



# Eastern Ontario District Soccer Association

## Minutes of the Special General Meeting

Virtual Meeting, 7 p.m. , Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

With full and proper notice given, the SGM with respect to 2 Amendments to the EODSA Rules and Regulations began at 19:00 hours.

### Roll-Call

The President opened the meeting and the Executive Director conducted a general roll call, confirming a quorum had been established.

### Introductions

#### EODSA Board:

Ralph Ehlebracht – President  
Valerie Hughes – Vice President  
Keith Penny – Treasurer  
Dan Popescu – Director at Large  
Craig Stead – Director at Large  
Harold Visser – Director at Large  
Alison Wark – Director at Large

#### EODSA Staff:

Vicki Lowe – Executive Director  
Joe Scheier – Operations Manager  
David Smith - District Referee Coordinator

#### Guests

**Jason Robinson – Sports Law & Strategy Group – Vote Facilitator and Scrutineer**

### Information

#### Opening Remarks

Thanks for attending this virtual SGM. This SGM has been called for the 2 motions put forward but it also serves as a dry run for AGM voting as well. This allows everyone to get comfortable with the process.

The meeting has been called for the 2 motions presented and they are the only items for discussion. The motions were put forward from the membership committee and were then sent to the governance committee and then sent to the EODSA Board for review and brought forward by the EODSA Board to this SGM for approval to add to them to the EODSA Rules and Regulations.

The Rules and Motions were posted on the screen for everyone to read.

## SGM Discussion Topic Amendment #1

Identifier	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
<b>SGM-2020-01</b>	EODSA Board	Ottawa TFC	<b>Motion Passed</b>
<p>Be it Resolved that Rule 4 Transfer of Players and Coaches #3 be added to the current Rules &amp; Regulations of the EODSA, as presented to the voting members at this meeting, and be effective immediately.</p> <p><b>Proposed Amendment #1 to the Rules and Regulations:</b>  <b>RULE 4 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS AND COACHES</b>            Add: 3. A development or competitive coach of a youth team, who was registered in the past 12 months with one Club may not be assigned coaching responsibilities for the same age group, or the next older age group, at another Club, where 50% + 1 of the prior season’s players of the team, move with the Coach, without written consent of the departing Club.</p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b>            NCISL – I attended town hall when it was discussed and had concerns that there could be potential litigation. I recommended at the town hall if EODSA got advice from legal council.            EODSA – The advice from lawyer was that we can limit if it’s a specific age group so they can still get a job somewhere else.             NCISL – Is there a specific date or time frame regarding when this can happen?            EODSA – When a complaint is made it will be reviewed on a case by case basis for decision.             OSU – The reason why this was put forward by the committee was to stop situations where a coach leaves a Club and they bring their whole team with them. This is a rule in at least 1 other district.             OTFC – The idea is to stop coaches from just leaving a Club and taking players with them. The idea is to have the best interest of the players in mind playing in a Club environment and not just moving around.             EODSA – We don’t want to have to enforce the rule but it is a framework to guide Clubs and coaches.</p>			

## SGM Discussion Topic Amendment #2

Identifier	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
<b>SGM-2020-02</b>	EODSA Board	Rockland United SC	<b>Friendly Amendment</b>
<p>Be it Resolved that Rule 4 Transfer of Players and Coaches #4 be added to the current Rules &amp; Regulations of the EODSA, as presented to the voting members at this meeting, and be effective immediately.</p> <p><b>Proposed Amendment #2 to the Rules and Regulations:</b>  <b>RULE 4 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS AND COACHES</b>            Add: 4. A Youth Team or Club Official or a person acting on behalf of a Club may not solicit a youth player or a coach of a youth team, of another Club. Solicitation includes but is not limited to recruiting,</p>			

tampering, contacting a player or parent/guardian to discuss changing clubs or transferring, and speaking disparagingly of another Club, person, or program in an attempt to persuade a player or coach to come to a Club or to enhance the reputation of a Club by comparison.

**Discussion Points:**

Ottawa Futsal Club: Our concern is we start our registration process in July for the new season and concerned about the words regarding recruiting. We advertise for new members will that affect us?  
 EODSA – If you recruit through advertising or talking to Clubs about players above

OSU – Is it different recruiting players to a league?

OFC – We have teams and players we want to make sure the interpretation is managed properly.

OTFC – There is no word registered in the rule, in discipline it uses the work registered. I want to clarify that this is now open to players no registered.

EODSA – It was not intentional; it would be reviewed on a case by case basis. We have no issue if there is an amendment.

EODSA - The idea of defining a timeline is difficult with overlapping registrations and season. The idea is a player should be playing with a Club as long as they choose and can always move Clubs between season when they choose. Organic movement is fine between Clubs. The idea is to stop Clubs from trying to go out and recruit players and parents directly from other teams and Clubs to bring them to their Club.

OTFC – How do we hold Clubs accountable through Discipline rules? Does the word registration need to be added.

OSU – Do we want an open Period to allow players to try out with other Clubs?

EODSA – Players can always go to try out. What we are saying is we just don’t want Clubs reaching out to recruit players specifically. Too difficult to set up a time frame.

OTFC – Can we add wording to define registered or committed to a Club at the beginning to help bridge the gap in language around registered or not registered?

OSU – Should we remove the word committed?

OTFC - Add the word connected instead of committed? It encompasses the situation better.

OSU - How do we address the registration process for tryouts if a Player gets double registered?

EODSA – We can review and address wording in committees if we need to further outline

OTFC – The word solicitation means there is no volunteering of the player to go try out but it means the Club is trying to get the player to join their Club.

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<b>SGM-2020-03</b>	EODSA Board	Ottawa TFC	<b>Motion Passed</b>

Friendly amendment: Add the words “***Whether registered or connected to a Club,***” to the beginning of the Proposed Amendment #2 Rule 4 Transfer of Players and Coaches #4.

New wording would be:

**Whether registered or connected to a Club, a Youth Team or Club Official or a person acting on behalf of a Club may not solicit a youth player or a coach of a youth team, of another Club. Solicitation includes but is not limited to recruiting, tampering, contacting a player or parent/guardian to discuss changing clubs or transferring, and speaking disparagingly of another Club, person, or program in an attempt to persuade a player or coach to come to a Club or to enhance the reputation of a Club by comparison.**

Identifier	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
<b>SGM-2020-04</b>	EODSA Board	Kemptville SC	<b>Motion Passed</b>

**Proposed Amendment #2 with amendment to the Rules and Regulations:  
RULE 4 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS AND COACHES**

Add: 4. **Whether registered or connected to a Club, a Youth Team or Club Official or a person acting on behalf of a Club may not solicit a youth player or a coach of a youth team, of another Club. Solicitation includes but is not limited to recruiting, tampering, contacting a player or parent/guardian to discuss changing clubs or transferring, and speaking disparagingly of another Club, person, or program in an attempt to persuade a player or coach to come to a Club or to enhance the reputation of a Club by comparison.**

Ottawa Futsal Club – How can we get players to play futsal in August if they are playing soccer in the summer with another Club.

EODSA – If there is no recruiting and it is just advertising it is not an issue.

OTFC – General advertising is fine, there is no issue.

EODSA – If you are reaching out to your mailing list of previous players and general advertising is not and issue. As situations come up we can add additional wording around to help clarify down the road if needed.

**Closing Remarks**

We will be hosting more Town Hall meetings with the boroughs before our AGM.  
Thanks for coming to the SGM.

**Adjournment**

Identifier	Mover	Seconder	Outcome
<b>SGM-2020-05</b>	NCISL	Russell SC	<b>Passed</b>
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.			