

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Becoming a member of the NLSA gives your club, players, coaches, and officials access to development opportunities, support services, and safe, sanctioned activities. Learn what benefits are available to you!



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



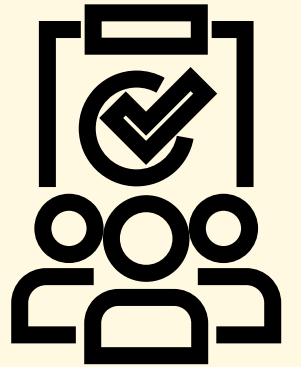
NLSA supports players at all levels with access to grassroots festivals, inclusive programs, technical resources, and high-performance pathways to help every player grow and thrive.

- Support for Long Term Player Development (LTPD) curriculum and implementation
- Grassroots programs and small-sided games frameworks
- Access to the nationally sanctioned system/pathway (CPL, NSL, MLS)
- Opportunities for provincial team identification and camps
- Participation in inter-provincial and national competitions
- Representation in province-wide multi-sport events (e.g. Canada Games)
- Technical support from NLSA staff for club-based player development
- Access to tournaments and community events



SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES

Through sanctioned competitions, events, and activities, NLSA membership connects you to a safe and structured soccer environment



It's important to understand the difference between sanctioned and non-sanctioned activity:

- **Sanctioned** activities are officially approved by the NLSA and Canada Soccer. These events meet established safety standards, ensure proper insurance coverage, and require certified coaches and referees.
- **Non-sanctioned** activities fall outside of the Canada Soccer and NLSA ecosystem. They are not governed or sanctioned by either organization and are not covered by NLSA insurance.

By choosing sanctioned soccer, you're choosing development, protection, and accountability.



COACH & REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

COACHES

Great players need great coaches! NLSA provides its members with coaching education and development opportunities, helping build knowledgeable, confident leaders on and off the field. With access to NCCP courses, mentorship, and professional development resources, coaches are empowered to deliver quality sessions at every level of the game.



REFEREES

Referees play a crucial role in the game, ensuring fairness, safety, and enjoyment for all participants. NLSA offers a complete development pathway for referees, including entry-level training and education. Whether officiating grassroots games or aspiring to national certification, referees are supported with tools to succeed and grow within the officiating community.



ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE

NLSA supports clubs with administrative services and governance guidance such as:



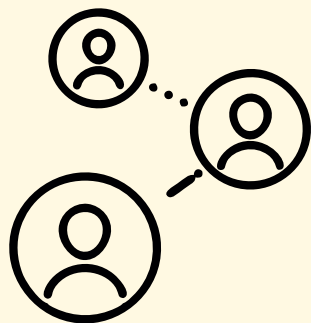
- Discipline, appeals, and complaints processes
- Support for club governance (bylaws, policies, volunteer screening)
- Referee assignment coordination
- Concussion policy guidance
- Voting rights at Annual General Meeting
- Recognition & awards ceremonies
- Scholarships, grants, and nomination opportunities
- Representation on provincial committees and in national forums
- Support with both national and international travel permits

INSURANCE

Member organizations and individuals are protected through NLSA's comprehensive insurance coverage. This includes general liability and accident insurance for registered participants.



NATIONAL INTEGRATION



As a member of Canada Soccer, the NLSA connects its members to the national soccer landscape. Clubs, players, coaches, and referees can access national development pathways, programs, and resources.

Whether pursuing club licensing, participating in national events, or contributing to policy discussions, members benefit from national alignment, representation, and the opportunity to influence the future of soccer in Canada.

- National coaching certification pathways and resources
- Guidance and support to meet Canada Soccer club licensing standards
- Opportunities to host national and international events
- Participation in Canada Soccer-led workshops, webinars, and policy consultations

