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## Information Bulletin

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**To:** District Administrators, Presidents, Technical Directors  
**CC:** OSA Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Bobby Lennox, Manager of Coaching Development  
**Subject:** 2017 Female Mentorship Program

The Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) is committed to supporting and developing female coaches in Ontario. The first three years of the Female Mentorship Program were a resounding success and the OSA is keeping the momentum going in year four.

The Female Mentorship Program is designed to train female coaches, who in turn will act as educators and mentors to other female coaches who wish to further develop and progress their coaching careers. The mentorship program is part of a holistic support system approach to enable promising coaches across the Province to reach their full coaching potential in the sport. The OSA is aiming to increase the number of active elite female coaches and to create an improved female coaching culture.

Annually the OSA seeks application for eight mentee Coaches. The mentee coaches must be working towards the Provincial B and national B coaching licenses.

The eight coaches will be selected based on their experience, potential and the recommendations supporting their application. The selected applications will be developed in the OSA mentoring program under the guidance of the Female Mentor Coach. Successful candidates will be required to commit to a 9-month program on a volunteer basis.

These coaches will eventually be able to step into a coaching leadership role as they attain their Provincial B or National B license.



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#### **Mentee Coach Commitments include**

1. Session and Game Observation (pre and post discussions with Head Mentor Coach) Observation. Will occur at OPDL games and/or Pre-B and Provincial B course
2. Plan and Deliver Mock Pre-B and/or Provincial B Sessions. Topics to be assigned by Head Mentor Coach and delivery to occur at mentee coach's home club
3. Attend Female Coaching Workshops.

The proposed dates for the Female Coaching Workshops are as follows:

1. Early February 2017
2. March 2017 (The OSA Soccer Summit)
3. April 2017
4. September 2017

Female coaches who apply for the mentorship program but are not successful will be invited to attend the OSA's Female Coaching Workshops that will occur throughout 2017.

If you are interested solely attending the OSA's Female Coaching Workshops, please [click here](#).

If you are interested in applying for the OSA Female Mentorship program, please [click here](#).

For any further inquiries, please contact [The OSA's Coaching Department](#).

The Female Coach Mentorship Program is one more component of the OSA's commitment to Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) under the guidance of the Canadian Soccer Association.