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Canada Soccer Club License Program Application

Refer to Ontario Soccer's website, hover over Grassroots, hover over Club Development and click on Club Licensing for program overview, program level criteria, connect with us, review processes, timelines, useful links and more!

General Information

Which level is your organization applying for? *

Based on your review of the criteria, select the level that your Organization wants to apply for. When you've made your selection, only criteria specific to that level will appear.

- National Youth Club License and OPDL
- Provincial Youth Club License, Level 2
- Provincial Youth Club License, Level 1
- Quality Soccer Provider

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Who is completing the application on behalf of the Organization?:

Please provide the above named individuals Email Address:

Please provide the above named individuals direct contact number (Cell Phone preferably, where a voicemail can be left):

Please provide the above named individuals Role / Position with the Organization?:

1. Organization Name: *

2. Organization Location: *

3. District / Region (if applicable)?:

4. Organization's Province: Ontario (This field has been auto-completed)

5. Organization's Membership Status: Active (This field has been auto-completed)

6. President's Full Name *

President's Phone *

President's Email *

7. Administrative Lead's Full Name *

Administrator's Position i.e. formal title *

Administrator's Phone *

Administrator's Email *

8. Technical Lead's Full Name *

Technical Lead's Position i.e. formal title *

Technical Lead's Phone *

Technical Lead's Email *

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Program Information

9. Stream(s) of Participation (Grassroots, Community, Competitive, Development, Performance):

- Grassroots (U4 - U12 Recreational)
- Community (U4 - U18 Local Competition)
- Development (U4 - U12 District Competition)
- Competitive (U13 - U18 Regional Competition)
- Performance (U13 - U17 Provincial Competition)

10. Stage(s) / Age(s) of Participation:

- 8 and under
- 12 and under
- 13 - 18
- 19 and older

11. Gender(s) of Participation:

12. Facilities, Website, other official online locations (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc.):

In preparation for your application submission, refer to the Club Licensing page on Ontario Soccer's website; direct link: <https://www.ontariosoccer.net/page/show/4431386-canada-soccer-club-licensing-program->

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Upload Your Organization's 2020 Action Plan Document Here

Technical & Sporting Criteria

Refer to Ontario Soccer's website, visit the Club Licensing link, and utilize the category-specific resources available under Technical & Sporting:

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All Technical & Sporting Criteria can be uploaded in one PDF document here, criteria #13 through #73:



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Provides a safe soccer experience:

Refer to the Canada Soccer Guide to Safety available via Ontario Soccer > Grassroots > Club Development > Club Licensing, ensure your Organization is adhering to specific standards outlined within the Guide as well as those outlined from Ontario Soccer.

13. Adheres to Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



14. Has a Code of Conduct to Protect Children:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



15. Has Guidelines for Appropriate/Inappropriate Conduct between Adults/Adolescents and Children:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



16. Has a Policy outlining what to do if you witness inappropriate conduct that is provided to parents, coaches, and team personnel:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



17. Has a Policy requiring that any suspicion of child abuse is reported to law enforcement:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



18. Provides an environment that supports participant's physical and emotional safety (free of bully, discrimination, etc.):

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



Supports the Coaches Association of Canada Responsible Coaching Movement:

Upload Your Organizations Coaches Association of Canada Responsible Coaching Movement Pledge:

Refer to the Canada Soccer Guide to Safety via Ontario Soccer Club Licensing Page, then visit the Coaches Association of Canada link to Responsible Coaching Movement and take the pledge!



19. Has a Rule of Two Policy on which it educates players, parents, coaches, and team personnel:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



20. All coaches and team personnel have completed Respect in Sport Activity Leader Training:

Provide a copy of your Organization's list of team personnel, age groups they are associated / coaching and their respect in sport activity leader training certificate.



21. All coaches and team personnel have completed proper Background Screening, including a Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) within the last 3 years:

Provide your Organization's list of coaches with the background check dates, the name and signature of the Club representative who confirmed receipt, the date of expiry and that individual's signature.



22. At least one parent or guardian from each participating family has completed Respect in the Sport Parent Program training (RECOMMENDATION):

Provide your organizations list of teams with team parents or guardian name that has completed Respect in Sport. If your organization has not yet implemented this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



23. Facilities and equipment are safe, well-maintained, and in good condition:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.



24. At least one individual from the organization has completed Commit to Kids online training and this individual is identified as the primary liaison for child protection with contact information provided to Coaches, Team Personnel, and Parents:

Provide evidence of individuals from the organization that have committed the commit to kids online training:

<https://protectchildren.ca/en/get-involved/online-training/commit-to-kids/> (<https://protectchildren.ca/en/get-involved/online-training/commit-to-kids/>)

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25. Demonstrates active implementation of the Canada Soccer Guide to Safety:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.

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Provides an accessible, inclusive, and welcoming soccer environment:

26. Provides programming that targets underrepresented groups as outlined in the Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.

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27. Has programs, partnerships, and/or other mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.

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28i. Appreciates diversity to ensure everyone feels safe and that they belong regardless of ability and background

Provide your Organization's Commitment to Accessibility and Inclusion.

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28ii. Coaches are culturally sensitive and programs include culturally appropriate activities

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29i. Utilizes facilities that are accessible to participants of all abilities and advocates for enhancements to facility accessibility:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.

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30. Demonstrates active implementation of the Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated in policy, shown with procedure and shared with staff and members. If your organization is to going to implement this, add it to your action plan with a timeline.

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30i. Committed to enhancing the ratio of women as Club Administrators, with targets and a dedicated plan for achieving these targets:



30ii. Organization has firm metrics in place to measure the success of its women and girls' advancement programs:



Submits a Club Pathway that demonstrates the following:

31. Alignment to Provincial Pathway:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated to membership and shared with staff and reflected in all relative planning tools. [https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway_\(https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway\)](https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway_(https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway))



32. Alignment to National Player Pathway:

Provide evidence that your organization meets this criteria, demonstrate it is communicated to membership and shared with staff and reflected in all relative planning tools. [https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway_\(https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway\)](https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway_(https://www.ontariosoccer.net/player-talented-pathway))



33. An established pathway to provide players with access to opportunities for participation in Grassroots, Community, Competitive, and Development/Performance Streams:

Provide evidence that your Organization has an internal established pathway for players providing players with access to all available youth streams.



34. An established pathway that provides opportunities for players to continue participation in the Soccer for Life stage (senior and masters):

Provide evidence that your Organization has an internal established pathway for players providing players with access to all available adult and senior streams. This could include partnerships with organizations that specialize in adult and senior soccer.



Submits a Technical Plan that includes the following:

Upload your Organization's Technical plan.

See page 51 of the OPDL RFP for examples of what a Technical Plan can include:

[https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/261b-1797954/2019_Application_Process_Feb_25th.pdf?_ga=2.231290652.229184734.1554131191-432747124.1551121987](https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/261b-1797954/2019_Application_Process_Feb_25th.pdf?_ga=2.231290652.229184734.1554131191-432747124.1551121987_(https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/261b-1797954/2019_Application_Process_Feb_25th.pdf?_ga=2.231290652.229184734.1554131191-432747124.1551121987))



36. Program Descriptions:

Provide descriptions for each one of your Organization's programs.



37. Program alignment to Long Term Player Development stage-appropriate best principles as outlined by Canada Soccer:

Provide evidence that your Organization's programs are aligned to LTPD stage-appropriate best principles as outlined by Canada Soccer Wellness to World Cup plan.

38. Alignment to Strategic and Operational Plans:

Provide evidence that your Technical Plan is aligned to the Organization's Strategic and Operational Plans.

39. Holistic approach that includes Physical, Mental, Technical/Tactical, and Social/Emotional development:

Provide evidence that your Organization approach to development is holistic in that it encompasses all corners of player development.

40. Yearly Training Plan (YTP) that includes training and competition components for all stages, age groups, levels, and teams in which the organization provides programming:

Provide your Organization's yearly training plan, it should include the training and competition components for all age groups that your Organization offers programs to.

41i. Coach Recruitment, Retention, Development, Assessment, Advancement and Recognition Strategy:

Upload your Organization's coach strategy which should outline the plan to recruit, retain, develop, assess, advance and recognize coaches within your environment.

41ii. Strategy focuses on transition of players to coaching roles:

Outline your Organization's strategy to transition players out of their roles on the field (once they are ready) to advance into coaching roles.

Sport Science and Medicine Plan that:

46. Is aligned to Technical Plan:

Sport science & medicine studies how the healthy body works during exercise to promote performance and the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries before returning to play protocol. Demonstrate how you have aligned this to the Technical Plan.

47. Supports physical, mental, and social/emotional development:

Demonstrate how your sport science and medicine plan support your Organization's four corner development.

50. Includes injury prevention, assessment, treatment, and return to play protocols:

Provide the details of your Organization's injury prevention plan and protocol, the assessment protocol when injuries occur, the treatment plan and protocol, and the return to play protocol.



51. Includes Anti-Doping Policy and Education Program for Players and Team Personnel:

Provide your Organization's Anti-Doping Policy and education program for players and team personnel. Ensure to demonstrate how it's shared, delivered and provided to staff, players and members.



Technology Support Plan that:

54. Operates a licensed Canada Soccer Skill Centre:

Upload the program details of your Organization's open development training for the grassroots age groups. Open and accessible to all players who want supplemental development training in your Organization's environment.



57. Provides Futsal programming:

Provide the details of your Organization's futsal offerings / futsal programs that players within your program participate in. The futsal program should have a line item devoted to it's delivery in the organizations budget.



58. Has an identified Technical Lead with clearly defined responsibilities:

Identify the technical lead of all programs, provide that individuals job description / roles and responsibilities.



Technical Lead holds the following current and valid certification at minimum:

59. Community Stream Workshops for all stages at which the organization provides programming:

Provide a scan copy of all the current and valid certification of your technical lead, whether local or foreign education. Ideally this would include certification that has been delivered by Ontario Soccer or Canada Soccer or a recognized body.



60. Making Ethical Decisions Workshop and/or Online Evaluation:

Upload your technical lead's making ethical decision workshop certificate and / or their completed online evaluation document.



61. Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program:

Upload your technical lead's respect in sport activity leader program certificate.



62. Appropriate Level Licence for Application Level:

Upload your technical lead's highest recognized coaching education and any supporting documentation, such as equivalency paperwork for any foreign coaching certifications you've received equivalency for.

**63. Children's Licence (2021):**

Upload your Children's License registration confirmation or the Club's commitment to send the technical lead to pursue this necessary education by 2021.

**64. Youth Licence (2021):**

Upload your Youth License registration confirmation or the Club's commitment to send the technical lead to pursue this necessary education by 2021.

**65. Canada Soccer Executive Leadership Diploma (2022):**

Upload your Club's commitment to send the appropriate individual to pursue this necessary education by 2022.

**66. The Technical Lead is committed to ongoing development and education:**

Provide evidence of ongoing development and education. I.e. conference attendance receipts, confirmation, workshop or webinar participation, etc. This criteria should have a line item devoted to it in the operating budget.

**67. Coach training and/or certification is aligned to programs operated and Canada Soccer and/or PTSO standards:**

Upload a spreadsheet with all coaches working within your organizations and their relevant training and / or certification that is aligned to program operated by Ontario Soccer or Canada Soccer. For example, any of the coaching education courses available

**67i. Match Officials (Not Applicable to Private Academies At This Time):****67ii. Must contribute to Match Officials Development Fees:**

Demonstrate the way in which your Organization contributes to Match Officials Development with funds to support the initiatives.

**67iii. Must have a Qualified Club Head Referee (Ontario Soccer trained):**

Identify your Club / Organization Head Referee (internal or external partnerships as well as connection through league play can be acceptable here)

**67iv. Must have a Match Officials Development Plan, including budget:**

If you have a Match Officials department / program, upload the development plan, including your Organization's budget.



67viii. Committed to enhancing the ratio of women as Club Match Officials, with targets and a dedicated plan for achieving these targets:

Provide evidence as to how your Organization is committed to enhancing the ratio of women as match officials, provide details on the targets and the dedicated plan for achieving these targets. Refer to <https://www.caaws.ca/> (<https://www.caaws.ca/>) for assistance on strategies.

 **67v. Mentorship and Support Program:**

Provide the details of your match officials mentorship and support program. That could be internal or in cooperation with another organization or governing body.

 **67vi. Mechanism to audit all components of Club Match Officials Development Program:**

Provide the details and mechanism around how your Organization audits all components of match officials and the development program.

 **67vii. Annual Education and Training Plan:**

Provide the details of your annual education and training plan, including any fitness components.

 **68. Has a Goalkeeper Coach and provides Goalkeeper Training:**

Provide your Goalkeeper Coach name, credentials / cv as well as their current and valid qualifications. Upload a copy of their employment agreement and the work in programming they are committed to delivering.

 **69. Goalkeeper Coach has completed Canada Soccer Goalkeeping Workshop (2020):**

Upload your Goalkeeper Coach's GK workshop certificate (if available).

 **69i. Goalkeeper Coach has completed Ontario Soccer Goalkeeping Diploma:**

Upload your Goalkeeper Coaches Goalkeeping Diploma (if available).

 **69ii. Has a partnership with an organization that offers access to an Integrated Support Team that includes property certified experts in Nutrition, Mental Skills Training, Performance Analysis (Physiology and Biomechanics), as well as the Physical Training Provider and Medical Staff:**

Upload evidence of your Organization's partnership with another organization that offers access to an integrated support team (i.e. nutrition, mental skills training, performance analysis, as well as physical training provider and medical staff).

 

69iii. Has a partnership with an organization that offers access to a qualified Physical Training Provider who is responsible for development and oversight of Physical Training Plan in conjunction with Technical Lead and coaches (as applicable):

Upload evidence of a partnership with an organization that offers access to a qualified training provider who is responsible for the development and oversight of physical training plans in conjunction with the technical lead and coaches (as applicable).



69iv. Has a partnership with an organization that offers access to Medical Staff, which includes at minimum one doctor and one physiotherapist or athletic therapist that is properly certified and licensed:

Upload evidence of your organization's partnership with another organization that offers access to medical staff, incl. at minimum one doctor, one physio / athletic therapist that is properly certified and licensed.



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Administration & Financial Criteria:

Refer to Ontario Soccer's website, visit the Club Licensing link, and utilize the category-specific resources available under Administration & Financial:

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All Administration & Financial Criteria can be uploaded in one PDF document here, criteria #74 through #104:



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74. Registers all participants with its governing organization(s). Please note: Ontario Soccer to confirm this information, no requirement to upload information here.

75. Does not interact with non-member organizations unless approved by governing organization(s). Please note: Ontario Soccer to confirm this information, no requirement to upload information here.

76. Has a bank account:

Provide proof that your Organization has a bank account, i.e. a void check may act as proof.



77. Has a minimum of two signing authorities and requires two signatures on all financial transactions, unless owner is the sole signing authority:

Provide proof that your Organization has a minimum of two signing authorities and your policy with regards to requiring two signatures on all financial transactions.

**78. Prepares reviewed or audited financial statements:**

Provide your Organization's Reviewed or audited financial statements. The reviewed or audited financial statements should encompass all criteria in terms of meeting financials standards; criteria number 79-85. Provide the most recent year's statements.



Meets the following financial standards:

Submits an Operational Plan that includes the following:

Operational Plan

Provide a copy of your Organization's Operational Plan. The operational plan must include a Financial Development Strategy and Facility Strategy. As well as a Community Engagement / Involvement Strategy dependent on the level (recommended)



Has administrative policies that include the following:

97. Submits an Organizational Chart:

Provide a copy of a current Organizational Chart.

**98. Has an identified Administrative Lead with clearly defined responsibilities:**

Provide your Organization's job description for the Administrative Lead with clearly defined responsibilities.



Has a Human Resource Policy that includes the following:

103. All staff members have completed Respect in the Workplace training:

Provide a list of all your employees, there Respect in the Workplace Certificate number, this file should include the date of completion and expiry (if any).



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Infrastructure Criteria:

Refer to Ontario Soccer's website, visit the Club Licensing link, and utilize the category-specific resources available under Infrastructure:

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106. Has a website

Provide the details of your Organization's website again here.



107. Has access to facilities that meet the minimum requirements of the programs that it operates:

Provide the minimum requirements of the programs that your Organization operates as well as the access your Organization has to use these facilities for the delivery of your programs.



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Governance Criteria:

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The Organization:

109. Is a Member in Good Standing with its governing organization(s) - Ontario Soccer will provide this information, no need to upload this information.

110. Is a legal entity:

Legally valid declaration outlining the business status, ownership structure (if applicable), and control mechanism.



111. Is compliant with the by-laws, policies, and directives of its governing organization(s). (Please note that Ontario Soccer can confirm this information on behalf of your Club / Academy, no action is required here.

112. Works in harmony, aligning values and operations, with its governing organization(s). Please note that Ontario Soccer can confirm this information on behalf of your Club / Academy, no action is required here.

113. Is compliant with all applicable requirements of governments (e.g., non-profit statutes) and regulatory bodies (provincial sport regulators) within whose jurisdiction it operates:

Provide a commitment letter that confirms your declaration / pledge to comply with all applicable requirements of government and regulatory bodies within whose jurisdiction your Organization operates.



114. Holds an Annual General Meeting:

Please provide your Organization's AGM Minutes. Or the details and agenda to your Organization's annual meeting.



115. Submits Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws or Business License:

Provide your Organization's Letters of Incorporation and By-Laws.



116. Submits a Vision, Mission, and Values Statement:

Provide your Organization's Vision, Mission, and Values Statement.



Has a board of directors / owner / operator that is responsible for the affairs of the organization:

118. Is comprised of individuals who do not hold simultaneously a position of director, employee or contractor of another organization with which the organization has an ongoing relationship:

Provide your Organization's outline of Board of Director's that provides proof that they do not hold simultaneously a position of director, employee or contractor of another organization with which the organization has an ongoing relationship:



119. All Board Members / Owners / Operators have completed Respect in the Workplace training:

Provide your Organization's list of Board Members alongside the list of those who have completed Respect in the Workplace training. Note, all members should complete this training.



Has director recruitment policies and processes which ensure that the board has:

127. Selects, compensates, and provides oversight of the Administrative Lead:

Provide your Organization's evidence that you select, compensate, and provide oversight to your Administrative Lead.



130. Submits a Strategic Plan:

Provide your Organization's Strategic Plan.



131. Has policies and processes for the administration of discipline, including ethical violations, (ALL) that are independent of the Board of Directors / Owner / Operator:

Provide your Organization's Discipline Policy and Processes.

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