



## **Accessible Soccer Project Guidelines**

As you prepare to apply to be part of this project, please read through the **Accessible Soccer Project Guidelines** document to understand what is required and how Soccability Canada will be supporting selected organisations.

This intake will be limited to 10 organisations. Financial funding is not provided as part of this project. The benefits to the organizations are the opportunity to leverage the experience of Soccability Canada to develop or enhance an accessible soccer program.

### **Accessible Soccer Project Objective:**

The Accessible Soccer Project helps reduce barriers for people with a disability to participate in soccer in a range of roles including player, coach, match official, or administrator. Establishing these opportunities through meaningful discussions, planning, and delivery, further enhances our effort towards wider improvement on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) in soccer.

By connecting local soccer organisations with accessibility leaders Soccability Canada, we can increase the capacity and know-how for soccer leaders to deliver accessible programming to members of their own community.

### **Important Timelines:**

- Applications Open: Wednesday, June 12, 2024
- Applications Close: Friday, July 12, 2024
- Applicants Selected: Wednesday, July 31, 2024
- Agreement & Deliverables Confirmation: August 2024 (virtual)
- Training Workshop: September to October 2024 (1-day workshop)
- Club Program Launch & Equipment Delivery: November 2024 to March 2025

### **Accessible Soccer Project Guidelines:**

Soccability Canada has developed the following guidelines and examples to support your organisation's delivery of a successful project. If you have any questions along the way, please do not hesitate to reach out to [inquiries@soccability.ca](mailto:inquiries@soccability.ca)

## **Grant Deliverables:**

### **Project Branding:**

The primary name of the project is “Accessible Soccer Project”

### **Organisation-hosted Accessible Soccer Project:**

Your organisation will plan and deliver a new program or enhance an existing accessible soccer program over a minimum of 8 weeks.

### **Project Training Module:**

The Training Module will be hosted by the soccer organization and facilitated by Soccability Canada instructors.

The Training Module will be a 1-day course with a mix of classroom and on-field learning.

Soccability Canada will prepare each soccer organization with pre and post online meetings.

Clubs are responsible for gathering the contact information (name, email address, and phone contact) for all attendees who will be enrolled in the Training Module.

### **Project Survey:**

Your organisation is responsible for providing survey responses throughout the duration of the project. This will assist Canada Soccer and Soccability Canada in developing further accessible soccer projects.

Timelines will be identified in the planning stage.

### **Session Guide:**

Soccability Canada has developed a pan-disability, session guide booklet for coaches.

Your organisation will receive a shipment of session guide booklets in preparation for the 1-day training module.

Soccability Canada will provide PDF samples of the session guide in English and French.

A Canadian Indigenous interpretation of the Soccability Canada session guide will be available digitally.

### **Accessible Soccer Project Banner:**

Your organisation will receive one (1) Accessible Soccer Project Banner and will be responsible for ensuring that it is displayed prominently.

### **Project Equipment:**

Each club will be provided with:

- 2 branded Soccability Canada audible balls
- 15 Balls (assorted sizes, colours, textures, sounds)
- 20 Flat markers (4 colours)
- 10 Pinnies (1 colour)
- 1 Ball pump

Equipment will be delivered to the soccer organization no later than their scheduled September - October workshop.

### **Canada Soccer Principles:**

Canada Soccer's collaborative work in Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) helps shape how we operate and engage with our soccer community. We believe in welcoming

everyone, regardless of differences and making sure everyone feels valued. Diversity celebrates the richness of perspectives and cultures that make our sport so vibrant. Equity is crucial and creates opportunities for all. Accessibility is key, making sure soccer is open and available to everyone, no matter what their abilities may be. Together, these principles guide our efforts to create a soccer community that is Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, and Accessible to all Canadians.

**Soccability Canada Principles:**

Soccability Canada has a vision to ensure any person with a disability has an opportunity to play soccer in their community and a pathway for further opportunities in the game in Canada. Underpinning our progress are six key values that motivate us and maintain our focus, they are: Discovery, Innovation, Impact, Teamwork, Inclusion, and Fun. Further information about our organization can be found at [www.soccability.ca](http://www.soccability.ca)