

## **FAQ FOR MEMBERSHIP – CLUBS, ACADEMIES, ORGANIZATIONS**

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As of April 15, 2021, Ontario Soccer will no longer be conducting the registration and theory component for Grassroots Coach Education through Google Classroom.

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, found at [canadasoccer.com/academy](https://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. 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.

Education keys can be purchased via Canada Soccer's coach education shop ([Canada-soccer.myshopify.com](https://Canada-soccer.myshopify.com)) and will allow grassroots coaches to complete the online theory component of the Grassroots Coach Education Program.

We have created a FAQ below to assist you with this transition to the new system. This document will be reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis to support hosts with the changes.

### **We had requested to host a course that was to start after April 15<sup>th</sup>. What happens now?**

Clubs will no longer apply to host the Theory component of a course directly through Ontario Soccer. Clubs will be required to obtain keys for their coaches directly through [Canada-soccer.myshopify.com/](https://Canada-soccer.myshopify.com/)

### **As a Host, how do we obtain keys for our Coaches?**

Login to the Canada Soccer online store at [Canada-soccer.myshopify.com](https://Canada-soccer.myshopify.com) and enter the number of keys required for each course. When purchasing multiple keys, make sure to carefully follow the instructions on the "Your Cart" page before paying.

### **How much do the keys costs?**

Each theory component has its own fee per key.

- Active Start \$20.00
- FUNdamentals \$20.00
- Learn to Train \$30.00
- Soccer for life \$30.00
- Coaching Soccer in Canada \$0.00

### **What are my responsibilities as a Club when providing keys to coaches?**

The Club should ensure that all coaches being provided with a key meet the requirements of that specific Grassroots course.

Coaches must be registered members of their home District. Districts will confirm that they have the minimal certification for competition.

### **How do we track our coaches' progression?**

Host organizations will be able to access a weekly progress report on the Ontario Soccer website: <https://www.ontariosoccer.net/theory-trained>

This list will be updated every Friday, as provided to Ontario Soccer by Canada Soccer. This list will contain a total list of names, their host organization and completion level.

Host organizations will be responsible for checking the list and communicating to Ontario Soccer or their District Association if there any issues.

The list is protected, please contact Alex Di Noia ([adinoia@ontariosoccer.net](mailto:adinoia@ontariosoccer.net)) to gain access for your organization.

### **Can coaches purchase keys without going through the Host organizations?**

Coaches can purchase individual keys. When a Host organization reviews the weekly progress reports, they have the opportunity to advise Ontario Soccer of any coaches that they believe are not registered, or not in good standing.

### **Can a coach do more than one theory at a time if they have not completed the practical for a previous theory?**

Yes. A Coach can register for multiple courses to complete the Theory component prior to completing the practical session of any one course. Please note, however, that before completing any of the Grassroots Coach Education courses, a coach must complete the "Coaching Soccer in Canada" module as a pre-requisite.

### **Do all coaches have to take Coaching Soccer in Canada?**

Each coach new to the [Canadasoccer.com/academy](https://Canadasoccer.com/academy) system must complete the Coaching Soccer in Canada Module. This only has to be completed once.

Existing coaches that have already have received Grassroots education certifications are not required to take the Coaching Soccer in Canada module.

## **How do we host a Practical?**

Please see the updated [2021 Grassroots Coach Education Program Information Brochure](#), found on: <https://www.ontariosoccer.net/host-a-course> for full details.

## **How do we pay for the Practical?**

Host organizations will pay a deposit fee to Ontario Soccer to host a practical session that covers the cost of the first 15 coaches registered:

- Active Start: \$870 deposit (\$58 per coach after first 15)
- FUNdamentals: \$1,320 deposit (\$88 per coach after first 15)
- Learn to Train / Soccer for Life: \$3,030 deposit (\$202 per coach after first 15)

This payment can be made by credit card on Coach Centre, or by mailing a certified cheque to Ontario Soccer.

## **We have a Practical session pending from a course that took place on Google Classroom in 2020 or early 2021. Can coaches who are “Theory-trained” through the Canada Soccer Academy join this practical?**

No, these coaches would have to wait for a new practical to be scheduled.

To explain:

-Any courses that are currently ongoing through the Google Classroom are considered part of a “2020 GCE Curriculum” (*including those that started between January 1 – April 15, 2021*). The on-field sessions for these courses can be delivered with the training Learning Facilitators received in the past.

-Any coaches that complete the Theory through the Canada Soccer Academy are part of a new “2021 GCE Curriculum”, and would have to attend a practical that has been scheduled once the Learning Facilitator training for this new “curriculum” has been completed, as per [this bulletin](#).

## **One of our coaches is having an issue using the [canadasoccer.com/academy](https://canadasoccer.com/academy) system. Who do I contact for help?**

Ontario Soccer does not provide support for issues regarding the system. You must directly communicate with the platform provider for any required assistance using the Help function on the Academy platform.

### **Where do I get more information?**

Updates will be made on a regular basis at [www.ontariosoccer.net/grassrootscoacheducation](http://www.ontariosoccer.net/grassrootscoacheducation) and also available at [www.canadasoccer.com](http://www.canadasoccer.com)

You can also contact Alex Di Noia, Coordinator, Match Officials Development & Community Education, at [adinoia@ontariosoccer.net](mailto:adinoia@ontariosoccer.net)

Thank you for your patience while we navigate through these changes.