

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff
From: Matt Ferreira, Director, Development
Subject: New Canada Soccer C Diploma & Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma Courses Announced

As communicated via [Information Bulletin I2024-06](#) earlier today, Ontario Soccer is excited to announce the first available courses for both the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma, a new pilot initiative, and the Canada Soccer C Diploma.

Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma

Overview: The Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma supports the coach in the grassroots and competitive environments.

Target Coach: The Grassroots Diploma is a requirement for U13 [OPDL](#) Assistant Coaches, [Ontario Cup](#) Head Coaches and [IModel Pilot Project](#) Head Coaches but is open to all coaches looking to advance their careers and understanding of the game. Please refer to each league's rules & regulations for up-to-date information on Coach Licensing Requirements.

Course Duration: 35 hours

Learning Environment:

- Two (2) days, In-person (On-field)
- Independent Online Learning (asynchronous)
- Collaborative Online Learning (synchronous)
- Assessment of Understanding

Pre-requisite:

- **Learn to Train or Soccer for Life (Trained)**
- [NCCP Make Ethical Decision \(MED\) Workshop + Online Evaluation](#)
- [Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders \(Soccer\)](#)
- [NCCP Making Head Way in Sport \(Soccer\)](#)
- [NCCP Emergency Action Plan](#)
- [NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two](#)

Course Fee: \$800

Licence Validity:

Upon successful completion of the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma the coach will receive a coaching licence valid for five (5) years. The licence may be maintained by following the Ontario Soccer Maintenance and Renewal Process.

Structure of the Grassroots Diploma

Intensive Delivery: the course will consist of four (4) in-person days which include classroom & on-field components.

Blended Delivery: the course will consist of eight (8) online sessions and two (2) on-field practical sessions.

Dates & Location – Course #1 – Intensive Delivery

Entirely in-person with a mix of classroom and on-field components on each day:

- Monday, February 5, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The course will be held at the newly [named Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre](#) (formerly the Ontario Soccer Centre) at 7601 Martin Grove Rd, Vaughan, ON.

Dates & Location – Course #2 – Blended Delivery

Theory Component – online sessions – from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on:

- Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Tuesday, February 20, 2024
- Tuesday, February 27, 2024
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024
- Tuesday, March 19, 2024
- Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- Tuesday, April 8, 2024

On-field Practical Component at the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre (7601 Martin Gove Road, Vaughan, ON):

- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday, April 15, 2024 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dates & Location – Course #3 – Blended Delivery

Theory Component – online sessions – from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on:

- Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Wednesday, February 21, 2024
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Wednesday, March 20, 2024
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024
- Wednesday, April 9, 2024

On-field Practical Component at Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre (7601 Martin Gove Road, Vaughan, ON):

- Thursday, March 28, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dates & Location – Course #4 – Blended Delivery

Theory Component – online sessions – from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on:

- Tuesday, February 13, 2024

- Thursday, February 22, 2024
- Thursday, February 29, 2024
- Thursday, March 7, 2024
- Thursday, March 14, 2024
- Thursday, March 21, 2024
- Thursday, April 4, 2024
- Thursday, April 10, 2024

On-field Practical Component at Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre (7601 Martin Gove Road, Vaughan, ON):

- Friday, March 29, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Application and Registration

Coaches are required to apply for the course via [Jotform](#), providing proof of their completion of the pre-requisites.

Canada Soccer C Diploma

Overview: The [C Diploma](#) develops the coach's capacity to meet the demands of coaching grassroots soccer and is the entry-course to the Advanced Coach Education Pathway.

Target Coach: The C Diploma is a requirement for OPDL and League1 Ontario Assistant Coaches but is open to all coaches looking to advance their careers and understanding of the game.

[Canada Soccer C Diploma Syllabus](#)

Course Duration: 75 hours

Learning Environment:

- 6 days, in-person (classroom & on-field)
- Independent Online Learning (asynchronous)
- Collaborative Online Learning (synchronous)
- Assessment of Competency

Pre-requisite:

- **Learn to Train or Soccer for Life (Trained) or Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma (Certified)**
- [NCCP Make Ethical Decision \(MED\) Workshop + Online Evaluation](#)
- [Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders \(Soccer\)](#)
- [NCCP Making Head Way in Sport \(Soccer\)](#)
- [NCCP Emergency Action Plan](#)
- [NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two](#)

Course Fee: \$1,650

Licence Validity:

Upon successful completion of the C Diploma the coach will receive a coaching licence valid for three (3) years. The licence may be maintained by following the Canada Soccer Maintenance and Renewal Process.

Dates & Location – Course #1 – Blended Delivery

Collaborative Online Learning:

- Tuesday, April 30, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 28, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.


In-person Classroom and Field (Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre):

- Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 13, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 14, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 10, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 12, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Application window is open until March 31st, 2024. Coaches must provide proof of pre-requisites. Successful candidates will be notified the first week of April and will need to confirm their placement through payment by April 7, 2024.

To submit an application to be approved to register for the Canada Soccer C Diploma please use the following [Jotform](#).

If you have any further questions about the process, please contact [Ontario Soccer's Coach Development Department](#).

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