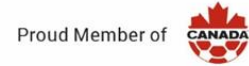




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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

**Bulletin #:** I2024-48  
**Date:** November 14, 2024  
**To:** Ontario Soccer; District Membership and Associate Members  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Matt Ferreira, Director, Development  
**Subject:** Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma Announced

Ontario Soccer is excited to announce new regionalized offerings for the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma to support coaches to complete ongoing education locally.

### **Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma**

**Overview:** The Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma supports the coach in the grassroots and competitive environments.

**Target Coach:** The Grassroots Diploma is a requirement for U13 OPDL Assistant Coaches, Ontario Cup Head Coaches and IModel Pilot Project Head Coaches but is open to all coaches looking to advance their careers and understanding of the game. Please refer to each league's rules & regulations for up-to-date information on Coach Licensing Requirements.

**Course Duration:** 35 hours

**Course Fee:** \$800

#### **Learning Environment:**

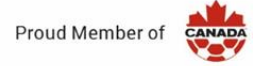
- 2 days, In-person (On-field)
- Independent Online Learning (asynchronous)
- Collaborative Online Learning (synchronous)
- Assessment of Competency

#### **Licence Validity:**

Upon successful completion of the Ontario Soccer Grassroots 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.



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**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](#)

**Application and Registration:**

To submit an application for the Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma use the following [Jotform](#).

**Course #1 – KITCHENER – Blended Delivery:**

**Location:** Kitchener, Ontario

In-person On-field Learning at **RBJ Schlegel Park** – (1664 Huron Rd, Kitchener, ON N2R 1R6).

Application window is open until **December 20, 2024**

Successful coaches will be notified by **January 10, 2025**

Confirmation of placement through payment by **January 24, 2025**

Location	Date	Time
<b>Online Learning</b>	Monday, February 10, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Monday, February 24, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Monday, March 10, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Monday, March 24, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Monday, April 7, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
<b>In-person On-field Learning</b>	Saturday, April 12, 2025	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday, April 13, 2025	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<b>Observation of Competency</b>	Completed by September 5, 2025	

**Course #2 – KINGSTON – Blended Delivery:**

**Location:** Kingston, Ontario

In-person On-field Learning at Richardson Stadium (366 Hargreaves WY, Kingston, ON K7M 5W9).

Application window is open until **December 20, 2024**

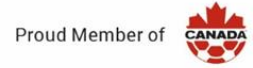
Successful coaches will be notified by **January 10, 2025**

Confirmation of placement through payment by **January 24, 2025**



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Location	Date	Time
<b>Online Learning</b>	Monday, February 10, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Monday, February 24, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Monday, March 10, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Monday, March 24, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Monday, April 7, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
<b>In-person On-field Learning</b>	Saturday, April 12, 2025	8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
	Sunday, April 13, 2025	8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
<b>Observation of Competency</b>	Completed by September 5, 2025	

**Course #3 – ST. CATHARINES – Blended Delivery:**

**Location:** St. Catharines, Ontario

In-person On-field Learning at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School (101 Glen Morris Dr, St. Catharines, ON L2T 2N1).

Application window is open until **December 20, 2024**

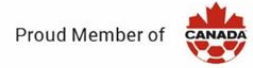
Successful coaches will be notified by **January 10, 2025**

Confirmation of placement through payment by **January 24, 2025**

Location	Date	Time
<b>Online Learning</b>	Wednesday, February 12, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 12, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, March 26, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 9, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
<b>In-person On-field Learning</b>	Saturday, April 12, 2025	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday, April 13, 2025	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<b>Observation of Competency</b>	Completed by September 5, 2025	



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**Course #4 – NEWMARKET – Blended Delivery:**

**Location:** Newmarket, Ontario

In-person On-field Learning at Newmarket Soccer Club (621 Newpark Blvd, Newmarket, ON L3X 2S2).

Application window is open until **January 24, 2025**

Successful coaches will be notified by **February 11, 2025**

Confirmation of placement through payment by **February 25, 2025**

Location	Date	Time
<b>Online Learning</b>	Tuesday, March 11, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, March 25, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, April 8, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, April 22, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Tuesday, May 6, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
<b>In-person On-field Learning</b>	Friday, May 9, 2025	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Saturday, May 10, 2025	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<b>Observation of Competency</b>	Completed by September 26, 2025	

**Course #5 – OTTAWA – Blended Delivery:**

**Location:** Ottawa, Ontario

In-person On-field Learning at Carp River South (100 Charlie Rogers Pl, Kanata, ON K2V 1A7).

Application window is open until **January 31, 2025**

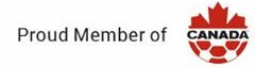
Successful coaches will be notified by **February 19, 2025**

Confirmation of placement through payment by **March 5, 2025**

Location	Date	Time
<b>Online Learning</b>	Wednesday, March 19, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 2, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 16, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
<b>In-person On-field Learning</b>	Saturday, May 17, 2025	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
	Sunday, May 18, 2025	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<b>Observation of Competency</b>	Completed by October 3, 2025	



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**Course #6 – PETERBOROUGH – Blended Delivery:**

**Location:** Peterborough, Ontario

In-person On-field Learning Eastgate Park (2150 Ashburnham Dr, Peterborough, ON K9L 1P8).

Application window is open until **February 14, 2025**

Successful coaches will be notified by **March 3, 2025**

Confirmation of placement through payment by **March 17, 2025**

Location	Date	Time
<b>Online Learning</b>	Monday, March 31, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Monday, April 14, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Monday, April 28, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Monday, May 12, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
	Monday, May 26, 2025	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
<b>In-person On-field Learning</b>	Saturday, May 31, 2025	8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
	Sunday, June 1, 2025	8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
<b>Observation of Competency</b>	Completed by October 17, 2025	

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

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