



## Position Statement: Financial Assistance for C-Diploma & B-Diploma Certification

As part of our ongoing commitment to coach development and the elevation of technical standards within the Alliance Academy/PSL, Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI) provides financial assistance for identified and qualified coaches pursuing Canada Soccer's **C-Diploma**, and now extends support toward the **B-Diploma**, recognizing its advanced certification level and the impact it has on long-term program excellence.

This initiative supports SYSI's vision of fostering a highly skilled, certified, and consistent coaching pool to enhance player development and uphold the standards of the Alliance Academy and PSL programs.

### ***C-Diploma Support***

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. 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).

#### **2. 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.

### ***B-Diploma Support***

To further elevate coaching standards, SYSI will provide limited financial support for **one (1) coach per Alliance Academy/PSL team** pursuing the Canada Soccer **B-Diploma**, under the following conditions:

#### **1. Post-Certification Commitment:**

- Coaches receiving funding will be required to make a minimum 24-month (2Yr) 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 two years 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 B-Diploma registration cost back to the coach after he/she has completed four years of coaching within the Alliance Academy/PSL team program. (Payment schedule: 25% per yr for a total of 4yrs commitment).



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**2. Reimbursement Process:**

- The Zone/Club must submit proof of B-Diploma registration and payment (e.g., course receipt) to SYSI.
- SYSI will reimburse up to 50% of the B-Diploma registration cost to the Zone/Club following confirmation that the coach has completed two years of Alliance coaching service.
- Travel, accommodation, and associated expenses are not eligible for reimbursement.

**3. Funding Limitations:**

- Support is limited to one (1) B-Diploma candidate per Alliance Academy/PSL team.

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.