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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: Ontario Soccer Grassroots Diploma Course Applications

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

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coaching licence valid for five (5) years. The licence may be maintained by following the Ontario Soccer Maintenance and Renewal Process.

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](#).

Application window is open until **August 4, 2025**

Successful coaches will be notified by **August 13, 2025**

Confirmation of placement through payment by **August 21, 2025**

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

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