



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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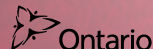
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Learn what benefits are available to you as a member of Ontario Soccer!

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Who is Ontario Soccer?



Proud member of the global soccer community.



Vision

Soccer, where everyone is welcome.

Mission

Provide innovative and sustainable soccer programs and services to help build strong communities.

Note:

Unless stated, all statistics and data in this document are taken prior to 2020.

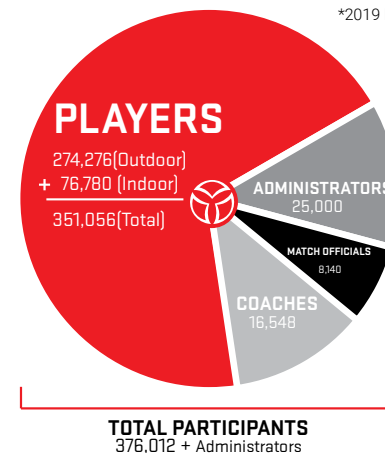
What are the benefits of being a part of Ontario Soccer?

As the third largest amateur sports organization in Canada, Ontario Soccer is proud to serve a massive membership of over half a million Ontarians. Our organization develops, supports, and delivers programs and services throughout Ontario in partnership with grassroots communities and Clubs, District Associations, Private Academies, Municipal, and Provincial Governments, Universities, Colleges, Schools, and Professional Soccer Organizations.

By continually fostering innovation and being progressive leaders in soccer, we aim to bring to life our vision for the beautiful game: Play. Inspire. Unite.

Check out how vast and varied the benefits of being a part of the largest and leading Provincial Sport Organization in Canada are – whether you are a Player, Coach, Match Official, Administrator, District, Club, or Private Academy, there is something for you!

*2019 Registration Data





DISTRICTS/CLUBS/ PRIVATE ACADEMIES

As Ontario Soccer's most important membership group, incredible resources are provided to ensure systemic support and guidance for all Districts, Clubs and Private Academies.



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ACCESS TO ONTARIO SOCCER SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS & EVENTS

Creating an infrastructure that makes 'Play' as easy, fun, and safe as possible is one of our biggest goals! Here are some of the things we provide to make the on-field experience a positive one for all, and some of the events we make available to everyone!



Ontario Soccer Summit



The Ontario Soccer Summit is designed as the annual "must attend" event for 500+ key soccer thought leaders and influencers from all across the province and Canada. The weekend-long event provides best practice insights in the areas of coaching, officiating, player development, club development, and administration.

It's your annual personal or professional development weekend of learning and sharing. We invite all members to Discover, Develop and Excel.



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Ontario Cup



The Ontario Cup is our outdoor Provincial Soccer Championship and the largest Club competition of its kind in Canada. As one of the oldest sporting events in the country, it was first staged in 1901. Not only do teams have an opportunity to earn a Provincial Title, but they also have the opportunity to play against teams from other parts of the province that they would not meet during regular league play. The Cup Tournament culminates with the Cup Finals (livestreamed over the internet), with the added prize of a National Club Championship in the Under 15's, Under 17's, Men's, and Women's divisions.

Ontario Indoor Cup



The Ontario Indoor Cup is the Provincial Indoor Championship and is open to any Indoor or Futsal registered team in Ontario. The Finals are held at The Ontario Soccer Centre and livestreamed across the province. Winning teams can claim the Provincial Title for this small-sided game.

Ontario Futsal Cup



The Ontario Futsal Cup attracts the best Clubs from across the province to determine the Provincial Champion. Futsal is an exciting fast-paced sport that showcases a player's ball skill, control and footwork. The competition includes various youth and senior divisions and is open to any Indoor or Futsal registered team in Ontario. The Champions in the Men's division advance to the Futsal Canadian Championships held in April each year.

Masters Provincial Championships

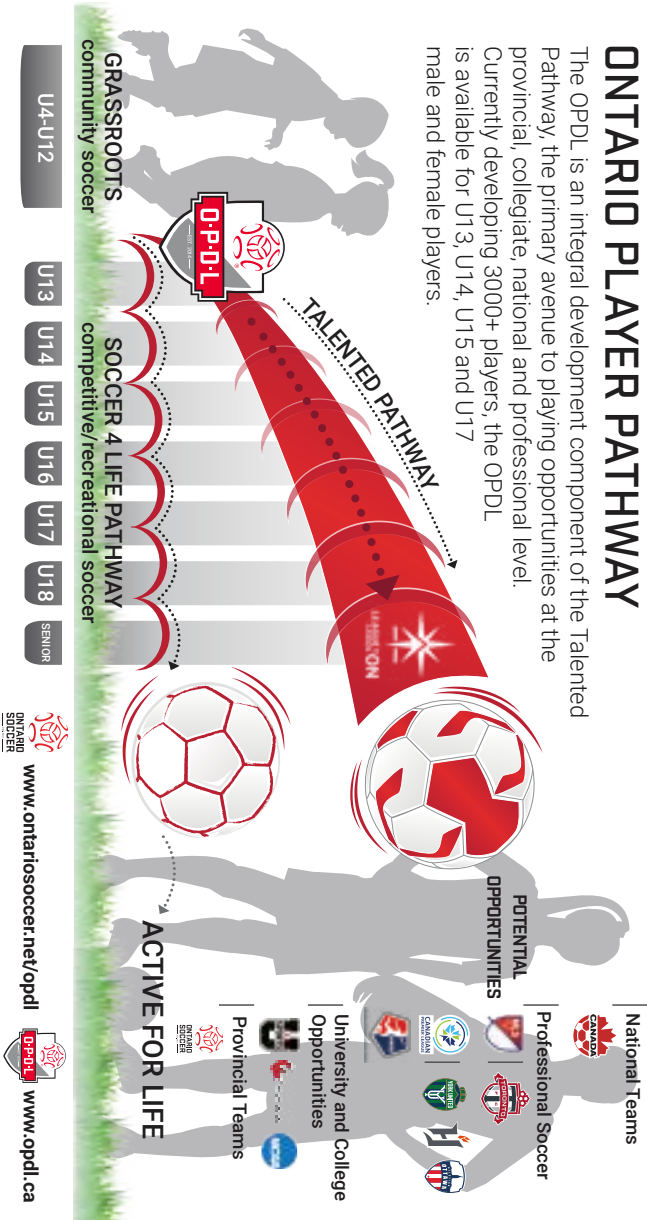


The Masters Provincial Soccer Championships was created for Men's teams in Over-35 leagues all over the province and Women's teams Over-30. The winners earn a trip to the Masters Men's Eastern National Club Championship and the Masters Women's Western Club Championship, held in September in various cities across the country.

Centre Circle Awards



The Centre Circle Awards are Ontario Soccer's highest level of recognition and are presented annually to deserving soccer leaders and organizations nominated on the basis of their outstanding contributions to the development of soccer in Ontario and Canada. Individuals, Clubs, Coaches, Match Officials, Young Leaders, and other sport leaders, who have dedicated so much of their time and energy to the sport, are honoured at an Annual Reception among fellow members of the Soccer Community.



Ontario Soccer provides guidances for players, both at a Soccer4Life and Talented Pathway level. For more information on the Talented Pathway and High Performance opportunities, please visit: <http://www.ontariosoccer.net/high-performance>



Canada Soccer and Ontario Soccer are implementing this program as a framework for organizational development both on and off the field. As a customized program for the unique Canadian soccer landscape, it is designed to elevate standards and reinforce best practices. The program will enhance the participants' environment and experience, and contribute to improving the overall soccer system in this country.

If you are interested in learning more about the Canada Soccer Youth Club Licensing Program, and to achieve one of the four license levels, simply Connect, Collaborate, and Complete your application!

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Connect: & Express Interest

Ask:
Does your organization know about Club Licensing? Does your organization support and commit to moving forward? Where does your organization fit in?

Listen:
Visit us online for information on webinars, podcasts, informational meetings, and informational guides.

Learn:
Become familiar with the categories and their criteria to determine what is best and most attainable for your organization.



Collaborate: On Internal & External Processes

Plan:
Who will be working on the application? What are the roles and responsibilities of each member of the application committee? Work out touch points with your governing organization.

Prepare:
Know all of your applicable deadlines and gather the documentation required for your application submissions.

Review:
Check it over, and don't hesitate to contact Ontario Soccer throughout the process for assistance.



Complete: & Send

Finalize and submit your application to Ontario Soccer!



As the governing body of soccer in Ontario, one of our mandates is to lead, manage and coordinate a high performance talent identification and training program in order to transition players, match officials and coaches to Canada's National Team programs and/or higher levels of the game.

As the governing body of soccer in Ontario, we are proud champions of Long Term Player Development. The following benefits enhance our efforts via the Talented Pathway:

Provincial Xcel



Training and player identification for Provincial Xcel Teams & Inter-Provincial Competition



Player identification for Regional and National Excel Programs



Experienced and Nationally-Licensed Coaching Staff



Opportunity to Play for Team Ontario at the Canada Summer Games



The OPDL is a best-in-class high performance program and league that serves as the province's standards-based youth league, combining top level competition with performance development training standards. Currently License Holders, consisting of Clubs & Private Academies from across the province, enjoy the following benefits:



Program recognized as a centre for player development with a strategic link to League1 Ontario and the Toronto FC Academy



Access to Performance Management Technology Platform



Participation in the assessment and identification process of players to provincial and national programs



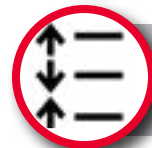
Participation in the OPDL Coach Development Program



Collaboration with Ontario Soccer staff on adherence to technical, financial and administration criteria in compliance with National Youth Licensing standards established by Canada Soccer



Medical personnel to provide first aid care at all OPDL games



Priority on professional development opportunities for staff with Provincial and National Team Staff



Outstanding training, elite competition and player identification opportunities.



Access to the OPDL Athlete Scholarship Program, which has distributed over \$400k to OPDL players since 2014



Cooperation with provincial technical staff, applying best practices to training and competition environments.

2021 License Holders



For more information, visit opdl.ca

Our ultimate goal is to help Clubs and Private Academies grow the game by providing them the tools to improve every aspect of their operations. The following programs are a few of the ways we do this:



Club Support

Administrative guidance on policy and procedure compliance and long-term planning

Club-specific webinars on current and relevant administrative topics

Development of accessible and inclusive programs

Partnership development with under-served sport groups (Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario, Street Soccer Canada, ParaSport Ontario, Special Olympics)

Grant writing advice and support



Government Relations

Ontario Soccer has never been more relevant than in the year 2020. When the global pandemic hit, and the world stood still and waited, we were working around the clock to ensure soccer's safe and expedient return. With every new government order, our Crisis Management Team worked tirelessly on interpretation and translation on almost a *daily basis*. These interpretations led to a first class Return To Play Guide, as well as a number of member webinars and resource documents, enabling participants to Pitch In, Play ON!

This type of government relations work is not new - we have always acted as a link between members and the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries. And this work will continue, making soccer safe and enjoyable for years to come.



Advocacy

Ontario Soccer has a long history of advocacy, most recently during the global pandemic, advocating for the safe return of soccer in Ontario. Other examples include concussion safety, respect of match officials, player safety, mental health, and more. <https://www.ontariosoccer.net/returntoplay>



Marketing

Our marketing and awareness campaigns continue to level-up our presence, and increase engagement amongst our membership and Ontarians alike. Supporting various diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, and further promoting our sport via our web and social channels, these campaigns are a great way to reach households across the province.





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COACHES

Coaches, in both the LTPD Soccer 4 Life and Talented Pathway streams, can immerse themselves in a rich and dynamic community of development and learning opportunities. Check out some of the benefits!





Ontario Soccer's Coach Development Team facilitates, organizes, or delivers the following:

Canada Soccer Community Stream Courses (Theory Online)

- Active Start: U4 – U5
- FUNDamentals: U6 – U8
- Learn to Train: U9 – U12
- Soccer for Life: U13+

Development and Performance Stream Courses

- Canada Soccer C-Licence (blended format - online and on-field)
- Ontario Soccer Goalkeeper Coach Certificate - Fully Online
- Ontario Soccer Goalkeeper Coach Diploma (blended format - online and on-field)
- Soccer Fitness Trainer Diploma Level 1 & 2 - Fully Online (blended format - online and on-field)
- TD Diploma



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Trained and certified NCCP Learning Facilitators and Coach Developers
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Guidance, support and mentorship from Ontario Soccer Coaching Development Program
- 

Various coach education resources, tools and session plans
- 

Access to the Ontario Soccer Online Learning Platform, powered by Academy Soccer Coach
- 

Respect in Sport Activity Leader training and certification
- 

The ability to host Canada Soccer NCCP Community Courses in order to provide further education for club coaches
- 

Access to bursaries from the Coaches Association of Ontario
- 

Exclusive content at the most distinguished soccer coaching education conference in Canada: The Ontario Soccer Summit



Ontario Soccer's Female Mentorship Program - designed to train advanced female coaches, who in turn will act as educators and mentors to not only female players, but other female coaches as well.



GRASSROOTS SOCCER RESOURCES

U4 – U12 players make up the largest portion of our registered participants! As such, many resources are created to ensure the soccer experience is a positive one, and that Long Term Player Development is the foundation of our children's soccer development.

Ontario Soccer's Player Development Program provides technical resources and leadership to Districts, Clubs, Private Academies and coaches across the province relating to the implementation of Canada Soccer's Long Term Player Development strategy. In the past three years, there has been a 15% increase in the number of Development Soccer teams at the U8-U12 Grassroots age groups.

Grassroots Soccer Resources Available to you:

<p>Grassroots Workshops</p> <p>Individual workshops as well as the Two-Day Grassroots Coach Diploma are available for all member organizations to host</p>	<p>Player Development Model</p> <p>Trusted and recommended training model developed for players U6-U12</p>
<p>Grassroots Coach Education</p> <p>Education on Long Term Player Development philosophy and how it should be applied at the Grassroots level of our game</p>	<p>Provincial Curriculum Resources</p> <p>Full Grassroots curriculum available to Clubs & Private Academies for players U4-U12</p>
<p>Parent Engagement</p> <p>Presentations & information sessions regarding the developmental role parents play in Grassroots soccer</p>	<p>Grassroots Standards</p> <p>Provide guidance on best practices and the creation of the best possible learning environments for our young players</p>

Example Grassroots Session Plan



Grassroots Practice Support

Over 250+ session plans are available for download online as well as video samples of session activities to assist coaches across the province in developing our grassroots players.

Ontario Soccer Game Leader Program

Game Leader program allows for an improved, child-friendly approach to supervising small-sided games for children U6-U9, creating more opportunities for parents and the next generation of young leaders to get involved.

General Grassroots Program Development

Guidance and support from Ontario Soccer Player Development Program regarding the development of Recreational and Development Grassroots programming.

Webinars

Over 20 Webinars delivered by external experts and Ontario Soccer staff regarding player development at the Grassroots age groups.



MATCH OFFICIALS

An incredibly important stakeholder group of Ontario Soccer, Match Officials have an immense support system catering to their development. See what your Match Official registration gets you!





9,000+ registered Match Officials annually, who have access to the following resources:

- 160+ Accredited assessors
- 125+ Accredited instructors
- 250+ Accredited mentors
- 21 District Referee Coordinators
- 325+ Club Head Referees
- 6-member Match Officials Development Committee
- 20 Provincial LTOD Officers



FACTS:

12.5%+ increase in **RETENTION** rate over the last 6 years.

Over **3,500 NEW OFFICIALS**
11% of **NEW OFFICIALS** over the age of 18.

FEMALE MEMBERSHIP increased from 10% in 2010 to **24%** in 2019

Programs and Development Support

New Match Official Clinics*	Assessment Program*
Assistant Referee Training	Provincial Appointments*
Upgrading Programs*	Special Projects
Instructor Evaluator*	Long Term Match Official Development (LTOD)*
Instructor Accreditation and Training*	Fitness Tests*
Assessor Accreditation and Training*	Mentor Program
Annual Registration*	Female/Diversity Strategy*
League1 Elite Training Program	NextGen Program
Grading and Game Protocols*	Club Instructor Accreditation Program

* for both Soccer and Futsal programs

Benefits of Membership




Long Term Officials Development will deliver a full and comprehensive development platform, ensuring support is provided to all Match Officials regardless of their grade or their aspirations.


Long Term Officials Development (LTOD) inspires and empowers all Match Officials to reach their personal career goals by providing a standards-based education and development program, through strong leadership, inclusivity and a clearly-defined structure.





The 5-year LTOD plan is a strategic initiative of Ontario Soccer (supported by Canada Soccer and the Ontario Trillium Foundation) that advances Match Officials development the same way LTPD revolutionized player development and coach development.


8 Key Development Areas to Deliver Success:


- Mentorship/Coaching 


- Technical Leadership 


- Education 

- Recruitment & Retention 

- Talent Identification 

- Fitness and Training 

- Competition 

- Administration 



All aspects of the Match Officials Development Program have improved, as Development Support Team Members and Match Officials themselves have all benefitted from a ground-breaking development and training program.

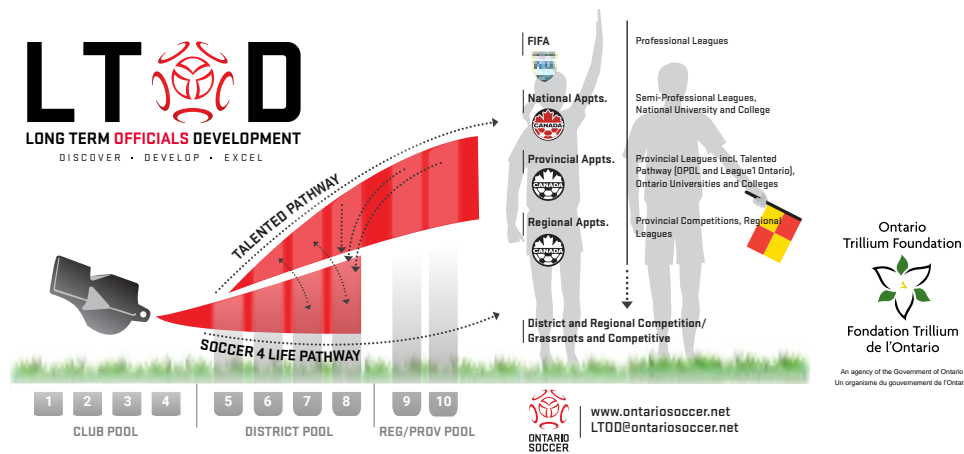
Development is delivered both in-person and online, through creative online Learning Modules and direct, hands-on education from Canada Soccer-accredited instructors, LTOD and Ontario Soccer staff.

Innovative mentoring and scouting programs are rolled-out to support the development of all Match Officials in Ontario in a coordinated effort with all Clubs, Districts and Private Academies.



Impact on:

- 3,000 to 9,000 Match Officials annually
- 125+ Instructors
- 160+ Assessors
- 250+ Mentors
- 25+ Scouts
- 21 District Referee Coordinators
- 325+ Club Head Referees
- 350,000+ Players
- 500+ Volunteers
- 150+ Assignors
- 300+ Club Technical Directors





EVERYONE

While some benefits are for specific membership groups, there are also great resources for all to enjoy!



To keep our membership informed and engaged, our Ontario Soccer Communications offers many ways to access information about membership-relevant news:

Weekly updates via the Ontario Soccer Newsletter, "Inside the 18"

District and Club / Academy Bulletins for all pertinent Ontario Soccer updates

Daily social media news, updates and shared resources

Livestreaming of key Ontario Soccer events and competitions


Delivery of Ontario Soccer news and resources in compelling video and photo format



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As an Administrator, there are many resources available to you! For more information, visit ontariosoccer.net/administration



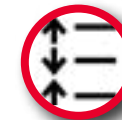
Developing policy documents



Risk management guidance



Operational and organizational support



Volunteer screening training and support



Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy Training and Support



Discipline Training



Bylaw / Policy's/ Operational Procedures (Clubs, Academies & Leagues)



Complaints, Dispute and Appeal Resolution Assistance & Independent Appeals Committee



Ontario Soccer Administrative staff provide expertise in many aspects of ethics and discipline, and are always ready to support Member Organizations with guidance.

We provide support for all Ontario Soccer member Club/Academies and Districts on Ethics and Conduct through the following:

- Respect In Sport
- Respect In The Workplace
- Sterling Backcheck (Police Record Checks)
- Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy
 - Harassment
 - Bullying
 - Inappropriate Behaviour
 - Discrimination
 - Social Media
 - Human Rights
- Whistleblower Policy
 - Financial Issues
 - Conflict of Interest

700+ certified Discipline & Appeals chairs within Ontario

Ontario Soccer provides tailored certification courses for the Discipline & Appeals process.

Certified chairs provide an educated and informed contribution to all Ontario Soccer Discipline & Appeal hearings.

Each hearing is required to have a certified person chairing the session.

Individuals are taught to adhere and follow the Ontario Soccer Operating Procedures ensuring that all Discipline & Appeal cases are heard and handled in a professional and appropriate manner.

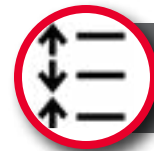
Ontario Soccer offers a fully updated and compliant Level 1 Discipline & Appeals Certification Course.



Ontario Soccer in partnership with SportsEngine are developing and implementing an industry leading soccer management digital ecosystem to support the management of soccer at all levels of the game. For more information visit www.ontariosoccer.net/OSCAR



OSCAR has been launched as Ontario Soccer's official platform for participant registration, sanctioning and insurance.



Option to import directly from 3rd party system to OSCAR for fast and efficient reporting of registration data and processing of roster requirements.



Ontario Soccer and SportsEngine staff are available to assist and serve all users of OSCAR and the soccer management ecosystem as it is implemented.



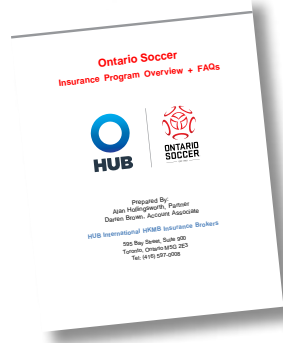
IT SERVICES

IT Services allow Ontario Soccer to deliver its programs and services to its registered members more effectively and efficiently!

Backend infrastructure for much of Ontario Soccer's digital services including:

- Tournament and Travel Approval
- Registration System
- Online Meeting Capabilities to Provide Virtual Training and Course Delivery
- Match Official registration and management
- League Management
- Coach Education and Training management
- Discipline and Appeals

A small portion of everyone's registration fees ensures that all have the following insurance coverage. (See next page for the breakdown of where your Ontario Soccer participant registration fees go)



Participant coverage for Players, Coaches, Managers, Volunteers, Match Officials and Board Members in sanctioned activities within Canada and the United States

Support for injury/accident claims

Affordable International travel insurance available

Special event insurance / 3rd party insurance certificates available

Concussion Resources

Ontario Soccer has established a collaboration with the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital to improve access to concussion education, baseline testing, and training for players, parents, coaches and trainers.



Visit ontariosoccer.net for more information and resources!

In accordance with the new National Concussion Policy and Rowan's Law in Ontario, the focus is on concussion education, strategies, and awareness campaigns to align players, parents, coaches and trainers on the most up-to-date evidence and resources for concussion prevention, identification and management.



Now that you know the benefits of an Ontario Soccer membership, see how much of your outdoor registration fees go towards funding our programs and services.

	Grassroots Development U10 & Under	Grassroots Development U11 - U12	Youth Rec. U13 - U18	Youth Comp. U13 - U18	Senior Rec.	Senior Comp.
* % of Ontario Soccer Membership	46%	13%	11%	9%	17%	4%
Registration Fee	\$16.17	\$16.91	\$16.91	\$ 39.91	\$24.30	\$47.82
Payable to Canada Soccer	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
Allocated to Participant Insurance	\$2.73	\$2.73	\$2.73	\$2.73	\$2.73	\$2.73
Allocated for Member Management SaaS Fee	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.85
Ontario Soccer Retains for Membership Programs & Services:	\$1.59	\$2.33	\$2.33	\$25.33	\$9.72	\$33.24

* Updated October 2023, based on 2022 Registration Figures

To find out more about these benefits and how you can access them, please contact our team at Ontario Soccer at (905) 264 9390:

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Events	Events@ontariosoccer.net	230
Communications	Communications@ontariosoccer.net	255
OPDL	OPDL@ontariosoccer.net	249
National Club Licensing	NationalClubLicensing@ontariosoccer.net	249
IT	IT@ontariosoccer.net	233
High Performance	HighPerformance@ontariosoccer.net	226
Finance	Finance@ontariosoccer.net	261
Player Development	PlayerDevelopment@ontariosoccer.net	249
Marketing & Partnerships	Marketing@ontariosoccer.net	225
Help Desk	HelpDesk@ontariosoccer.net	223