



A word about CAF.

The Canadian Academy of Futbol (CAF) is a loose association of independent academies who have not been able to meet the Ontario Soccer Association standards to be accepted as an OSA Recognized Non-Club Academy (ORNCA).

CAF has applied to be a club with the North York Soccer Association. Acceptance by North York SA as a recreational Club permits CAF to register all its players and to operate a house league in North York.

Despite the information being distributed in the market by CAF and its individual academies the following are the facts/ realities of CAF membership.

- CAF is a recreational club in North York
- The individual academies who are part of CAF are not members of the North York Soccer Association, Ontario Soccer Association or the CSA, they should not be using any of the marks or those organizations.
- All participants (players, coaches, administrators) in CAF programs will need to be fully registered to the CAF club and pay the North York/OSA/CSA fees.
- CAF is permitted to operate a house league of its club members.
- CAF must hold all competitions for their house league within the North York boundaries unless they receive permission of the North York Soccer Association and a host District in which they apply to host a match.
- OSA Clubs who wish to have recreational teams play exhibition games with CAF house league teams will either:
 - need to apply to their District to host the game. CAF will need to apply to NYSA for permission to travel. Or

- CAF can apply to NYSA to host an exhibition game with OSA recreational teams. The visiting teams would to apply to their District for permission to travel.
- A failure to follow these steps will result in discipline actions against the team coaching staffs and Clubs also players are not covered under OSA insurance during a non-sanctioned match.
- In Peel Halton, players who are registered to a member Club as a competitive player cannot register with that club or another club as a recreational player.
- CAF is not eligible to hold a tournament or Festival in Peel Halton.
- There is no competitive soccer sanctioned for 5-6-7 year olds in Ontario
- Participation by PHSA member Clubs, OSA registered Club administrators, Coaches or team officials in a CAF member academy is strictly prohibited and subject to long term suspensions under OSA policy.
- CAF is not authorized to run a 'U14 Super League' a provincial, multi-jurisdictional or multi club league in Ontario.
- CAF is permitted to run a club house league made up of recreational players registered to CAF.

Clubs should advise their team staff regarding these realities and parents should be made aware that many of the claims being made by CAF academies are erroneous.

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