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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Associations  
**FROM:** Jordan Lynch-Roach, Manager Member Services  
**CC:** Nicky Pearson  
**DATE:** March 26, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Jurisdiction of Appeals

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Dear District Administrators,

This memo serves to clarify the jurisdiction of appeals within Ontario Soccer to ensure consistency and adherence to established procedures.

### **Jurisdiction Overview:**

Appeals must be submitted and processed in accordance with Ontario Soccer's governing framework. The appropriate jurisdiction for appeals is determined by the level of the original decision-making body, as outlined in the attached reference table (Section 13 Appeals Procedure 3.0 - Jurisdiction of Appeals).

Key points from the table:


1. **Club-Level Decisions:** Appeals of decisions made by a Club must be submitted to the District Association governing that Club.
2. **District-Level Decisions:** Appeals of decisions made by a District Association must be submitted to Ontario Soccer.
3. **Ontario Soccer Decisions:** Appeals of decisions made by Ontario Soccer may be submitted to Canada Soccer, if applicable.
4. **Regional Leagues and Program Decisions:** Appeals for various leagues and programs are directed to either Ontario Soccer Appeals Committees or the respective governing bodies as indicated in the reference table.
5. **District Competitive and Recreational Leagues:** It is important to note that for District Competitive Leagues and District Recreational Leagues governed by a District Association, the **first level of appeal** is handled by the District Association itself. If further



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escalation is required, the **second level of appeal** is processed by the Ontario Soccer Appeals Committee, and if necessary, subsequent appeals may be taken to Canada Soccer. This ensures that appeals are addressed at the appropriate level while maintaining consistency in governance.

It is important to note that appeals must meet the criteria outlined in Ontario Soccer's Appeals Policy, including procedural timelines and grounds for appeal. Only decisions that violate Ontario Soccer's rules, policies, or principles of natural justice may be considered.

#### **Next Steps:**

District Administrators are requested to ensure all member organizations are informed of these jurisdictional guidelines. Case managers are asked to ensure that the correct discipline committee is listed on the Notice of Discipline Hearing. For example, as per point 5 above, if it is a District Competitive or Recreational league governed by the District Association, the Discipline Committee should be listed as the **LEAGUE** discipline committee and **NOT** the District Association's Discipline and Appeals Committee.

Any questions regarding appeal jurisdiction should be directed to the Ontario Soccer Member Services department for clarification. Any appeals that are wrongfully submitted to Ontario Soccer will be sent back to the District Association to manage.

Thank you for your cooperation in upholding Ontario Soccer's policies and procedures.

Best Regards,

*Jordan Lynch-Roach*

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