



VERMILION SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2024 VSA Coaches Guide

2024 Canada Soccer Coach Education Minimum Standards

For the 2024 soccer season, all member organizations must meet minimum standards to qualify as a quality soccer provider under the Canada Soccer Club Licensing Program. This is in line with guiding principles of the Safe Sport Roster and aims to impact organizational development on and off the field. One of the requirements is that all coaches must be appropriately trained/certified for the program(s) they coach.

**The course outline differs for the two streams.
Coaches only need the age category they will be coaching.**

Community Stream

Active Start (U5)

- or -

FUNDamentals (U7 & U9)

Competitive Stream

Learn2Train (U11)

- or -

Soccer4Life (U13+)

* Note: the true definition of competitive stream can encompass any age group that leaves district for games and tournaments. the above is a simplification that represents vsa practice.



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Community Stream (U9 or under)

The following are required courses for coaches. All costs will be reimbursed.

Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen

Take a copy of our VSC request letter to your local RCMP office.

Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program

Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders: https://albertasoccer.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/

This course costs \$30 and consists of 2.5 hours of online training.

Theory Module - Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education

<https://canada-soccer.myshopify.com/collections/grassroots-coaching-education-program>

Follow the link and choose the training for the age group you intend to coach.

Active Start: (U5) -OR- Fundamentals: (U7-U9)

These programs cost \$21 and consists of 1.5 hours of online training.

Coaching Soccer in Canada Module - Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education

This is only obtainable after purchasing the above stage appropriate theory module.

Optional further Training:

Practical Module - Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education

This is optional and NOT mandatory. It is available after completing stage appropriate theory module and coaching soccer in Canada module. Dates & locations of practical sessions to be scheduled by District or VSA.

NCCP Rule of Two Module.

<https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login>

It is Free and takes 20 minutes to complete. Click on the ELEARNING tab and from the side menu choose Multi-sport and under the available courses choose Understanding the Rule of Two.



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Competitive Stream (U11 or older)

The following are required courses for coaches. All costs will be reimbursed.

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Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program

Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders: https://albertasoccer.respectgroupinc.com/koala_final/

This course costs \$30 and consists of 2.5 hours of online training.

Theory Module - Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education

<https://canada-soccer.myshopify.com/collections/grassroots-coaching-education-program>

Follow the link and choose the training for the age group you intend to coach.

Learn2Train: (U11) -OR- Soccer4Life: (U13+)

These programs cost \$31.50 and consists of 2 hours of online training.

Practical Module - Stage-appropriate Canada Soccer Grassroots Coach Education

This is mandatory 4 hour practical workshop. It is available after completing stage appropriate theory module. Dates & locations of practical sessions to be scheduled by District or VSA.

NCCP Rule of Two Module.

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Competitive Stream (U11 or older)... continued

NCCP Making Headway Module

<https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login>

It is free and takes 15 mins. Click on the ELEARNING tab and from the side menu choose multi-sport and under available courses choose Making Head Way in Soccer

NCCP Emergency Action Planning Module

<https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login>

It is free and takes 15 mins. Click on the ELEARNING tab and from the side menu choose Multi-sport and under the available courses choose NCCP Emergency Action Plan.

NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Module and/or Online Evaluation

<https://albertasport.ca/coaching/nccp-multi-sport-module-calendar/>

Visit the link above and schedule a convenient online Instructor Led Module. It costs \$45 and takes 3.5 hours to complete. You will be provided instructions to take the follow up 45 min online evaluation with unlimited attempts to pass. Please note that it is possible (but not recommended) to skip the module and take the online evaluation alone. This option costs \$85 and has a limitation of 2 attempts to pass.



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Proof of certification and Reimbursement

VSA will reimburse all coaches and managers for all course fees incurred. Please send notification of completion of your course to vermsoccer.treasurer@gmail.com and also our registrar vsa.reg.agm@gmail.com to validate certification. We will require your National Coaching Certification (NCCP) number and your RiS Activity Leaders Certificate number which we submit to Alberta Soccer Association (ASA).

Contact

If you have any questions or difficulties regarding any of the coaching stream courses please contact:

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