



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, Associate Members

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

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Subject: Coach Certification Requirements Reminder

As Ontario Soccer's membership has transitioned programming from outdoors to indoors, we are providing a reminder regarding Coach Certification Requirements.

As previously communicated on January 31, 2022 via Information Bulletin <u>12022-010</u>, this is a reminder that all grassroots and competitive coaches must have completed the required training before being assigned to a team(s) for the Indoor Season. Please note that this does not currently apply to the Recreational level coach (i.e. internal house leagues).

The training, listed below, ensures that coaches possess a base-level of technical knowledge as well as the importance of creating and maintaining a positive, safe environment for all players. As per Ontario Soccer's Grassroots Standards and the Operational Procedures (Section 11-Procedure 3) coaches must have a minimum of the following to be assigned as a coach to any Indoor team:

- Minimum Respective Age Stage Certification
 - o Active Start/Fundamentals/Learn to Train/Soccer for Life
- Respect in Sport certification
- Making Head Way in Soccer
- Making Ethical Decisions Course & Evaluation
- NCCP Emergency Action Plan

We encourage Clubs & Districts to collaborate on the hosting of Grassroots Coach Education (GCE) Practical Sessions in order to meet their immediate needs. Ontario Soccer is also available to support in the regionalized delivery of GCE Practical Sessions. Prior to applying to host a practical through Ontario Soccer, all prospective hosts are asked to carefully review the 2022 GCE Hosting Guide, which can be found on OntarioSoccer.net. Any potential changes to the 2022 GCE Hosting Guide, will only take effect as of April 1, 2023 and will be communicated prior via Information Bulletin.

If you have any further questions or wish to host a practical, please contact <u>Lyndon Hooper</u>, Coordinator, Coach Development.





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