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Ontario Soccer Summit 2024

After staging a triumphant return in 2023, the Ontario Soccer Summit 2024 promises to be the best Summit, yet. Running over the last weekend in February (23-25) and co-hosted by The York Region Soccer Association, delegates will trade their snow boots for soccer boots in this National gathering of brilliant soccer minds.

With world-class speakers, a venue that checks all of the boxes, and a schedule full of development, networking, education, and social opportunities, the 2024 Ontario Soccer Summit is sure to impress.

Information below will get you started on your personal Summit journey. This 'must-attend' event of the year is set to sell out once again – so don't be disappointed - get your group codes now!

Venue:

Set right in the heart of the Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area, **York University** will be our 2024 venue location. With classrooms in abundance, plenty of space to spread out, a modern soccer dome, and much more, Ontario Soccer is thrilled to work with such an excellent venue.

Keynote Speakers:

Ontario Soccer continues to strive to be current and forward-thinking with speakers that are globally renowned, and 2024 will be no different.


Starting on the Friday night, delegates will enjoy a key-note presentation from University of Guelph, Lang Chair in Sport Management in the Gordon S. Lang School of Business and Economics **Dr. Ann Pegoraro**. Dr. Pegoraro is also the co-director of E-Alliance, the national research network for gender equity in Canadian sport. Summit delegates in 2023 were treated to a glimpse of Dr. Pegoraro's



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brilliance during her Future of Soccer panel contribution, and she certainly left the audience wanting more. This Keynote opportunity will give her the chance to expand on her panel contributions, and speak to the business of sport, particularly through a gender equity lens.

Saturday morning will welcome back another familiar face in **Nick Levett**. Last appearing in 2014 at the Ontario Soccer Coaching Conference, Nick is returning with fresh perspective and continued passion. Formerly with the English FA for 17 years and an architect of the Long Term Player Development introduction in the UK, Nick is now working as a consultant in the space of player development, particularly in grassroots. He is a strong believer in supporting people to become adaptable, thoughtful and curious individuals, whether they are in the sports field or business world. He enjoys asking the challenging questions, helping people see new things and make creative connections to allow them to thrive in a healthier and happier way.

Sunday morning's keynote will be the University of Ottawa's **Dr. Tracy Vaillancourt**. Dr. Vaillancourt is the Canada Research Chair in School-Based Mental Health and Violence Prevention. She is a full professor at the University of Ottawa in the Faculty of Education, cross-appointed as a full professor in Counselling Psychology and the School of Psychology, and a Senior Fellow at the Centre for International Governance (CIGI), as well as an Ontario Soccer Provincial Xcel Team Coach. Her presentation on Mental Health will shine a light on this very important subject, and will prove a great extension to her inspiring contribution as panelist during the 2023 Ontario Soccer Summit.

Tickets:

Mark your calendars! Group codes go on sale **Wednesday, October 4**. Get your team together for a weekend of social and self-development. Codes can be purchased by a group leader, and then used by each individual to order their individual ticket. Purchase your codes early to avoid disappointment, and access the best possible price! Check out the [Summit webpage](#) for more information regarding ticket purchases in the near future. Individual tickets will be on sale later in November.

With over 600 delegates, speakers, partners, and staff, the 2024 Ontario Soccer Summit will feature three days of on-field and in-class sessions and include speakers from esteemed organizations from around the world. Explore multiple facets of the game including sessions designed for Technical Leaders, Match Officials, Community Leaders/Club Licensing, and Safe Sport. For more information, [click here](#).

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