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Long Term Officials Development Education

Frequently Asked Questions

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Education

Will Ontario Soccer be offering the required classroom education sessions (with Regional Instructors), or will the District Associations be expected to offer this education?

Components of the Long Term Officials Development education will be online, and the balance will be delivered at the Club and District level by CSA accredited instructors.

All material that is delivered at the Club and District level will be Ontario Soccer approved. Instructors will be assigned by Ontario Soccer for the mandatory Long Term Officials Development education sessions. The instructor will be paid by Ontario Soccer for delivery of these sessions.

If a District Association wishes to hold additional education sessions, they will be able to download the lesson plan and material from the "Ontario Soccer Virtual Library" that is being created as part of the Long Term Officials Development online learning management system. Delivery must be by a CSA Accredited Instructor selected from an instructors list that is provided to the Clubs and Districts by Ontario Soccer.

How do we make the 'in class' education more attractive and engaging?

We consistently hear from officials that education sessions are often not exciting and engaging.

We need to utilize technology and work with a pre-selected list of instructors who have been identified to present and engage participants, based on their enthusiasm, energy and knowledge.

Ontario Soccer Virtual Library will contain lesson plans, videos and practical training session plans.

We are open to hearing any suggestions on how you feel the in-class sessions at the District and Club level could become more engaging.

The education component of the 2 pathways: Will preferential education be given to the Talented Pathway, possibly to the detriment of the Soccer For Life Pathway?

This is definitely not the case – we are very early in the education matrix development process, and the Soccer For Life Pathway will be given the same opportunities and resources as the Talented Pathway.

The requirements for education and fitness will be higher on the Talented Pathway than on the Soccer For Life pathway. Match Officials will be equally supported at their chosen level, and education will be provided across the board.

Will there be fitness instructing?

The CSA is introducing a Provincial and Regional Fitness Test leader program that Ontario Soccer will be adopting, and introducing in June 2017. District Associations are moving towards fitness training for their District referees, and the success is evident in the fitness test results. Fitness training information and resources will also be available on the Ontario Soccer website and distributed to District Associations and Clubs.

How do Match Officials limit their game assignments?

All Match Officials will be educated on availability and prioritization of appointments. All officials and assignors will be provided with resources and education on what leagues, games, etc., they should be officiating on a regular basis.

The Talented Pathway Match Officials will face higher expectations on game assignments, and level of acceptable games. They are expected to have a higher understanding of the need for rest time between games.



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