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Information Bulletin

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To: Ontario Soccer District Membership and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Bryan Rosenfeld, Interim Director, Development & Provincial Xcel
Subject: Reminder: Deadline Approaching for Talent on Location Day Player Recommendations

Due to the impacts of the global pandemic, the annual Talent Identification process executed by Ontario Soccer was adjusted in 2022 and will be maintained for the 2023 season.

The Ontario Soccer Provincial Xcel Program has released the player recommendation process for Technical Staff of Member Organizations, which now appears on the Ontario Soccer website in the High Performance, Player Talented Pathway section ([click here](#)).

This will allow players in Ontario, currently participating outside the Talented Player Pathway (OPDL), to have an opportunity to be recommended by a certified and qualified Ontario Soccer Member Organization Head Coach or Technical Director.


In order to be considered as a qualified and certified coach, the coach must have a minimum of a Canada Soccer National B License OR Youth License OR a foreign equivalent. Submissions from nonqualified or certified coaches (i.e. Canadian National B License trained) will not be considered.

Before beginning the process, it is highly recommended that the coach, player and parent read and understand the information on the Recommendation Process found on the Ontario Soccer website ([click here](#)).

The online submission details of the player recommendation process for the recommending coach to execute, can be accessed by selecting this link.



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Player Recommendation Report

The recommending coach will then complete the Coach Information page and provide their NCCP and Ontario Soccer registration numbers to verify their coaching certification level and status. If no NCCP number (i.e. foreign license) is available, please provide a scanned copy of the Coaching Certificate as outlined on the page.

The recommending coach, will then be directed to provide a link to the full, unedited match in which the player participated via a file sharing service such DropBox, Google Drive, OneDrive, etc. The video must be available for download and the game sheet (identifying the player's name & shirt number), and their positions played in the match should also be provided. This video will be professionally tagged and analyzed by MSA, as the preferred Ontario Soccer Service Provider, with a report containing performance related statistics for each recommended player being generated in the process.

To further support the submission, the coach will then download and complete the appropriate player evaluation form for each individual player being recommended. This form, used in the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) for Player Assessments, can be found [by clicking here](#). Once completed, the document must be uploaded as prompted on the relevant page.

The Recommending coach should have the following available:


- Player's name
- Player's date of birth
- Player's Sports Engine-Ontario Soccer number
- Player's Email(s) contact

To submit a report to be analyzed, a recommending coach will be prompted to pay a fee of \$75 per player per video. Please note, that coaches can submit more videos for a single player through a second unique submission, as well as recommend multiple players through a single video submission at the per player cost noted above.

The recommending coach is to submit the completed online package by, or before, the closing date of November 7, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. by [clicking here](#).



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The Ontario Soccer Provincial Xcel Program will review the player recommendation packages and assess, if the player should receive an invite. Comparisons of Key Performance Indicators and Statistical Benchmarks will be compared to those within the OPDL to determine whether an invitation will be extended to each player. Player recommendation packages submitted using the online process will be the only ones that will be reviewed. Incomplete or inaccurate packages will not be considered for review.

Provincial Screening Competition

The Provincial Xcel Program will contact those players and the recommending coach, if the player has been invited to the upcoming Provincial Screening Competition to be held in March & April 2023. The precise dates and times will be communicated at a later date.

The Provincial Screening Competition days for all players are yet to be confirmed; however, the confirmed timeframe is March-April 2023 for the following age groups:

- Players born between 2006-2009

The email to the invited players will contain additional details (i.e. report time) and any other documentation that will need to be completed prior to the event. These documents will be physically submitted by the player at the event.

The Provincial Screening Competition will take place at the Ontario Soccer Centre, (7601 Martin Grove Road, Vaughan L4L 9E4) on the full-size indoor turf field and another location that will be announced at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding the submission process, please contact [Bryan Rosenfeld](#), Interim Director, Development & Provincial Xcel.

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