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**BY CERTIFIED MAIL**

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**Re: Notice of Appeal**

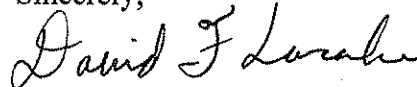
This letter acknowledges USSF's receipt of Emerald City Football Club's ("Emerald City") notice of appeal contesting a decision made by Washington Youth Soccer ("WYS") on January 15, 2010.

Under USSF Bylaw 705, Section 1, the Appeals Committee only has jurisdiction over final decisions of the Organization Member with consequences extending beyond the competition. The term "consequences," as used in the Bylaw, refers generally to some sort of denial of an individual's the right to participate, play, or otherwise engage in activities sponsored by USSF or USSF and the Organization Member.

The decision you wish to appeal does not appear to be one over which the Appeals Committee has jurisdiction. It does not appear that Emerald City or any individuals affiliated with Emerald City have been suspended from participation in WYS. The decision of WYS only indicates that the Seattle Youth Soccer Association ("SYSA") had the authority to phase out Emerald City from membership in SYSA. On the face of the decision, it appears that all individuals affiliated with Emerald City can participate fully within WYS except that Emerald City will be phased out of its membership in SYSA. Thus, there are no "consequences" that confer jurisdiction on this Committee. Should circumstances change or should you be able to show that the WYS decision really is a suspension, this Committee will reconsider its decision.

I enclose your appeals fee check.

Sincerely,

*by D.F.L.*  


David F. Laraba  
Chairperson, USSF Appeals Committee

Enclosure

cc: Gregory A. Fike, Liaison to USSF Appeals Committee  
Doug Andreassen, WYS