2023 Canada Soccer Coach Education Minimum Standards

The Canada Soccer Safe Sport Roster is a progressive package of programs, policies, and procedures designed to ensure that organizations that offer soccer programming in Canada create safe, fun, developmentally appropriate, inclusive, accessible, and welcoming experiences for all participants. For amateur soccer organizations in Canada, the expansion of the Canada Soccer Youth Club Licensing Program as a requirement of membership has been implemented as a direct result of the unanimous adoption of the Canada Soccer Safe Sport Roster at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Members.

Ahead of the start of the 2023 soccer season, all member organizations (clubs and academies) that offer youth soccer programing in a Canada Soccer Member Association Province and Territory will be required to meet the minimum Standards of Quality Soccer to be recognized as Quality Soccer Provider within the Canada Soccer Youth Club Licensing Program and in support of the guiding principles of the Safe Sport Roster. Within the Standards for Quality Soccer, it is required that coaches are trained and/or certified appropriately for the program(s) in which they coach and aligned to the Canada Soccer Safe Sport Roster. The minimum standards are further defined below for the 2023 playing season:

Grassroots/Competitive Streams
Full Safe Sport Roster – Required Training
1. Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen
2. Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education – Theory Module (Active Start, Fundamentals, Learn to Train, Soccer for Life)
3. Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education – Practical Module (Active Start, Fundamentals, Learn to Train, Soccer for Life)
4. NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Module and/or Online Evaluation
5. Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program
6. NCCP Making Headway Module
7. NCCP Emergency Action Planning Module
8. NCCP Rule of Two Module

Grassroots – Community/Community Streams*
Modified Safe Sport Roster – Required Training
1. Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen
2. Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education – Coaching Soccer in Canada Module
3. Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program
Highly Recommended Training:
4. Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education – Theory Module (Active Start, Fundamentals, Learn to Train, Soccer for Life)
5. Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education – Practical Module (Active Start, Fundamentals, Learn to Train, Soccer for Life)
Recommended Training:
6. Other requirements of the full Safe Sport Roster

*Provincial and Territorial Member Associations are responsible for the classification of programs within their jurisdiction. To be classified as a Grassroots – Community or Community

Stream program, the following should be considered at minimum, with other considerations as guided by Provincial and Territorial Member Associations and/or other governing organizations:

- Are parents/guardians present to observe all components of the program or do coaches have a responsibility to supervise children or youth without the presence of parents/guardians?
- Does the program have a training component or is it games-only (or integrated training-games in a single session)?
- Are games internal to the organization or do they involve other external organizations?
- Does the program involve any travel?
- Does the program involve travel with overnight stays?
- Does the program participate in tournament play?
- Does the program participate in Regional or Provincial Championships or competitions leading to Regional or Provincial Championships?