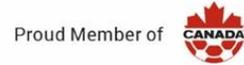




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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2021-036
Date: Apr. 15, 2021
To: Ontario Soccer; District Membership, ORA and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Bryan Rosenfeld, Interim Director Soccer Operations
Subject: Canada Soccer launches online Grassroots Coach Education Program

Canada Soccer has launched an online learning management system to lower the barrier to access for grassroots volunteer, parent, and guardian coaches. The new coach education platform at canadasoccer.com/academy allows coaches anywhere to complete the theory component of the Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learn to Train and Soccer for Life courses online.

Ontario Soccer is continuing to review this new platform with Canada Soccer and will be providing further updates to the membership once they have been provided, to assist with this transition.

Ontario Soccer asks for your patience during this transition period as we navigate these changes together.

In addition, a new core component of the Grassroots Coach Education Program – Coaching Soccer in Canada – has been added to the newly-dubbed Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education Program.

“Grassroots coaches are the backbone of the Canadian soccer development system and with the launch of the Grassroots Coach Education Program at canadasoccer.com/academy,” said Jason deVos, Canada Soccer’s Director of Development. “We have worked to remove the geographic barriers that exist across this country to provide a robust, blended learning approach to grassroots coach education leveraging 21st Century learning tools to reach more areas of the coaching community than ever before.”

The Academy learning platform will allow for clubs to administer and distribute keys purchased via Canada Soccer’s [coach education shop](#) for their grassroots coaches to complete the online component of the Grassroots Coach Education Program, before liaising with Provincial and Territorial Member Associations to schedule the in-person practical component required to complete the certification.

“Access to appropriate training for player age and stage is a key component of Canada Soccer’s Safe Sport Roster,” deVos said. “The launch of this platform will move us toward ensuring that every coach



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working with players in Canada is adequately trained to give them the tools they need to create the best possible environment for players from coast-to-coast-to-coast.”

Canada Soccer’s Coach Education Program consists of the Grassroots Coach Education Program that certifies coaches as having completed the age and stage training appropriate for the players they’re working with and the Canada Soccer Advanced Coach Education Program that provides coaches with the Canada Soccer Children’s, Youth, C, B, and A Licence award at the completion of their training.

If you have further questions, please contact [Nicky Pearson](#), Senior Manager Match Officials Development and Community Education

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