

PLAYER-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CHAMPIONSHIP CHAMPIONNAT DU PROGRAMME DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DES JOUEURS

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WELCOME TO VAUGHAN, ONTARIO

To all qualified Athletes, Coaches, Staff and Officials,

We're delighted to congratulate you on your outstanding season and your admirable qualification for the 2025 PDP Championship in Vaughan, Ontario. It's a remarkable achievement that reflects your hard work, training, and perseverance.

We are honoured to invite you to join us for this thrilling event, where you'll undoubtedly experience unforgettable moments that will be etched in your memory forever. Our Host Committee has gone above and beyond to ensure that the tournament is nothing short of amazing for all our guests, and we're confident that you'll have an exceptional stay with us.

To assist you in planning your trip, we'd like to share some essential information that will come in handy.

As we finish the preparations, we can't wait to welcome you to Vaughan on 26 August on behalf of our Local Organising Committee, our partners, and sponsors. Get ready to enjoy an incredible tournament that will be the highlight of your season!

Sincerely,

The Local Organising Committee

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Canada Soccer's PDP Championship serves as a pinnacle event to the 2025 season, bringing together the top youth teams from Canada's four standards-based leagues. The 2025 edition will be played in Vaughan, Ontario from 27 to 31 August with eight teams in each of four divisions: the PDP U-17 Cup for boys and girls; the PDP U-15 Cup for boys and girls.

Canada Soccer will deliver all key information pertaining to its national amateur competitions via www.canadasoccer.com/competitions.



The main landing page for your competition will feature:

- Links to all four divisions in the PDP Championship
- Competition Regulations
- Resource Centre including:
 - Canada Soccer Code of Conduct & Ethics
 - Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code
 - o 2024-25 Laws of the Game

Your division's competition page will include the Schedule and Results (with a "Download XL" button) as well as the list of Participating Clubs (with links to each Club Profile page).

The 32 qualified teams for Canada Soccer's 2025 PDP Championship qualified through their respective standards-based leagues in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Québec. As part of the Youth Competitions Network, 790 teams have taken part in 2024-25 / 2025 league and cup competitions leading to Canada Soccer's PDP Championship and youth National Championships.

Alongside the 32 qualified youth teams, the PDP Championship will feature some of Canada Soccer's best young referees from the Elite Referee Development Program. With 64 matches across the four divisions, the referees will be working alongside top referee prospects from the host province Ontario Soccer.

HOST CONTACT INFORMATION

Clubs are asked to communicate first and foremost with their provincial soccer organisation in preparation for the PDP Championship.

Local Organising Committee

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SAFE SPORT

All participants deserve a sport experience that is safe, welcoming, accessible, and inclusive. To this end, we work diligently and proactively to ensure all soccer experiences are great ones.

If a member of your team witnesses or experiences maltreatment and wants to file a complaint, this complaint is to be directed to your Provincial or Territorial organisation to be processed by their independent service provider. If you require further support or direction, please reach out to our Safe Sport Officer, Allison Forsyth at safesoccer@canadasoccer.com.

COMPETITION FIELDS & FACILITIES



In all, 64 matches will be played across the four divisions at the PDP Championship, with the Final Matches played in succession on Sunday 31 August.

All 64 matches as well as all booked training sessions will be scheduled at four fields, all of which feature (artificial) soccer turf.

- Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre Stadium (ZASC), 7601 Martin Grove Rd., Vaughan, ON Pitch Size – 106m x 64m (116 yds x 70 yds) Soccer turf installed and maintained since 2015
- Vaughan Grove Stadium
 7401 Martin Grove Rd., Vaughan, ON
 Pitch Size 110m x 68m (120 yds x 74 yds)
 Soccer turf installed and maintained since 2024
- Vaughan Grove 2
 7401 Martin Grove Rd., Vaughan, ON
 Pitch Size 110m x 68m (120 yds x 74 yds)
 Soccer turf installed and maintained since 2022
- Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre Indoor Field, 7601 Martin Grove Rd., Vaughan, ON
 Pitch Size – 100m x 60m (109 yds x 66 yds)
 Soccer turf installed and maintained since 2017

Competition Headquarters

Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre 7601 Martin Grove Road, Vaughan, Ontario, L4L 9E4

Dressing Rooms

There are 16 dressing rooms at Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre (ZASC). These rooms will ensure every squad will have a dressing room for the full match window. Gatorade & water will be stocked pre-match by Field Coordinators. Dressing-room keys will be issued to Team Managers so that teams can lock rooms when they are out at the field.

Training Sessions

Training Windows are one 90-min slot per team on August 26 or August 29 at ZASC Indoor, Stadium or Vaughan Grove Fields. Additional requests coordinated via LOC (14-day notice required).

Training sessions can be booked using this form:

PDP Nationals Field Request

Athletic Therapy / First Aid

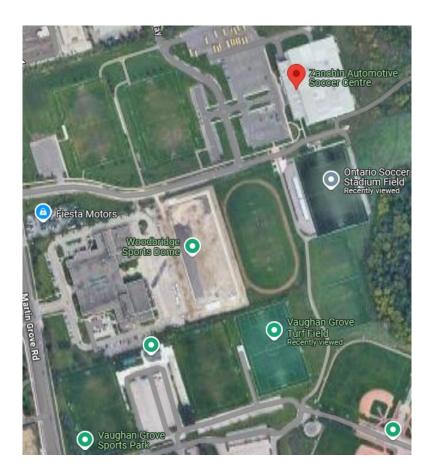
There will be an on-site athletic therapist at each field from 1hr pre-kick to final whistle each day. Medical HQ clinic inside the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre.

AEDs located in ZASC lobby pillar; at centre field on the east side of the ZASC Stadium field and between the Vaughan Grove pitches.

Technical / Spectator Areas

Only accredited staff and players are permitted in the technical area. Please refer to the facility map to view specific areas for spectators.

It is important that Participating Clubs, their players, staff and fans all respect the fields and facilities accordingly. Clubs are expected to keep their benches clean and tidy after each match or training session.



It should be noted that Participating Clubs are not permitted to bring alcoholic beverages into the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre or Vaughan Grove Sports Park (individuals may only consume alcohol in the licensed areas).

Participating Clubs may only bring food and beverages into the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre or Vaughan Grove Sports Park with written approval prior to the event.

MEDICAL FACILITIES & PHARMACIES

First-Aid will be provided for all matches. Physiotherapy will be provided one hour prior to each game. Clubs must provide their own supplies (tape etc.)

Medical HQ clinic inside ZASC. Emergency vehicle gate access maps posted in Team Services App.

Nearest hospital

 William Osler Health System (Etobicoke General), 101 Humber College Blvd, 10 min / 6 km drive

Walk-in Clinics

- Vcare, 3 min / 800 m drive
 25 Woodstream Blvd #6, Woodbridge, ON
- Medbrands Pharma Care Health Clinic, 7 min / 2.8km drive
 53 Woodbridge Ave, Woodbridge, ON

Dental Emergency Clinics

- Highway 7 Dental Emergency Clinic in Richmond Hill +1 905.707.5808
- Dental Emergency Clinic in Newmarket +1 905 252 5555
- Dental Emergency Service in Toronto +1 416 485 7121

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The Local Organising Committee has organised a list of vetted companies from which Participating Clubs may coordinate their local transportation needs, including travel from the airport and travel to/from the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre and Vaughan Grove Sports Park.

Aun Canada Bus – auncanadabus@gmail.com
Canadian Craft Charters – info@canadiancrafttours.ca
Denny's – info@dbl.ltd
FIRSTcharter – firstcharter@firstgroup.co
Toronto Charters – info@torontocharters.ca

LOCAL LAUNDRY OPTIONS

On-site coin laundry in Team Hotel. Off-site Woodbridge Coin Laundry (7944 Kipling Ave) for kit services. Phone +1 647.551.2646

LOCAL HOSPITALITY & TOURISM



No matter what you enjoy – whether it's sports, festivals, roller coasters, art, shopping or dining – you will find it here. Vaughan's top-rated attractions generate excitement and create lasting memories.

- Feel the g-forces at Canada's Wonderland
- Step back into 1860s country life at Black Creek Pioneer Village
- Hear the buzz of honeybees at the Kortright Centre for Conservation
- Click, play and create in vivid colours at the LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre
- Explore contemporary Canadian and Indigenous art at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection
- Hang out and take a selfie with a lizard at Reptilia Zoo
- Shop at more than 250 stores at Vaughan Mills
- Sample diverse flavours at locally run restaurants across the city

Before visiting, please refer to individual attractions, events and businesses directly to confirm hours of operation.

A full list of activities and recommended places can be found at https://visitvaughan.ca/.

LOCAL FOOD & SUPPLIES

Woodstream Plaza – 3 min / 800 m drive No Frills – 5 min / 1.4 km drive Vaughan Valley Centre – 7 min / 2.5 km drive Costco – 11 mins / 4.1 km drive

For more restaurant options, please refer to the Tourism Vaughan Website: https://visitvaughan.ca/dine/

COMPETITION MEETINGS

To help prepare for Canada Soccer's PDP Championship, the following virtual and in-person meetings have been planned.

(Virtual) Pre-Arrival Meeting for Participating Clubs

Canada Soccer will coordinate a virtual (Zoom) pre-arrival meeting with all the Participating Clubs in August. At least one staff member from each Club must attend the meeting on one of these dates.

Option 1 - Monday 4 August at 15.00 ET / 12.00 PT

Option 2 - Wednesday 12 August at 19.00 ET / 16.00 PT

The Canada Soccer Match Commissioner and General Coordinator will chair the Pre-Competition Meeting. The PTSO Representative along with a staff or coach from each club must attend the meeting. All clubs must bring one example of each of their player and goalkeeper shirts and socks to this meeting (which means all colour variations for both outfield players and goalkeepers).

Clubs that have players who need to wear a cast or brace must have that equipment checked by the Supervisor of Officials (clubs must RSVP with Canada Soccer if they are bringing additional equipment that needs to be approved by the Supervisor of Officials).

Club Equipment Check and Pre-Competition Meeting

Tuesday 26 August 19.15 for Equipment Check 20.00 for Pre-Competition Meeting William Hoyle Room, Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre 7601 Martin Grove Road, Vaughan, L4L 9E4

Pre-Competition Meeting for PTSO Representatives

Tuesday 26 August from 19.15 to 19.45 local time Canada Room, Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre 7601 Martin Grove Road, Vaughan, L4L 9E4

OPENING CEREMONY

Ontario Soccer will host an Opening Ceremony for all Participating Clubs at Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre – Stadium on Wednesday 27 August at 19.30 local time to mark the start of the competition. This event provides an opportunity to welcome participants, celebrate the host community, and set the tone for the week ahead. Further details including location, timing and any specific arrival instructions will be shared in advance by the LOC.

CANADA SOCCER AWARDS

Following each Final Match on Sunday 31 August, Canada Soccer will hold a ceremony to present awards and medals for that division. Each presentation includes the Most Valuable Player award, referee medals, player medals, and the Winners' Trophy.

The four Final Matches will be played at the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre.

Girls' PDP U-15 Cup - Kickoff 10.00 ET / 07.00 PT

Boys' PDP U-15 Cup - Kickoff 13.00 ET / 10.00 PT

Girls' PDP U-17 Cup - Kickoff 16.00 ET / 13.00 PT

Boys' PDP U-17 Cup - Kickoff 19.00 ET / 16.00 PT

YOUTH NATIONAL TEAMS

Canada Soccer's Player-Development Program Championship provides a terrific growth opportunity for Canada's bright young players, both on and off the pitch. Canada Soccer's Men's and Women's Youth National Teams staff will be on site to both watch the competition and present to participating players and coaches. These presentations will focus on the Youth National Teams player pathways, player profiles, playing philosophies, and training methodologies. The presentations will also offer an opportunity to players and coaches to interact and ask questions directly from Youth National Teams staff.

All presentations take place at the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre (7601 Martin Grove Road, Vaughan, L4L 9E4)

Presentation to the qualified teams in Girls' PDP U-15 Cup Friday 29 August from 10.00 to 11.00 local time

Presentation to the qualified teams in Girls' PDP U-17 Cup Friday 29 August from 11.15 to 12.15 local time

Session with coaches from qualified teams Friday 29 August from 13.45 to 14.45 local time

Presentation to the qualified teams in Boys' PDP U-15 Cup Friday 29 August from 15.00 to 16.00 local time

Presentation to the qualified teams in Boys' PDP U-17 Cup Friday 29 August from 16.15 to 17.15 local time

MATCH ANALYSIS

Across the competition, Canada Soccer will offer match analysis for both teams and individual players with the support of Sports AI, a company that helps football teams analyzing their performance and enhance their decision making. The match analysis will provide coaches and their staff with the opportunity to better support team and player development. It will also provide players with the opportunity to review their performances and even produce scouting packages drawn from their matches against national-level opposition. At the competition, clubs will be provided with on-site support from Sports AI to ensure that coaches and players can maximize the use of the data provided.

COMPETITION LOGO & BRAND GUIDELINES

Provincial associations, participating leagues and participating clubs must follow the brand guidelines to feature the competition logo (either on its own or as a logo lock up next to your league or club logo). Any and all use of the logo should be approved by Canada Soccer.

Approval requests can be sent to marketing@canadasoccer.com.

Third parties expressly authorised to use Canada Soccer's logos must not alter or modify the logo(s) in any way.

GATORADE BOTTLE & EQUIPMENT

Canada Soccer will provide Gatorade water bottles for every participant at the PDP Championship as well as Gatorade products for all teams. On all pitches and in all competition areas, Gatorade is the only brand that should be used or featured.

BROADCAST

Canada Soccer will broadcast all matches from the PDP U-17 Cup on FIFA+ as well as all matches from the PDP U-15 Cup on either CanadaSoccerTV or (for the Final Day) on FIFA+.

TICKETS

Tickets to the PDP Championship are now on sale through <u>Ontario Soccer</u> with matches to be played on four different fields at the Zanchin Automotive Soccer Centre and Vaughan Grove. Matches have been scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday (Finals Day) with a four-day pass available at the pre-sale rate of just \$30 up until 22 August. On site, a four-day pass is available for \$35 while a single-day pass is available for \$10.

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Club+ is a new platform built to support community soccer clubs across Canada with tools, templates, and strategies to grow the game. Whether you're a volunteer-run club or a growing organisation, Club+ is your go-to hub for practical, ready-to-use resources tailored to the real needs of grassroots soccer.

For more information, please visit https://clubplus.canadasoccer.com.



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