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2024-2025 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

SECTION 11 - COACHES

PROCEDURE 1.0 - LEARNING FACILITATORS FOR COACHING CLINICS

- 1.0** A person may not be registered as a Competitive Team Head Coach per season for more than two (2) outdoor teams at any one time.

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<https://www.ontariosoccer.net/coach>

PROCEDURE 2.0 – CLINIC FEES

- 2.1** Grassroots Coach Education course fees charged to host organizations shall be in accordance with Ontario Soccer's Grassroots Coach Education Hosting Guide
- 2.2** Ontario Soccer shall host all Advanced Coach Education Program courses, as appointed by Canada Soccer, and determine the fees to be charged to each participant

PROCEDURE 3.0 - COACH CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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- 3.1** Each Team Head Coach and each Assistant Coach must be registered by their Club in Ontario Soccer's registration system.
- 3.1.2** A person may not be registered as a Competitive Team Head Coach per season for more than two (2) outdoor teams at any one time.
- 3.2 Minimum Coach Certification Requirements**
- 3.2.1 Under-13 and Older Teams (including Senior Teams)**
- 3.2.1.1** Each Coach registered with a member Club and assigned by that Club as the Team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to a team playing in one of the following Leagues or cup competitions:
- i. Provincial, Regional and District Competitive League (Outdoor, Indoor or Futsal)
 - ii. Ontario Cup Competition - Outdoor, Indoor or Futsal

Is required to complete:

- i. Soccer for Life (and/or higher licensing)
 - ii. Respect in Sport certification;
 - iii. Making Head Way in Soccer
 - iv. Both Making Ethical Decisions & Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
 - v. NCCP Emergency Action Plan
 - vi. NCCP Rule of Two
- 3.2.1.2** The same requirement stated in Procedure 3.2.1.1 applies to a Club Head Coach serving as a Team Official for a team in any of the above Leagues or cup competitions.
- 3.2.2 OPDL Teams**
- Each Coach registered with their organization and assigned by that organization as the Team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to an OPDL team is required to have certification in accordance with OPDL Operational Rules.



3.2.3 Under-9, 10, 11 or 12 Squads

3.2.3.1 Each Coach registered with her/his Club and assigned by that Club as the Team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to a Grassroots squad playing in one of the following Grassroots Leagues:

- Grassroots District Development League (Outdoor, Indoor or Futsal) is required to have completed:
 - i. Respect in Sport certification; and
 - ii. Making Head Way in Soccer
 - iii. Learning to Train Course
 - iv. Both Making Ethical Decisions & Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
 - v. NCCP Emergency Action Plan
 - vi. NCCP Rule of Two

3.2.3.2 The same requirement stated in Procedure 3.2.3.1 applies to a Club Head Coach serving as a Team Official for a team in any of the above youth Leagues.

3.2.4 Under 7-Under 9 squads are Fundamentals & Under 6 and younger is Active Start

3.2.4.1 Each Coach registered with her/his Club and assigned by that Club as the Team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to an Under-8 squad playing in an Under-8 District Festival (Outdoor, Indoor or Futsal) is required to have completed:

- i. Respect in Sport certification
- ii. Making Head Way in Soccer Course
- iii. Fundamentals Course
- iv. Making Ethical Decisions Course
- v. Both Making Ethical Decisions & Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
- vi. NCCP Emergency Action Plan
- vii. NCCP Rule of Two

3.2.4.2 The same requirement stated in Procedure 3.2.4.1 applies to a Club Head Coach serving as a Team Official for a team in any of the above youth festivals.

3.2.5 Under 5 and below Squads

3.2.5.1 Each Coach registered with her/his Club and assigned by that Club as the team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to a Grassroots squad playing in one of the following Grassroots Leagues:

Grassroots District Development League (Outdoor, Indoor or Futsal) is required to have completed:

- i. Respect in Sport Certification; and
- ii. Making Head Way in Soccer
- iii. Active Start Course; and
- iv. Both Making Ethical Decisions & Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
- v. NCCP Emergency Action Plan
- vi. NCCP Rule of Two

3.2.5.2 The same requirement stated in Procedure 3.2.5.1 applies to a Club Head Coach serving as a Team Official for a squad in any of the above youth Leagues.


3.3 All Youth teams regardless of the competition must have a minimum of one registered Team Official on the bench at all times. If a team does not have a registered Team Official on the bench prior to the game or at any time during the game, the game will be abandoned and result awarded to the opposition.



- 3.4** Each Club Team may have (a) Team Manager(s), Assistant Manager(s), Assistant Coach(es), Goalkeeper Coach(es), and Fitness Coach(es) as (a) Team Official(s).



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