



BC Soccer Policy

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Policy Name	Coach Requirement Policy

Policy Statement

BC Soccer requires minimum coaching requirements for all coaches of any youth or adult teams or soccer programs within the membership. These requirements include safety and technical training to better ensure that coaches in BC can provide a safe, enjoyable, and developmentally appropriate environment for the players of BC.

Purpose

To ensure that all BC Soccer member organizations and affiliated organizations have coaches complying with the following minimum coaching requirements for all teams and/or soccer programs in British Columbia in alignment with Canada Soccer's Safe Sport Roster.

Standards

Effective 1st September 2023.

Youth Team Head Coaches

All Head Coaches of any youth team and/or soccer programs must:

- Comply with the BC Soccer Criminal Record Check [policy](#) prior to participating in their role/activity.
- Complete the appropriate Canada Soccer / BC Soccer coaching courses for the age groups of the team(s) they are coaching within 6 months of appointment, being:
 - U6 – Active Start
 - U7-U9 – Fundamentals
 - U10-U13 – Learn to Train
 - U14-U18 – Soccer for Life
- Complete the following safety training modules within 6 months of appointment, being:
 - [NCCP](#) Making Headway in Soccer online concussion module.
 - [NCCP](#) Emergency Action Plan online module.
 - [NCCP](#) Rule of Two online module.

Youth Team Assistant Coaches

All Youth Team Assistant Coaches of any youth team and/or soccer programs must:

- Comply with the BC Soccer Criminal Record Check [policy](#) prior to participating in their role/activity.

Adult Team Coaches

All Adult Team Coaches of any adult team and/or soccer programs that has or may have youth aged players participating must:

- Comply with the BC Soccer Criminal Record Check [policy](#) prior to participating in their role/activity.

Coaches are required to comply with any additional requirements within the competition rules and regulations they coach in.

Effective for the 2024 Interior and 2024-25 Coastal seasons of play and beyond the following applies:

Youth Team Head Coaches

All Youth Team Head Coaches of any youth team and/or soccer program must:

- Comply with the BC Soccer Criminal Record Check [policy](#) prior to participating in their role/activity.
- Complete the following **safety** training modules prior to the respective season start date:
 - [Respect in Sport](#) - Activity Leader Program online module (certificate expires after 5 years requiring a renewal).
 - [NCCP](#) Make Ethical Decisions Training module and/or online evaluation.
 - [NCCP](#) Making Headway in Soccer online concussion module.
 - [NCCP](#) Emergency Action Plan online module.
 - [NCCP](#) Rule of Two online module.
- Complete the following **technical** training modules:
 - Canada Soccer Grassroots online theory [module](#) (Part 1) for the age group(s) they are coaching in prior to the respective season start date.
 - Canada Soccer Grassroots on-field practical [workshop](#) (Part 2) for the age group(s) they are coaching within six (6) months of the respective season start date. The age groups for the Canada Soccer online theory (Part 1) and on field practical workshop (Part 2) components shall be defined as follows:
 - U6 - Active Start
 - U7-U9 - Fundamentals
 - U10-U13 - Learn to Train
 - U14-U18 - Soccer for Life

Youth Team Assistant Coaches

All Youth Team Assistant Coaches of any youth team(s) and/or soccer program(s) must:

- Comply with the BC Soccer Criminal Record Check [policy](#) prior to participating in their role/activity.
- Complete the following **safety** training modules prior to the respective season start date:
 - [Respect in Sport](#) - Activity Leader Program online module (certificate expires after 5 years requiring a renewal).
- All other training components are highly recommended for all coaches.

Adult Team Head Coaches

All Adult Team Head Coaches of any adult team and/or soccer programs that has or may have youth aged players participating must:

- Comply with the BC Soccer Criminal Record Check [policy](#) prior to participating in their role/activity.
- Complete the following **safety** training modules prior to the respective season start date:
 - [Respect in Sport](#) - Activity Leader Program online module (certificate expires after 5 years requiring a renewal).
 - [NCCP](#) Make Ethical Decisions Training module and/or online evaluation.
 - [NCCP](#) Making Headway in Soccer online concussion module.
 - [NCCP](#) Emergency Action Plan online module.
 - [NCCP](#) Rule of Two online module.
- All other training components required for Youth Team Head Coaches are highly recommended for all coaches.

Adult Team Assistant Coaches

All Adult Team Assistant Coaches of any adult team and/or soccer programs that has or may have youth aged players participating must:

- Comply with the BC Soccer Criminal Record Check [policy](#) prior to participating in their role/activity.
- All other training components required for Adult Team Head Coaches and Youth Team Head Coaches are highly recommended for all coaches.

Coaches are required to comply with any additional requirements within the competition rules and regulations they coach in.

Definitions

Coach: As designated by an organization appointed in a coaching role (ie. head coaches, assistant coaches, co-coaches, program lead coaches, etc.).

Interior season of play: The annual start date for coaching requirements shall be April 1st.

Coastal season of play: The annual start date for coaching requirements shall be September 1st.

Guidelines

N/A

Applicable Operational Procedures

N/A

Compliance to BC Soccer Governing Documents

In accordance with BC Soccer's "*Bylaws 3.4.a.ii*" all member organizations must comply with the applicable Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Judicial Code and Policies, other Policies, decisions and directives of BC Soccer and the statutes, bylaws, regulations, directives and decisions of Canada Soccer, FIFA at all times.

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