



Eastern Ontario Soccer Appeal Process for Denied Player Transfer Requests

SCOPE

This procedure applies solely to in-season registrations. For this procedure to be relevant, a player must be duly registered with a Club. Players do not require transfers between seasons.

PURPOSE

To establish a clear and consistent process for players to appeal a club's decision to deny a transfer request during the playing season.

PROCEDURE

Determining if a Player is Properly Registered

The following must be true for a player to be considered registered to a Club:

1. The player or their guardian has signed the [Ontario Soccer Approved Registration Form](#) (hard copy or digital)
2. The registration has been entered into Ontario Soccer's Registration System prior to the Request to Transfer Form being submitted

A Club may not automatically re-register a player at the start of a new playing season without having first had the player sign a new Ontario Soccer Approved Registration Form.

Player Transfer Process

1. The player is required to complete the [Player Transfer/Deregistration Form](#).
2. The completed form must be submitted by the player to their current Club.
3. The Club has seven (7) days to decide whether or not to sign the transfer form, thereby indicating acceptance of the transfer

4. The player will then submit the signed form to their new Club.
5. The new Club is responsible for forwarding the transfer form to EOS for official processing.

Denial of Transfer Request by a Club

Ontario Soccer’s Operating Procedures, [Section 2, Procedure 5.2.3](#), stipulates that outstanding unpaid fees constitute a legitimate basis for a Club to deem a registered player Not In Good Standing. The Club must have followed its own Governing Documents related to finding a player Not In Good Standing.

Should a player be determined to be Not in Good Standing with their registered Club, the Club may decline to approve and sign a Player Transfer Form for the player.

Player Appeal of Transfer Denial

If, following a period of seven (7) days, a Club has not signed a properly submitted Player Transfer Form, a player may petition for leave to appeal the Club’s decision to deny the transfer.

Appeal Process

The player shall adhere to [Ontario Soccer’s Appeal Process](#) and submit their application for leave to appeal to Eastern Ontario Soccer.

The District’s Appeal Disposition Manager will schedule a hearing within twenty-five (25) days from the original Player Transfer Form request date. (See Ontario Soccer OPs, Section 13, Procedure 13.1.)

Club/Player Agreements

Club/Player agreements do not override the requirement for Clubs to properly register their players for each new season.

To have Club/Player agreements considered during an appeal, a Club must ensure the agreement has received prior approval from EOS or has presented a legal opinion verifying its enforceability.

Any modifications to a Club/Player agreement that are not documented in a newly signed agreement shall render the original agreement null and void.

APPROVALS AND REVIEW

VERSION	AUTHOR	DATE	REASON FOR CHANGE
V1	Vicki Lowe	Nov 3, 2025	Create Procedure, reviewed by OS
V2	Vicki Lowe	☐ Date	Add note about out-of season

