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- BY EMAIL -

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RE: Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association (the 'appellant') Application for leave to appeal a decision of Ontario Soccer (the 'respondent') dated December 21, 2018 Regarding the East Region Soccer League District Leagues

The appellant is seeking leave to appeal from the December 21, 2018 decision of the respondent to deny the appellant from taking jurisdictional control over the Eastern Ontario District Competitive league from the East Region Soccer League (ERSL).

Grounds for Appeal

The appellant is seeking leave to appeal the decision on the grounds that the respondent "did not have authority or jurisdiction as set out in governing documents and failing to follow procedures as laid out in the approved policies of the association."

Remedy

The appellant seeks the following:

- a) that the respondent's decision be overturned; and
- b) that the respondent be permitted to operate its District Competitive League for the outdoor 2019 season.

Discussion and Decision

As per the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code, the Appeal Committee may only review an application for leave to appeal if the decision being appealed is "...rendered on completion of the Provincial/Territorial discipline and appeal process...." (Section XIV 3, page 11).

The decision being appealed was rendered by Ontario Soccer, rather than by their Discipline and Appeals Committee. Nor is there any mention in the decision that the appellant was free to appeal the decision to Canada Soccer.

Accordingly, leave to appeal is denied. The appeal fee of \$1,500.00 to be reimbursed in full to the appellant under separate cover.

Respectfully,

Norm Odinga
Acting as the single judge for the Canada Soccer Appeals Committee

cc: Ontario Soccer