



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**To:** Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Associate Members  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Matt Ferreira, Director, Development

## **Subject: New Ontario Soccer Goalplayer (Goalkeeper) Certificate & Diploma Pilot Course Announced**

Ontario Soccer is excited to announce the opening of registration for the new Goalplayer Coach Certificate & Diploma Pilot (formerly Goalkeeper Coach Certificate & Diploma), in collaboration with Frans Hoek, which begins Saturday, July 12, 2025, in a fully in-person learning format at the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre for the inaugural course.

The concept of the Goalplayer sees a shift in the education framework to reflect the evolution of the role of this player in the modern game; which sees greater engagement with the ball across all moments of the game as well as protecting the goal as a primary competency.

## **Ontario Soccer Goalplayer Coach Certificate & Diploma**

### **Pilot Program Requirements & Outcomes**

Coaches are required to provide feedback (post-course) to support the enhancement of the future implementation of the Certificate and Diploma for future deliveries. Prior to the course, a self-guided, online component – the Goalplayer Coach Certificate – will be accessed through Ontario Soccer's Learning Management System for completion.

### **Overview**

The [Goalplayer Coach Diploma](#) course is produced by Ontario Soccer. The course combines theoretical & practical components of how to effectively coach goalkeepers. Furthermore, it is a prerequisite for Canada Soccer's Goalkeeper Diploma. Coaches intending to apply for next year's course must be certified by the application cycle in the fall.

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## Learning Outcomes

The workshop's modules target the following subject matter:

- The Evolution of the role of the Goalkeeper
- The Goalplayer Coach: A key member of Technical Staff
- Fundamental skills & competencies of the Goalplayer across the ages
- Analyzing the match: A proactive & reactive approach
- Training the Goalplayer: An integrated methodology

## Pre-requisite:

- [Learn to Train or Soccer for Life \(Trained\)](#)
- [NCCP Make Ethical Decision \(MED\) Workshop + Online Evaluation](#)
- [Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders \(Soccer\)](#)
- [NCCP Making Head Way in Sport \(Soccer\)](#)
- [NCCP Emergency Action Plan](#)
- [NCCP Understanding the Rule of Two](#)

**Please note:** The Course's technical pre-requisites for future editions will be increased to the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma OR Concacaf C Diploma.

**Course Fee:** \$800 (inclusive of the Certificate course)

## Licence Validity:

Upon successful completion of the Ontario Soccer Goalplayer Coach Certificate & Diploma the coach will receive a coaching licence valid for five (5) years. The licence may be maintained by following the Ontario Soccer [Maintenance and Renewal Process](#).

## Dates & Location – Course #1 – In-Person Delivery

In-person Classroom & Field at the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre (7601 Martin Grove Rd, Vaughan, ON L4L 9E4):

- Saturday, July 12, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 13, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 14, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 15, 2025 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Application & Registration

All applicants must submit an up-to-date CV, copy of their NCCP transcript, a Letter of Intent, a Letter of Recommendation from the club, and two references via the [Application Portal](#) by no later than **Sunday, June 8, 2025**.

If you have any further questions about the course or process, please contact [Ontario Soccer's Coach Development Department](#).

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