

SPORT DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE OF CANADA (SDRCC)

SDRCC 13-0194

CANADIAN SOCCER LEAGUE (CSL)

(CLAIMANT)

AND

CANADIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION (CSA)

(RESPONDENT)

BEFORE

HUGH L. FRASER

ARBITRATOR

CLARIFICATION OF AWARD

REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CLAIMANT:

ROCCO RUSO

NICK PORCO

REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE RESPONDENT:

PASQUALE SANTINI

SEAN BAWDEN

## INTRODUCTION

1. On April 21, 2013, the Panel rendered its decision by concluding that the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) had the legal authority to withdraw the sanction previously granted to the Canadian Soccer League (CSL).
2. The final two paragraphs of that decision read as follows:

*Fairness and natural justice dictate that the CSL be given a reasonable opportunity to seek acceptance into membership with the OSA in order to meet any criteria established by the OSA to operate under their umbrella. I find that a period of one year would provide such reasonable opportunity.*

*I direct therefore that the Canadian Soccer Association decision to no longer sanction the Canadian Soccer League be made effective **February 13, 2014**, rather than February 13, 2013.*

3. The CSL has requested that the Panel confirm that the meaning of the above two paragraphs is that the CSA will continue to sanction the CSL as a league until February 13, 2014.
4. Although the Panel is of the view that its award is clear and unequivocal, I am prepared to provide the following clarification in order to avoid any possible misinterpretation.

5. I wish to reiterate that after considering the expressed desire of the CSL to operate as a sanctioned League in 2013, and after considering the evidence received during the hearing that the transfer of sanction from the CSA to another body such as the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) could take several months, I determined that the CSA would continue to sanction the CSL until February 13, 2014.
6. Therefore the CSA decision to de-sanction the CSL will not come into effect until February 13, 2014. In other words, the CSL will remain sanctioned by the CSA until 11:59 p.m. on February 12, 2014.

Dated at Ottawa, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hugh L. Fraser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hugh L. Fraser

Arbitrator