

CANADA SOCCER STANDARDS FOR QUALITY SOCCER

The Canada Soccer Standards for Quality Soccer are designed to outline the minimum expectations of member organizations in Canada. It is expected that all member organizations provide a developmentally appropriate, safe, enjoyable, accessible, inclusive and welcoming playing environment for their participants, which

differentiates it from non-member soccer and unorganized play. In order to be considered as a quality soccer provider, member organizations must also be in good standing with their governing organization(s) and meet the expectations of membership.

Organizations applying for recognition as a Canada Soccer Quality Soccer Provider must submit the following information to Canada Soccer:

1	Organization Name
2	Location
3	District/Region (if applicable)
4	Province/Territory
5	Membership Status
6	President – Name, Contact Information (phone and email)
	Program Information:
7	Stream(s) of Participation (Grassroots, Community, Competitive, Development, Performance)
8	Stage(s)/Age(s) of Participation
9	Gender(s) of Participation
10	Club Infrastructure Form – Facilities

Organizations applying for recognition as a Canada Soccer Quality Soccer Provider must meet the following criteria:

Safe:

11	Adheres to Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics
12	Has a Code of Conduct to Protect Children
13	Has Guidelines for Appropriate/Inappropriate Conduct between Adults/Adolescents and Children
14	Has a Policy requiring that any suspicion of child abuse is reported to law enforcement
15	Has a Policy outlining what to do if you witness inappropriate conduct that is provided to parents, coaches, and team personnel
16	Provides an environment that supports participant's physical and emotional safety (free of bullying, discrimination, etc.)
17	Supports the Coaches Association of Canada Responsible Coaching Movement:
18	Has a Rule of Two Policy on which it educates players, parents, coaches, and team personnel
19	All coaches and team personnel have completed Respect in Sport Activity Leader training
20	All coaches and team personnel aged 18+ have completed proper Background Screening, including a Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) within the last 3 years
21	Facilities and equipment are safe, well-maintained, and in good condition

Enjoyable:

22 Is committed to providing an enjoyable soccer experience for all participants

23 Is focused on long term participation

Developmentally Appropriate:

24 Programming aligns to Provincial/Territorial and National Pathways

25 Programming considers Long Term Player Development (LTPD) stage-appropriate principles

26 Aligns to Canada Soccer Grassroots Standards (required by 2026)

27 Coaches are trained and/or certified appropriately for the program in which they coach

Accessible, Inclusive, and Welcoming:

28 Provides programming that targets underrepresented groups as outlined in the Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion

29 Has programs, partnerships, and/or other mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation

30 Appreciates diversity to ensure everyone feels safe and that they belong regardless of ability and background

31 Coaches are culturally sensitive and programs include culturally appropriate activities

32 Facilities are accessible to participants of all abilities

Meets the Expectations of Membership with its Governing Organization(s):

33 Is a Member in Good Standing with its governing organization(s)

34 Is compliant with the by-laws, policies, and directives of its governing organization(s)

35 Registers all participants with its governing organization(s)

36 Does not interact with non-member organizations unless approved by governing organization(s)

37 Directors and Staff do not hold simultaneously a position of director, employee, or contractor with another organization with which the organization has an ongoing relationship unless approved by governing organization(s)