

Mentor Applicant Process

Preamble

The Ontario Soccer Mentor Program originated with the Technical Advisory Group (TAG Group) in 2014 focused on the context of mentoring, post-game de-brief and report writing. Over the past 2 years, Ontario Soccer has accredited over 500 mentors through Mentor Accreditation clinics. This helped set the foundation and framework for this new program.

With this foundation, we have been able to enhance the program to refine and further establish guidelines, procedures, Mentor levels and a reporting process to promote standards and consistency that will enhance the quality of mentorship across the province. The outline of this Protocol is based on the enhancements that are specifically tailored to mentoring Club Match Officials within the first three years of their officiating career.

This Mentor program is the official Mentor Program, and the only program recognized by Ontario Soccer for mentorship of Match Officials across Ontario.

The goals of the Mentor Program are to:

- Encourage and support Match Officials
- Promote peer-to-peer mentorship
- Provide education
- Promote enjoyment and retention rates
- Promote Scouting and Upgrading opportunities

Accreditation is comprised of three components: Applicant Screening, Online Module & In-Class Component.

PLEASE NOTE: All mentors accredited under the previous mentorship program must re-accredit under new program in order to continue mentoring. Individuals who apply to the Mentor clinic must be a current registered Match Official in good standing, meet the Mentor Level Requirements, and have received prior approval from their Club Head Referee.



Application Process

The following process outlines systematic instructions on how to become an Ontario Soccer Mentor:

Step 1: Online Module	Applicant will contact a Club hosting a clinic to request to apply. Approved applicants will receive the accreditation Link to begin the accreditation process.
Step 2: In-Class Component	<p>Once the student has completed the online module, they will be required to attend a 3 hour In-Class component to complete their Accreditation. Applicants selected to become a Mentor can only apply for the In-Class component once they receive a certificate of completion for the online module. Students can find the In-Class Mentor Accreditation component from within their RefCentre account under 'My Account' > 'Courses' to register.</p> <p>Please note: the student will be required to input their Certificate number after completing the online module in order to register successfully. This certificate must be brought to the in-class component of the clinic and presented to the Instructor (screenshot of certificate is acceptable)</p>
Step 3: Applicant Screening	For 2019, Clubs are responsible for conducting a Screening Interview process with the Mentor. This process is recommended to be formalized within 30 days of the Mentor completing their Accreditation.

Mentor Levels

There are four Levels of Mentorship based on player age groups. Each level denotes a recommended age requirement that encourages and reinforces the opportunity for peer-to-peer mentorship. The four Mentor Levels are as follows:

Requirements	Mentor Level 1	Mentor Level 2	Mentor Level 3	Mentor Level 4
Mentor Age/Game Groups	U6-U8	U9-U10	U11-U12	U13+ (1st-2nd year match officials)
Referee Accreditation Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small Sided and/or Entry Level , or ▪ Game Leader Certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small Sided and/or Entry Level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entry Level ▪ Small Sided experience an asset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entry Level (min. Grade 4)
Minimum Experience	1 year officiating experience	1 year officiating experience	1 year officiating experience	2+ years officiating experience
Min. Years of Age	13 years of age by March 31 st of current year	14 years of age by March 31 st of current year	15 years of age by March 31 st of current year	18 years of age by March 31 st of current year
Additional	Online Application Form	Online Application Form	Online Application Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online Application Form ▪ Police Check ▪ Screening Interview completed

