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To: Ontario Soccer, District Membership and Associate Members

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

From: Johnny Misley, Chief Executive Officer

Subject: New Ontario Soccer Policy - Drones

Please be advised that the Board of Directors recently approved an update to the Ontario Soccer Policies document pertaining to the use of drones.

"Section 26.0 Drone Policy" has been added as follows:

Drone – An unmanned mechanical aircraft that can navigate autonomously, with or without human control. Ontario Soccer recognizes the use of drones for recreation and for practical uses including the recording of practices, games and competition. Ontario Soccer prohibits the use of drones at all practices, games, competitions and other Ontario Soccer sanctioned events. Ontario Soccer has developed this policy to pre-emptively limit the use of drones until broader safety regulations regarding drones have been more widely adopted.

Please also be advised that from our research in developing this policy, many municipalities have their own polices that prohibit the use of drones within sport and recreation facilities.

The full policy document has been updated and can be located in the <u>Governing Documents</u> section of the Ontario Soccer website.

Ontario Soccer will continue to work towards keeping the Governing Documents of the Organization updated and easily accessible to assist our membership in the administration of the game across the province.

For more information or questions, please contact Patty Forbes, Director, Administration, at: pforbes@ontariosoccer.net.

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