

# Ontario Scholastic Soccer League (OSSL)

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A licensed legal professional under the Law Society of Ontario and a Certified Diplomatic Human Rights Consultant based in Washington, D.C., Johnson brings a rare blend of legal, diplomatic, and athletic expertise to every role he holds.

A former professional athlete and youth national team player, Johnson's final match on the world stage was representing Canada at the Futsal World Cup in Mexico against Uruguay. His lived experience as an athlete continues to shape his passionate advocacy for accessible, high-performance sport opportunities for all.

As the inaugural President of the Ontario Scholastic Soccer League (OSSL), Johnson champions equity, education, and excellence in youth soccer. His leadership ensures that student-athletes have access to development pathways that are both academically aligned and globally competitive.



## Ontario Scholastic Soccer League (OSSL)

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Ontario Scholastic Soccer League (OSSL), an innovative new varsity-level soccer league designed to transform school-based athletics across our province. As Ontario prepares to welcome the world for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, we believe this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to demonstrate our commitment not only to world-class events—but to world-class youth development.

The OSSL was created to bridge the gap between elite soccer programming and the many talented student-athletes in our school system who have historically been overlooked due to financial or geographic barriers. By operating within schools and aligning with Ontario curriculum and wellness mandates, the OSSL offers:

- A full-year competitive league for Grades 7–12 (Varsity and Intermediate divisions)
- Coaching exclusively by Ontario Certified Teachers and screened community volunteers
- Access to professional facilities, certified referees, and match analytics via VEO technology
- A partnership with AMFutsal Canada to provide structured winter programming
- Pathways to U SPORTS, NCAA, League1, and Canada Soccer
- Mental health supports and life-readiness tools embedded in our model

We are requesting funding support from the Ministry of Sport to help scale this project and ensure its accessibility across the province. Specifically, we seek assistance with:

- Facility rental and equipment costs for our centralized turf location
- League operation expenses, including referee fees and player insurance
- Travel subsidies for schools in lower-income or rural communities
- Expansion of live-streaming and analytics tools to enhance scouting exposure

With Toronto serving as a host city for FIFA 2026, now is the time to invest in a legacy that extends beyond stadium walls. What better way to be seen by the world than as a province that takes care of its youth—not just at the elite professional level, but at the grassroots, school-based level where equity, access, and development truly begin?

The eyes of the world are coming to Ontario. Let's show them what leadership in youth sport really looks like.

I would welcome the opportunity to present the full OSSL program to your office and discuss potential funding models, including alignment with existing youth sport, equity, and mental wellness initiatives.

Thank you for your time and your ongoing commitment to Ontario athletes.

## Ontario Scholastic Soccer League (OSSL)

### Official Announcement: Strategic Partnership with AMFutsal Canada

#### To our valued partners, stakeholders, educators, and community leaders:

We are pleased to announce a strategic partnership between the Ontario Scholastic Soccer League (OSSL) and AMFutsal Canada, an established leader in futsal programming and technical development across the country.

This collaboration marks a significant milestone in the evolution of school-based athletics in Ontario. By aligning with AMFutsal Canada, OSSL will expand its year-round competitive offerings and further its mission to provide high-quality, accessible soccer programming for student-athletes across Grades 7–12.

Through this partnership, OSSL athletes will gain:

- Access to structured futsal programming during the winter season as part of a full-year competitive model
- Increased visibility and recruitment opportunities through centralized scheduling and analytics
- Enhanced technical development, aligning with national standards and the Canada Soccer Long-Term Player Development model
- Equity-focused exposure for students from underserved and under-scouted school communities

This initiative speaks directly to our founding vision: to ensure that every student-athlete—regardless of socioeconomic status, geographic location, or club affiliation—has the opportunity to be seen, developed, and celebrated. For too long, school-based players in Ontario have lacked the platforms available to their peers in other sports and regions. This partnership helps close that gap and establishes a new benchmark for what school soccer in Ontario can—and should—be.

We believe this is a transformative step forward for Ontario's scholastic sports landscape and a proud moment for every coach, educator, and community partner working to build inclusive, high-performance environments for our youth.

For more information about the Ontario Scholastic Soccer League or to register a team for the upcoming 2025–2026 season, please visit: [www.osslsoccer.ca](http://www.osslsoccer.ca) or contact us directly at [hello@osslsoccer.ca](mailto:hello@osslsoccer.ca).

Thank you for your continued support.  
Sincerely,

Ontario Scholastic Soccer League (OSSL)



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## **OSSL Mission Statement**

The Ontario Scholastic Soccer League (OSSL) exists to provide Ontario's most talented high school soccer players with an elite school-based competitive platform that integrates academic excellence, athletic achievement, and holistic development.

### **OSSL is committed to:**

- Developing elite soccer players within their school communities
- Eliminating financial and geographic barriers to participation
- Fostering high-performance training, competition, and leadership development
- Creating pathways to post-secondary scholarships, League1, Canadian Premier League, NCAA, U SPORTS, and Canada Soccer
- Supporting student-athletes' mental health, academic goals, and life-readiness

Ontario has produced world-class soccer talent, yet there is a clear gap between school athletics and national-level competition. OSSL fills this gap by providing a structure that mirrors the proven success of the OSBA, while addressing the accessibility and visibility issues currently embedded in the club-based system. While OSA and academy programs continue to price out many families, the OSSL serves as a bridge—connecting talented student-athletes from underserved and under-scouted communities to high-performance opportunities they would otherwise be denied.

### **What Makes OSSL Different:**

- Exclusive Use of VEO Live Streaming & Analytics: Every match will be recorded using VEO camera technology, giving coaches access to direct performance analytics for post-match breakdown and college recruiting packages.
- Community-Based Sponsorship Model: Instead of private academies or commercial funding, OSSL operates with the support of local businesses, parent councils, and Catholic/independent school communities.
- Premier Location: All showcase matches and championships will take place at a state-of-the-art turf complex located at 1440 Finch Ave West (Keele & Finch) — fully accessible and built for elite-level play.
- Varsity Format for Grades 9–12: OSSL is structured as a true varsity league for Ontario students, promoting team pride, school identity, and academic-athletic balance.
- Full-Year Season: The OSSL runs from September to June, with a winter break indoor futsal season to keep athletes competing and developing for the entirety of the academic year.

*This is not just a league. It's a movement to reimagine what is possible for Ontario student-athletes in soccer.*





## Why OSSL Will Work

- **Equity + Access:** By being school-based, OSSL breaks down financial and geographic barriers. Students from all communities can compete.
- **Holistic Development:** OSSL athletes receive not only elite training—but academic support, mental health tools, and leadership coaching.
- **Post-Secondary Pathways:** University and college scouts know where to look. OSSL consolidates talent in one clear system—just like OSBA.
- **Alignment with Canada Soccer's Vision:** Soccer Canada's Safe Sport and Long-Term Player Development models are directly supported through structured school environments.
- **Ontario Talent, National Impact:** OSSL will produce players ready for U SPORTS, NCAA, League1, CPL, and the Canadian National Team.
- **Coaching from OCT** (Ontario Certified Teachers)
- **Certified Coaches** who have completed the OSSL Coaching Certification Course.
- **Community Coaching Model**

### Why OSSL Over OPDL?

Feature	OPDL	OSSL (Prep Soccer for Schools)
School-Based	✗	✓
Integrated Academics	✗	✓
Fee-Free Model	✗ High costs	✓ Scholarships + School/Board Support
Talent Development	✓	✓ With academic and leadership training
Equity of Access	✗	✓
Coach Analytics Tools	✗	✓ Exclusive VEO Live-Streaming & Data Access
Post-Secondary Exposure	✓ (limited)	✓ Direct links to recruiters, showcases & VEO clips
Community Support	✗	✓ Parent councils, school boards, local sponsorship
Playing Environment	Varies by club	✓ Exclusive matches at 1440 Finch Turf Facility
Winter Development	✗	✓ Futsal programming keeps players sharp year-round