

Special Dispensation Request ERSL/EODSA/SOSA November 2022 Reason/Rationale

Member Clubs of the ERSL formed a working group in spring 2022 to decide the best path forward for the ERSL. The work of that committee is complete, and the Clubs have requested this action in order to streamline operations of the leagues in the EODSA, and to unburden the few volunteers who run the ERSL currently. SOSA has no objection the request if SOSA is included in the LMC of the Regional league.

The following league structure is being put forward:

The ERSL Bylaws will be replaced with the Regional League Management Committee's TOR which reads that the RLMC reports to Ontario Soccer. The TOR is attached below as appendix A.

The current ERSL documents will remain in effect and are listed below. Changes to the documents will be made according to the RLMC TOR.

- League Rules and Regulations
- Promotion and Relegation Policy
- Game Scheduling Guidelines
- Game Rescheduling Policy
- Kick off Time Policy

The following operational guides will remain in effect and are listed below. Changes to these documents will be made according to the changing needs of the regional league, based on software upgrades and process changes for efficiency, and according to any changes in Ontario Soccer Operating Procedures documents.

- Team Official Handbook
- Match Official Handbook

The Discipline process will remain in effect for the beginning of the league and will change at Ontario Soccer's direction.

Team fees will be set by the EODSA as it is the operational District. Every effort will be made to keep team fee increases in line with the cost of living (operational expenses).

Fines will remain as currently posted by the ERSL. Changes will be made at Ontario Soccer's direction.

The EODSA will continue to use the same league management system as the ERSL currently uses; E2E Soccer. The administration of the league will also remain the same, bringing the Regional and District leagues into the same software system and website.

Appendix A

Terms of Reference

Regional League Management Committee, Youth

Joint EODSA/ERSL Operations Committee

Mandate

The Regional League Management Committee, Youth (RLMC) is responsible for ensuring that league play is being successfully delivered.

Objectives

- Ensure that the structure and governing documents of the league are in place
- Ensure that league operations timelines are in place and adhered to
- Review and finalize updates to the league rules annually
- Consider any disputes or complaints about league decisions which are elevated from members. Such complaints and disputes will not be game related as these will be heard through regular Discipline.
- Ensure that current game formats, rules, and regulations are consistent with the most up to date practices from Canada Soccer and Ontario Soccer

Composition

The RLMC will be composed of the two Directors of the EODSA or their designate, plus one Director of SOSA, or their designate. The Executive Directors of both Districts are members ex-officio of this Operational Committee, and each may appoint a designate to represent them. Quorum will consist of the three committee members and at least one of the District Executive Directors or their designate. In order for a change to existing documents to be approved, all three committee members must agree. The three committee members are expected to consult with and represent their member Clubs.

Reporting Structure

The RLMC reports structurally to Ontario Soccer, however any operational decisions that the committee makes are final decisions. An expectation of the committee is that it provides a summary to the Executive Directors of current discussions and recommendations. The committee members will be copied on all Executive Director reports to the Board.

Appointment Duration

All members of the committee will remain on the committee by virtue of their role.

Meetings

The Committee will meet at least four times annually and conduct correspondence and teleconferences when required. In the first week of December each year, the RLMC will hold a Town Hall with all affected Clubs to discuss changes to the League Rules and Regulations. Any changes to the League Rules and Regulations will approval of the RLMC at a meeting following the Town Hall.

Review & Approval

The Boards of the EODSA and SOSA will review the committee's Terms of Reference and performance annually. The DLMC will, as part of the annual review of each employee, or at season end for a contractor, provide input on specific performance areas, through the Executive Director. Daily management of staff and contractors will be the responsibility of the Executive Director of the EODSA.