



# MEMBERSHIP PLAYER LEVY USE & BENEFITS

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Canada Soccer is proud to be the official governing body for soccer in Canada.

In partnership with our members, Canada Soccer works to promote the growth and development of the beautiful game on a national scale, from grassroots to high performance. In this, we are guided by a shared vision: to lead Canada to victory on the soccer pitch, and to lead Canadians of all ages and abilities to a lifelong passion for soccer.

Soccer is, by far, the most popular team sport in Canada. Globally, our country ranks in the top 10 for participation, and the number of active participants in this country is expected to exceed one million in the near future. This makes Canada Soccer's mission to provide leadership in the pursuit of excellence in soccer—both nationally and internationally, in partnership with our members and partners— more important than ever.

Our sport has never been stronger, with participants enjoying an increasingly inclusive, accessible, and positive sport experience, dedicated leaders working together at all levels for the benefit of the game, and unprecedented commercial growth and opportunity set to drive long-term sustainability. Across the Canadian soccer ecosystem, from our Provincial & Territorial Member Associations, to the growing number of Professional Leagues & Clubs, to the community soccer organizations operating from coast-to-coast-to-coast, the sport is prepared for an exciting future.

Canada Soccer is at the heart of it all, and through our affiliations with the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF), the Canadian Olympic Committee, and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, we connect the Canadian game with the world.

Membership within Canada Soccer provides a host of benefits, including access to the best national and international resources our sport has to offer, from training and development programs to competitions at all levels.

The next few years mark an extraordinary era for soccer in Canada, as we prepare to welcome the world for the FIFA World Cup 2026™. As a host nation, Canada will take center stage in one of the most prestigious sporting events on the planet, inspiring a new generation of players and fans while showcasing our passion for the beautiful game on home soil. This historic moment is more than just a tournament—it's a catalyst for growth, opportunity, and lasting legacy, reinforcing Canada's place on the global soccer map and igniting excitement from coast to coast.



# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & PLAYER LEVY USE

The Membership Player Levy is pivotal to funding the growth of soccer in each of our communities, and it plays a vital role in driving Canada Soccer's work to support youth, grassroots and community-level soccer nationwide at all levels.

The Membership Player Levy is part of a diverse range of revenue streams for Canada Soccer and it provides critical funding to support our sport nationwide. Each registered soccer player in Canada contributes funds to Canada Soccer as part of their registration in club soccer. These funds are used in multiple ways that positively impact grassroots and community-level soccer to enhance the soccer experience for participants nationwide.

The following pages outline some of the ways that the Membership Player Levy helps support soccer in our country.



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# COACH EDUCATION & TRAINING

Canada Soccer is committed to ensuring that all players are supervised by appropriately educated and licensed coaches. In addition to Canada Soccer's coach education pathway, the Membership Player Levy funds also support programs to increase the number of women in coaching such as TELUS SheCanCoach and AccelerateHER.

Includes Access to: FIFA & Concacaf courses & clinics, including FIFA Administrative and Facility Management and Coaching Development

## COACH EDUCATION

Canada Soccer is responsible for the development of curriculum and licence streams for coaches from grassroots to professional and National Team environments.

**329** **11**  
Coaches Workshops

\*2024 participation numbers



## AccelerateHER PROGRAM

The AccelerateHER focuses on offering support to women enrolled in Canada Soccer's Advanced Coach Education Program including mentorship, resources, and guidance to help participants navigate the complexities of higher-level coaching.



## TELUS SHE CAN COACH

TELUS She CAN Coach is a national coach recruitment, development, and training project designed for women to address the challenges they face regarding soccer participation.

**236** **20**  
New Coaches Clubs

\*In first year of program



# REFEREE EDUCATION & TRAINING

## Providing training and resources for referees.

In partnership with our Provincial and Territorial Member Associations as well as sanctioned professional leagues, Canada Soccer provides development and training opportunities to advance officials to the National List of Referees as well as earn nominations to the FIFA List.

- Access to national referee development resources and opportunities
- National Curriculum
- National and International appointments and assignments
- Evaluation by assessors
- Fitness Testing
- Online Platforms and additional resources



# PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, COMPETITIONS, AND QUALITY STANDARDS

## Long-Term Player Development

Built around the principles of Long-Term Player Development (LTPD), Canada Soccer provides a roadmap for players of all ages and aspirations who want to play soccer in grassroots, community, competitive, development/performance, and excellence environments, with the aim of encouraging lifelong participation.



## Staging of Competitions

Supporting the staging of the National Championships for competitive players, the National Championships Masters Regionals for adult players, the Futsal Canadian Championship and the Player Development Program Championship.



## Quality Standards

Providing guidance and setting high quality standards through the nationwide Club Licensing Program



## Canada Soccer Safe Sport Roster

Canada Soccer's Safe Sport Roster is a comprehensive framework of policies and programs designed to ensure a safe, inclusive, and high-quality soccer experience for all participants across Canada. Rooted in the Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport (UCCMS), the Safe Sport Roster enforces strict standards for player safety, coach education, and club accountability. Key initiatives include mandatory adherence to the Canada Soccer Youth Club Licensing Program, background screening, ethical coaching training, concussion protocols, and accessible reporting mechanisms for misconduct. By implementing these measures, Canada Soccer fosters a respectful and supportive environment, promoting the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of all players.

# ENCOURAGE AND OVERSEE GROWTH

Canada Soccer is committed to fostering the growth of the game at all levels by providing resources, programs, and opportunities that make soccer more accessible and inclusive across the country.

Through various initiatives we strive to create welcoming environments for players of all backgrounds. By working with our members and partners, we continue to strengthen the foundation of the sport and inspire the next generation of players.

## 739,642 TOTAL PLAYERS ACROSS CANADA

### INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY PROGRAMS

Canada Soccer provides resources to help create inclusive environments for soccer players from all backgrounds, such as IDEA Day, the FreeKicks grant program, and Soccer in Schools.



### SUPPORT FOR YOUTH NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT

Funding playing and training opportunities for Youth National Teams at the U15, U17, and U20 levels – a goal for many younger players.



### COMMUNITY-LEVEL PROGRAMMING

Support for community engagement and sport development opportunities, such as Canada Soccer Grassroots Soccer Fests.



# PERFORMANCE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL



Success on the international stage is a powerful driver of growth for Canadian soccer, inspiring the next generation of players while elevating the sport's profile across the country. A strong National Team program not only unites and energizes fans but also reinforces Canada's place in global soccer

This success fuels the development of the sport, providing more opportunities for young players and strengthening our programs from grassroots to high performance. As Canada Soccer continues to lead the game forward, National Team achievements play a vital role in shaping the future of soccer in Canada.



A robust domestic soccer ecosystem strengthens the talent pool for the Canadian national teams, increasing their competitiveness on the international stage as well as growing the popularity of the game in communities, and providing more opportunities for players, coaches, and referees.

With 17 Professional Teams across 3 leagues in 6 different provinces, more fans can connect with their local clubs, fostering a deeper sense of community and engagement with the sport.





# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Canada Soccer Resource Centre

<https://canadasoccer.com/about-landing-page/about-resources/>

Canada Soccer Coach Education and Certification

<https://canadasoccer.com/coach-education-and-certification/>

TELUS SheCAN Coach Program

<https://canadasoccer.com/coach/she-can-coach/>

AccelerateHER Program

<https://canadasoccer.com/accelerateher/>

FIFA Training Centre

<https://inside.fifa.com/talent-development/fifa-training-centre>

Canada Soccer Referee Resources

<https://canadasoccer.com/referee-resources/>

Long Term Player Development

<https://canadasoccer.com/play-landing/canada-soccer-pathway/>

National Championships

<https://canadasoccer.com/events/toyota-national-championships/>

Player Development Program (PDP) Championship

<https://canadasoccer.com/events/player-development-program/>

Futsal Canadian Championship

<https://canadasoccer.com/events/futsal-canadian-championship/>

National Club Licensing

<https://canadasoccer.com/play-landing/club-licensing-program/>

Club Resources

<https://canadasoccer.com/play-landing/club-resources/>

Safe Sport

<https://canadasoccer.com/play-landing/safe-sport/>

IDEA (Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility)

<https://canadasoccer.com/idea/>

Free Kicks Grant

<https://canadasoccer.com/news/100-organisations-support-canada-soccers-free-kicks-try-it-events-initiative/>

Soccer in Schools

<https://canadasoccer.com/soccerinschools/>

Canada Soccer Grassroots Soccer Fests

<https://canadasoccer.com/events/active-start-soccer-fests/>

Telus Canadian Championship

<https://canadasoccer.com/events/canadian-championship/?c=canChamp&y=2025>

Canadian Premier League

<https://canpl.ca/>

Northern Super League

<https://www.nsl.ca/>