



Position Statement: Coach Financial Assistance for C-Diploma Certification

As part of our ongoing commitment to coach development and the elevation of technical standards within the Alliance Academy/PSL, SYSI will provide financial assistance for identified and qualified coaches to pursue the Canada Soccer C-Diploma.

This initiative supports the long-term vision of a highly skilled, certified, and consistent coaching pool that enhances the development experience of our athletes and upholds the competitive standards of our Alliance Academy/PSL program.

Commencing from the **Indoor 2025-26 season**, SYSI will financially support up to **two (2) coaches per Alliance Academy/PSL team** in obtaining their C-Diploma, based on the following terms and conditions:

1. Selection Criteria:

- Coaches must complete an online Alliance Academy/PSL Coach Application Form.
- A formal technical evaluation and assessment will be conducted by the SYSI Technical Lead to determine readiness and suitability for a coaching position within Alliance Academy/PSL programming.
- Selected coaches must demonstrate a commitment to long-term development, leadership potential, and alignment with SYSI Alliance Academy/PSL values and coaching philosophy.

2. Post-Certification Commitment:

- Coaches receiving funding will be required to make a **minimum 12-month commitment** to the SYSI Alliance Academy/PSL team program upon successful completion of the C-Diploma course. This ensures continuity within the program and a meaningful return on investment.
- For coaches actively coaching within a zone club, SYSI will provide a rebate of 50% of C-Diploma registration cost back to a zone after an Alliance Academy/PSL coach has completed **one year of coaching** within the Alliance Academy/PSL team program.
- For coaches not actively coaching within a zone club, SYSI will provide a rebate of 100% of C-Diploma registration cost back to the coach after he/she has completed **two years of coaching** within the Alliance Academy/PSL team program. (Payment schedule: 50% after yr1 plus 50% after yr2).

3. Funding Limitations:

SYSI will support a maximum of two C-Diploma-funded coaches per Alliance Academy/PSL team, fostering collaborative growth within coaching teams and ensuring equitable access to development opportunities.

Through structured support, assessment, and accountability, we aim to build a future-ready coaching culture rooted in excellence and professional growth.

This policy reflects SYSI belief that investment in coach education directly benefits player development.