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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

**Bulletin #:** I2018-009  
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**To:** District Presidents, Administrators, Ontario Recognized Academies  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer Staff, Ontario Soccer Board of Directors  
**From:** Matthew Braithwaite, Manager Policies and Procedures  
**Subject:** Affiliation Agreements

In order to clarify items related to Affiliation Agreements between District member Clubs and Ontario Recognized Academies (ORA), Ontario Soccer has recently completed a review of the following Affiliation Agreements:

1. Grassroots Affiliation Agreement
2. Youth Affiliation Agreement
3. Youth to Senior Affiliation Agreement
4. Pro-Am Affiliation Agreement
5. OPDL Affiliation Agreement
6. OASL Affiliation Agreement (pilot)

Upon conclusion of the review, the following has been identified:

1. Affiliation Agreements are structured for one-way player movement only (from one organization to another, not back and forth).
2. Affiliation Agreements exist to allow for players to play up from one organization to another (no lateral or downward movement).
3. The term "affiliation" used in these agreements can be confusing. In the present form, agreements are only a mechanism for **player movement**, and do not outline or imply any sort of "affiliation" between the organizations.
4. The OASL Affiliation Agreement implemented for the 2017 pilot allowed for player movement from Clubs to Academies to play into the OASL.



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Considering the findings above, the following changes will be implemented effective immediately:

1. All “Affiliation Agreements” will be renamed “Player Movement Forms”, as to better reflect the nature of the agreements.
2. The OASL Affiliation Agreement of 2017 will cease to exist for 2018. The objective for the OASL as a part of the 2-year Pilot Project is to keep the Club stream and Academy stream separate for youth/grassroots league play, with Club and Academy integration only at tournaments, festivals, exhibition games, senior leagues, OPDL and League1 Ontario. The OASL Affiliation Agreement contradicted that objective.
3. The “OPDL Player Movement Agreement” only allows movement of players from Clubs and Academies to OPDL, not the opposite.
4. Different than other youth agreements outlined in the Ontario Soccer Operational Procedures, the “OPDL Player Movement Agreement” is the only type of agreement that permits movement of players across Club and Academy streams.

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