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To: Brian Mason,
President of the EODSA

RE: ERSL Town Hall Questions of the EODSA

On January 30th, 2018 (8 months ago and after the EODSA AGM) the EODSA provided notification that they would like to take responsibility for District Competitive and Grassroots soccer in Eastern Ontario. To date neither the ERSL nor our members (many of whom are your members) have heard any details as to what they might expect after October 2018.

Per the direction of ERSL members and our Constitution the ERSL is applying to continue operating youth soccer in Eastern Ontario including Regional, District Competitive, Grassroots, and Recreational competitions. Our membership TOLOs for these have been included in our 2018-2019 membership application. The ERSL wishes to ensure that youth sanctioned soccer, at appropriate levels, remains available throughout Eastern Ontario. I would hope this membership application and TOLOs will be accepted while the questions posed below are discussed and determined with membership input and transparency.

Our recent ERSL town hall on August 12th 2018 at the RA Centre had a number of questions raised by members as to what is happening. The minutes are attached for your reference. Bob Monaghan of your board was present for confirmation of the discussion. I ask that you provide answers to the following questions posed by members and the ERSL.

- What will the rules be?
- What policies and procedures will be used for scheduling, re-scheduling?
- What policies and procedures will be used for promotion-relegation to and from regional play?
- How will it be organized?
- What is the deadline for applications?
- What will the costs be?
- Can out-of-district teams like ours from Deep River participate as in the past?
- What complaints were directed at the ERSL?
- What opportunity was given to the ERSL to address any complaints?
- What will be the organization of the Cup and/or Shield competitions throughout Eastern Ontario?
- Where will clubs, teams, players and parents find out league information?

I will remind the EODSA that the Copyrighted rules, policies, processes and procedures of the ERSL have evolved over the past 16 years through an open process of presentation and discussion. This evolution of rules happens at LMB meetings, through member submissions and at AGMs. The full membership is apprised and able to contribute appropriately along the way. This process is organic and is always adjusting to meet the changing needs of members.



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I encourage the EODSA to put the youth players of our District at the top of their thoughts. The ERSL asks the EODSA to do what will provide a well-executed process of adaptation to the future needs of soccer in Eastern Ontario. We believe this is to work with the current league structures in transparent and wholesome discussion with leagues and clubs on the issues affecting us all.

Yours in soccer.

Robert Wm Hindle

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Chair
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