

Request for Decision (R.F.D.)

December 2011

R.F.D. # 2011-018
Revision Date: 26/10/2011
Subject Title: Memorandum of Understanding for Professional or Semi-Professional Leagues
Submitted by (name of person authoring RFD form) Bruce Henderson, Director of Organizational Development on 26/10/2011
Organization Submitting RFD: OSA Semi-Pro League Steering Group
Programme Area: League Management
Secondary Programme Area(s) Professional Soccer
Present Situation:

The OSA's League Policies 20.1 and 20.2 read as follows:

20.1 A Division III Professional League, as defined by the Canadian Soccer Association, shall operate under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding executed between the League and The OSA.

20.2 Any items not covered by the Memorandum of Understanding or by this Policy, shall be judged in accordance with OSA Published Rules.

Each Ontario League must also sign a *Terms Of League Operations* agreement to abide with the specific Terms Of League Operations approved for that league for the upcoming season. The *Terms of League Operations* document and the *Memorandum of Understanding* document both serve the same purpose and consequently, there is a duplication of process and documentation.

As all leagues governed by the OSA are required to annually sign a *Terms Of League Operations* agreement for the upcoming season and because any clauses that would be included in the *Memorandum of Understanding* document could also be included in the *Terms Of League Operations* agreement, the *Memorandum of Understanding* document is therefore, redundant.

Specific Decision Requested:

To approve the following amendments to the OSA's League Policies 20.1 and 20.2 as follows:

20.1 A Division III Professional League, as defined by the Canadian Soccer Association, shall operate under the terms of a ~~Memorandum of Understanding~~ Terms of League Operations executed between the League and The OSA.

20.2 Any items not covered by the ~~Memorandum of Understanding~~ Terms of League Operations or by this Policy, shall be judged in accordance with OSA Published Rules.

In accordance with **Policy 5.7** of the "Development And Approval Of Policies And Procedures", the Board is being requested to approve this RFD at one Board meeting (ie., the Concept approval and also the Final approval).

As the policies contained in this RFD are time sensitive policies, these policies shall go into effect on January 10, 2012.

Budget Requirements (Change if any): This \$0.00
year:
Availability of Funds if not included in this Not applicable.
year's budget:

Advantages: **1. Eliminates the duplication of two processes and two documents.**
2. Provides consistent application of rules and processes to all leagues governed by OSA (both amateur and professional).

Possible

Objections: _____
Alternatives: _____
Attachments: **None** _____

Decision **Approved** Date **11 - December - 2011**