



September 30, 2018

Ottawa Carleton Soccer League
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Re: Status of Senior District League Operations

Ms. Sumner,

As you were informed last March 19th, in the October 2017 EODSA Board of Directors meeting, the Board passed a motion "To authorize the transition of the District Adult League into the operational control of the District Office." This directive is still the wish of the EODSA Board of Directors.

On behalf of the EODSA Board of Directors and in compliance with Ontario Soccer Operational Procedures 9.2.5 and 9.3.1 (below), this letter is to notify you and your League Management Board that the EODSA intends to bring the operation of the Senior District Competitive Soccer League in-house starting with the 2019 outdoor season. Therefore the Senior District Competitive Soccer League (Men C1-C5, Women C1-C5) will no longer be part of the OCSL Terms of League Operations (TOLO).

PROCEDURE 3.0 – LEAGUE FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS

2.5 Leagues in Ontario are structured as per the table below:

LEAGUE LEVEL	LEAGUE STATUS	LEAGUE CLASSIFICATION	LEAGUE PLAYING SEASON	LEAGUE GENDER	LEAGUE AGE DIVISIONS	LEAGUE GOVERNANCE
Senior District Competitive League	Amateur	Senior Outdoor Competitive	Outdoor	Male or Female	Open Age Under-21 Under-20 Under-19	Only 1 District Competitive League permitted to operate in each District
		Senior Indoor or Senior Futsal	Indoor			

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3.1 A league shall:

- Be required to obtain permission from its governing organization to operate on an annual basis and shall operate under the jurisdiction and supervision of its governing organization.



- b) Affiliate, as an Associate Member, with a governing organization and be subject to the Governing Documents of that organization and all higher governing organizations. Such delegation may be withdrawn at any time with proper notice and reason.

More specifically, the outdoor 2019 season, beginning with registration opening on or about 2 January 2019, will mark the return of Senior Competitive Soccer to District (EODSA) operational control.

The reasons for bringing the Operations of the Senior Competitive League in-house, within the the EODSA Operational framework include:

- The alignment of Senior Soccer in the District will return to a properly weighted pyramid with the return of the District Youth Competitive component to the EODSA also in 2019.
- The process will be more streamlined with a single league software solution, team registration, referee assignment, and the associated cost benefit that this will bring, not to mention the consolidation of other services related to the league management of both leagues. This should result in a reduction in fees to our registrants.
- Most importantly the EODSA would like to work towards keeping the community's youth engaged in soccer as they move through the District Youth programs. Having a clear pathway for these players into the District Senior competition will help retain players in the game. We will be better able to communicate with the youth teams to encourage a continuous movement through to the senior league.

With the goal of making this transition as easy as possible, we will schedule a meeting with all senior competitive clubs to explain and answer questions related to the transition. Your assistance and participation with this meeting and transitional process would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps a meeting between some of the EODSA Staff and Directors with your League Management Committee (LMC), as a whole or in part, would be welcome.

Also, we encourage a transfer of the historical documents of the league to us in order to insure a smooth transition and the stability of the historical record. Lastly, we welcome the addition of representative(s) of your Board on our LMC under it's new structure for 2019. We encourage your input in the creation of that committee as soon as you are able.

The EODSA Board thanks the Board, Staff and volunteers of the OCSL for their service to the game of soccer in the EODSA and look forward to continued cooperation as we build our sport within the District.



Respectfully,

Brian Mason

EODSA President

on behalf of the EODSA Board of Directors