

## **Information Bulletin**

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To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA, Associate Members

CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff

From: Dave Kelly, Manager, Coach Development

Subject: 2020 Female Coach Mentorship Program

Ontario Soccer is committed to supporting and developing female coaches in Ontario. The first seven years of the Female Coach Mentorship Program were a resounding success and Ontario Soccer is keeping the momentum going in year eight.

The Female Coach Mentorship Program is designed to train female coaches, who in turn will act as educators and mentors to other female coaches who wish to further develop and progress their coaching careers. The mentorship program is part of a holistic support system approach to enable promising coaches across the Province to reach their full coaching potential in the sport. Ontario Soccer is aiming to increase the number of active elite female coaches and to create an improved female coaching culture.

Ontario Soccer is seeking applications for four mentee Coaches. The mentee coaches must be working towards their C Licence or National B Part 1 Licence. The four coaches will be selected based on their experience, potential, and the recommendations supporting their application. The selected applications will be developed in the Ontario Soccer mentoring program, under the guidance of the Female Head Mentor Coach. Successful candidates will be required to commit to a nine-month program on a volunteer basis. These coaches will be developed to step into a coaching leadership role as they to strive to attain their C Licence or National B Licence.

## **Mentee Coach Commitments include:**

- 1. A baseline meeting with their Coach Mentor by March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- 2. Film 3 practice sessions and submit to their mentor on the following timelines:

Video 1 - Submitted - May 2020

Video 2 - Submitted - July 2020



Video 3 - Submitted - October 2020

Each video submission must have a pre-brief and de-brief meeting, which will take place before and after their session submission respectively, with the coach mentor. The pre-brief and de-brief will take place via video calls.

3. Each Mentee would be required to attend the Online Female Coaching Workshops. These will be delivered across Spring (April), Summer (July) and Fall (Oct).

Female coaches who apply for one of the four mentee coach positions, but are not successful, will be invited to attend the online Ontario Soccer Female Coaching Workshops that will occur throughout 2020.

Applications for Mentorship open on February 28th, 2020 and will close on March 13th, 2020.

## **Mentee Coach Pre-Requisites**

- Learn to Train OR Soccer for Life
- Make Ethical Decisions Course
- Respect in Sport Online Module
- Making Headway in Soccer Online Module
- Keeping Girls In Sport (must be completed prior to the end of the 2020 Female Coach Mentorship Program)

**Click here** to apply for the Ontario Soccer Female Mentorship program.

Click here if you are interested solely in attending the Ontario Soccer Female Coaching Workshops.

For any further inquiries, please contact Alex Di Noia.

