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Information Bulletin

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To: District Administrators, Presidents, Technical Directors, ORA, Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Gary Miller, Technical Director
Subject: 2017-2018 Female Mentorship Program

Ontario Soccer is committed to supporting and developing female coaches in Ontario.

The first five years of the Female Mentorship Program were a resounding success and Ontario Soccer is keeping the momentum going in year six. Moreover, earlier this month, Ontario Soccer announced a new partnership with the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport (CAAWS) to further expand women in soccer leadership opportunities which includes coaching development as a strategic focus.

The Female Mentorship Program is designed to train female coaches, who in turn will act as educators and mentors to other female coaches who wish to further develop and progress their coaching careers. The mentorship program is part of a holistic support system approach to enable promising coaches across the Province to reach their full coaching potential in the sport. Ontario Soccer is aiming to increase the number of active elite female coaches and to create an improved female coaching culture.

Annually, Ontario Soccer seeks applications for eight mentee Coaches. The mentee coaches must be working towards the National B Licence Part 1 (Provincial B) and National B Part 2 coaching licenses.

The six coaches will be selected based on their experience, potential, and the recommendations supporting their application.

The selected applications will be developed in the Ontario Soccer mentoring program, under the guidance of the Female Head Mentor Coach. Successful candidates will be required to commit to a nine-month program on a volunteer basis.

These coaches will be developed to step into a coaching leadership role as they to strive to attain their C License, National B Licence Part 1 (Provincial B), and National B Part 2.



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Mentee Coach Commitments include:

1. Session and game observation (pre and post discussions with Head Mentor Coach)
 - Observation will occur at OPDL games and/or C and/or B Licence courses
2. Plan and deliver mock C and/or B Licence Sessions
 - Topics to be assigned by Head Mentor Coach and delivery to occur at mentee coach's home club
3. Attend Female Coaching Workshops.

The proposed dates for the Female Coaching Workshops are as follows:

1. Late January / Early February 2018
2. March 2018 (Ontario Soccer Summit)
3. April 2018
4. September 2018

Female coaches who apply for one of the six mentee coach positions, but are not successful, will be invited to attend Ontario Soccer Female Coaching Workshops that will occur throughout 2018.

[Click here](#) if you are interested solely attending the Ontario Soccer Female Coaching Workshops.

[Click here](#) if you are interested in applying for the Ontario Soccer Female Mentorship program.

For any further inquiries, please contact [Matthew Kassabian](#).

