

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

## RE: Invitation to apply for Canada Soccer National Youth Club Licence

Dear Member Associations,

In 2017, Canada Soccer launched the Club Licensing Program with the Canada Soccer Professional Club Licence. This program was expanded in 2018 to include youth soccer organizations with a targeted initial implementation of the National Youth Club Licence. The National Youth Club Licence is the highest category of recognition for youth soccer organizations within the Club Licensing Program. Organizations achieving this licence display characteristics and demonstrate behaviours aligned with the highest expectations of governance, administration, infrastructure, and technical, support their Member Association and Canada Soccer Pathways and participate in the highest level of competition in Canada; the Canada Soccer Player Development Program.

For 2023, Canada Soccer is very pleased to extend the opportunity to each Member Association to invite member organizations (clubs and academies in membership, either directly or through District or Regional Associations) to submit a letter of intent to apply for the Canada Soccer National Youth Club Licence under the Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program.

Organizations interested in submitting a letter of intent, may do so by completing the information in the link below and uploading a signed letter by August 31, 2023.

## Canada Soccer National Youth Club Licence – Declaration of Intent

After August 31, organizations submitting a Declaration of Intent will be provided with access to the Canada Soccer Club Licensing System and National Youth Club Licence Application Package, which must be submitted to Canada Soccer by November 1, 2023, to proceed to the review process.

Additional information on the Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program, including the specific requirements of the National Youth Club Licence are available within the <u>Play section on the Canada Soccer website</u>.

Should you require any additional information or have questions about the Club Licensing Program or National Youth Club Licence application processes, please contact me at 306-203-4620 or dnutt@canadasoccer.com.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program and we look forward to working with you to continue to advance this initiative in 2023.

Best regards,

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