Members  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Matt Ferreira, Director, Development  
**Subject:** Match Official Game Fee Increase (2025-2027)

As per [Operational Procedures](#) (Section 10, Procedure 6.5), game fees are to be reviewed every two years and the Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, at their September 21, 2024 meeting, approved changes to the **Match Official Game Fee and Assigning Protocol**. The goal of this protocol is to create consistency, accountability and credibility and can be found on the [Ontario Soccer website](#).

After review and consultation with the Voting Members Council, Ontario Soccer has updated the Game Fee and Assigning Protocol which will come into effect **April 1, 2025**. Game fee increases for District, Regional and Provincial Youth and Senior leagues will be effective for the following seasons:

- Outdoor: 2025 and 2026 seasons
- Indoor: 2025/26 & 2026/27 seasons
- Futsal: 2025/26 & 2026/27 seasons

These updates continue to reflect the need identified in 2018 of a standardized fee structure across the province to better support local development opportunities and manage assigning practices focused on competing compensation models.

As per [Operational Procedures](#) (Section 10, Procedure 6.4), Ontario Soccer has also found that some leagues utilize a single referee system which sees no Assistant Referees assigned for 11v11 full field games. A reminder, while formally recognized, this should only be used as a last resort, at lower tiers of competition, when full crews cannot be sourced. In order to compensate the single Official appropriately, Ontario Soccer continues to maintain this fee differentiated from full crew assignments.

For further information please contact [David Barrie](#) Manager, Match Officials Development.



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