

Team Official Training/Certification Requirements – Minimum Standards

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Competitive Stream: EMDSL Tier 1 & Tier 2, higher leagues

	Requirement	How do I get this?	Notes
1	Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check	Contact club for instructions, obtained through the jurisdiction where you reside	Subject to District or OS Audit
2	Mandatory Screening	Contact your club for their checklist, click here for more info	Incl. Rowan's Law, AODA, CoC, etc.
3	Stage Appropriate Coach Education – Theory	https://canada-soccer.myshopify.com/collections/grassroots-coaching-education-program	Choose course for age category you are coaching
4	Stage Appropriate Coach Education - Practical	https://www.coachcentre.ca/PublicCourseSearch.aspx?ID=2	Need to register with Coach Centre first
5	NCCP Making Ethical Decisions	https://www.coachesontario.ca/calendar/	Need to register and complete online evaluation
6	Respect in Sport	https://ontariosoccer.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/	Complete online module
7	NCCP Making Headway Module	https://coach.ca/making-head-way-concussion-elearning-series	Need to register to complete module
8	NCCP Emergency Action Planning Module	https://coach.ca/nccp-emergency-action-plan	Need to register to complete module
9	NCCP Rule of Two Module	https://coach.ca/understanding-rule-two	Need to register to complete module

For Competitive Stream Coaches, EMSA will require NCCP numbers or transcripts showing the minimum coaching standard has been obtained for the season. Rosters will not receive final approval until the minimum standards are met.

NCCP courses all require a coach.ca Locker Account

<https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>
lookup option is available to find your NCCP number

Bench Managers required to complete all with exception of Coach Education unless desired or requested by Club.

Community Stream: EMDSL Tier 3 or equivalent, in-club house leagues

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2	Mandatory Screening	Contact your club for their checklist, click here for more info	Incl. Rowan's Law, AODA, CoC, etc.
3	Coaching Soccer in Canada Module	https://canada-soccer.myshopify.com/collections/grassroots-coaching-education-program	
4	Respect in Sport	https://ontariosoccer.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/	

For Community Stream Coaches it is the clubs responsibility to ensure the minimum standards are met for all coaches. EMSA and/or Ontario Soccer may audit clubs from time to time to ensure compliance.

Course Age Classifications

Age Group	Course Required
U4-U6	Active Start
U7-U9	Fundamentals
U10-U13	Learn to Train
U14+	Soccer for Life