



# Niagara Falls Soccer Club Inc.

## OPDL Head Coach



The Niagara Falls Soccer Club is a distinguished not-for-profit organization which has proudly been serving the Niagara Community for over 60 years. We are committed to excellence in high-level competitive soccer, providing a platform for talented athletes to thrive. With a focus on skill development, sportsmanship, and giving back to the community, we stand at the forefront of Elite Youth Soccer programs.

### **Overview:**

NFSC – NIAGARA FC OPDL is seeking an exceptional and dedicated High-Level Competitive Soccer Coach to lead and elevate out elite teams. The chosen candidate will be instrumental in shaping the future of our players and driving success on and off the field. This role involves providing leadership, planning, fostering development and a culture of excellence for a **NIAGARA FC OPDL** team. In addition to these responsibilities, administrative duties will also be expected.

**Reporting to:** Director of High Performance/Technical Lead and Executive Director of OPDL

**Time Required:** Part time

**Location:** Niagara Falls Soccer Club, Welland Young's Sportsplex and various fields across Ontario within the OPDL loop.

### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Plan and deliver age appropriate Technical and Tactical Coaching program (3 training sessions per week, and 1 - 2 games per week during the season)
- Coach and travel with the team to all competitions.
- Establish a periodized session plan aligned with the Technical Direction of the Club and keeping with OPDL requirements.
- Provide direction and leadership for all staff Coaches and players.
- Be a positive and exemplary role model/representative for the players and the Club.
- Be responsible for the safety and well being of all players under your care.
- Be responsible for the behaviour of your bench staff, players, and parents at all events/games.
- Prepare player evaluations as requested by Ontario Soccer (2 per season)
- Conduct Individual Development Plan Player Meetings (3 per season)
- Utilize coaching resources and software (ACS) to plan and manage training sessions and game play.
- Keep Coaching courses up to date, if necessary, attend mandatory OPDL/Ontario Soccer/Canada Soccer webinars and all Club Coach meetings.
- Participate in all OPDL related events.
- Promote and support, and have a positive attitude towards the NFSC – NIAGARA FC Brand
- Have knowledge of, support, positive attitude towards, and promote Canada Soccer's Long-Term Player Development, commitment to holistic player development, Ontario Soccer and the OPDL program.



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## **Requirements:**

- Legally entitled to work in Canada
- A valid/up-to-date Respect in Soccer certification.
- Have completed the following; Understanding the Rule of Two, Canada Soccer Emergency Action Plan, Making Headway Concussion E-Learning, Making Ethical Decisions and Evaluation completed, Respect Group Keeping Girls in Sports.
- U13 – OPDL Head Coaches must hold a minimum qualification of the Canada Soccer Youth Licence (or already be enrolled in the course), or a National B Part 1 Licence and complete the OPDL Coach Development Program on an annual basis.
- U14, U15, and U17 OPDL Head Coach must hold a minimum qualification of the Canada Soccer Youth Licence (or already be enrolled in the course), or a National B Part II Licence, a USSF B License or a UEFA B Licence.
- Experience working with competitive/high performance players
- Valid driver's licence and accessibility to a vehicle.
- A clear Canadian Police Information Check (CPIC)
- Valid standard First Aid with CPR & AED – Level C (or in the process of obtaining)
- Will be responsible for all travel expenses to and from games and Tournaments.
- Shall be a non-parent Coach.
- Have your team engage in at least 2 Community events and volunteer with NFSC's House League program.

## **Skills and Competencies:**

- Exceptional Game Day behaviours
- Able to communicate effectively, professionally, and positively with Assistants and bench staff, Players, Match officials, Parents, and Venue Coordinators.
- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Able to build and maintain strong interpersonal relationships with all stakeholders and have great team management skills.
- Understand the developmental phases of individual youth players and optimal training and performance standards.
- Good administrative and computer skills with the ability to produce session plans.

**Salary:** TBD

The Niagara Falls Soccer Club is an equal opportunity employer, and we encourage candidates from all backgrounds to apply! Join us in shaping the future of Elite Youth Soccer and fostering a culture of excellence!!

Interested candidates should submit their application online via the link below. Please have your NCCP# ready and be prepared to submit your most recent and up to date Coach certifications with dates and relevant experience as well as explain your coaching philosophy.

<https://nfsc.sportngin.com/register/form/795035456>