

## **FAQ FOR COACHES**

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### **Canada Soccer launches online Grassroots Coach Education Program**

As of April 15, 2021, Ontario Soccer will no longer be conducting the registration and theory component for Grassroots Coach Education through the 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 purchased via Canada Soccer's coach education shop ([Canada-soccer.myshopify.com](https://canada-soccer.myshopify.com)) will allow grassroots coaches to complete the online component of the Grassroots Coach Education Program.

This is a new program for Ontario Soccer and its membership. We have created a FAQ below to assist you with any questions you may have. This document will be reviewed and adjusted on a regular basis to assist during this transition.

### **My Club / Academy / Organization had requested to host a course that was to start after April 15<sup>th</sup>. What happens now? Where do I register/start?**

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

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

Each theory component has an individual fee.

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

### **How do I get a key from my Club / Academy / Organization?**

Reach out to your Host Organization and request a key. You may be required to provide additional information to confirm your registration and current certification level (if applicable).

Coaches must be registered members in good standing of their home District. Districts will confirm that they have the minimal certification required in order to be registered for competition.

### **Can I purchase a key without going through a Club / Academy / Organization?**

Yes, coaches can purchase individual keys. When a Host 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.

### **How do Hosts track their coaches progression?**

Hosts will be provided with a weekly report.

This report will contain a total list of names, their club and completion level.

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

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

Yes, you may start multiple theories at one time if you desire. The Certification for each Grassroots education course will NOT be provided until the practical components have been completed. You will only show as "Theory Trained" NOT certified.

### **Do I have to take Coaching Soccer in Canada?**

Each coach new to the [Canadasoccer.com/academy](http://Canadasoccer.com/academy) system must complete the Coaching Soccer in Canada Module. It is a pre-requisite for all other Grassroots Coach Education courses. Please note: this only has to be completed once.

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

### **How do I register for the Practical?**

Once you have completed the Theory component of a course, you can search and register for the Practical, on-field component on Coach Centre:

<https://www.coachcentre.ca/>

You must have completed the Theory component of the course prior to registering for the Practical component. Hosts will be verifying this information prior to approving any registrations.

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

Hosts will communicate this process directly to the coach as each host may have a different procedure.

### **A Club / Academy / Organization near me is hosting a practical session from a course that took place on Google Classroom in 2020 or early 2021. If I am "Theory-trained" through the new Canada Soccer Academy, can I join this practical?**

No, a coach in this scenario 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](#).

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

You must directly communicate with the platform provider for any assistance with any system issues. You can do this directly through the Help function on the Academy platform. Ontario Soccer does not have access to the system in order to fix any issues.

**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.