



## An Open Letter to Our Members Regarding OPDL

February 1, 2017

As you are aware, the Glen Shields Futbol Club lost their OPDL franchise in November 2016 along with Kleinburg-Nobleton SC, Nepean SC and Woodbridge SC. The GFC Board of Directors submitted a letter for reconsideration to the OSA immediately after our OPDL license was revoked; that request was promptly denied.

The other 3 clubs chose to retain legal counsel and submit formal appeals to the OSA. Glen Shields Futbol Club did not join that process as it was our belief that the appeal would result in yet another denial or a lengthy delay. As a result, we chose to focus our efforts on strategizing and planning an improved vision and direction for the Club moving forward.

It is our belief that should our OPDL license have been reinstated on formal appeal, we would not have had adequate time to field competitive OPDL squads in the required age groups and satisfy the rigorous requirements and protocols for league licensing. In reality, we would likely have lost the license again in Fall 2017.

Instead, it is our intention to reapply for OPDL league entry for 2018/19. The RFP process begins right now. This small delay will allow us the necessary time needed to properly put the protocols in place that are demanded, ensuring that we meet or exceed all standards for the province's high performance youth soccer league moving forward. We fully anticipate reinstatement of our OPDL License upon reapplication for 2018/19.

Though this is not a perfect solution for Members that were part of our OPDL squads for past seasons, it is one which our Board of Directors stand behind moving forward. We hope you stand with us.

Sincerely,

**The Board of Directors**  
GLEN SHIELDS FC