

THE ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



INTRODUCTION

Soccer is Ontario's sport of choice, the game everyone wants to play. For more than a century the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) has worked to enhance the positive experience and enjoyment of this wonderful game through its leadership, guidance and support. When you join the OSA you are joining an organization of more than 500,000 member players, coaches, referees, and volunteers.

OUR MISSION

The Ontario Soccer Association supports and delivers programs and services throughout Ontario in partnership with grassroots community associations, as well as national and professional soccer organizations. Our MISSION is:

To provide leadership and support for the advancement of soccer in collaboration and cooperation with its members, partners and other stakeholders by providing exceptional and sustainable programs and services.

OSA members have a role in setting the organization's policies, procedures and strategic directions through the Board of Directors.

BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE FOR SOCCER IN ONTARIO

Thanks to the support, input, and participation of our district clubs, leagues and corporate partners, the OSA will continue to deliver quality opportunities to play soccer and develop all the virtues of athleticism that the game offers. The OSA offers members the benefits of being a part of one of the largest provincial sport organizations in Canada. The OSA is recognized for leadership and the quality of its volunteers and staff, without whom the true value of the OSA would be lost. Working together we will continue to improve the experience and enjoyment of the game for hundreds of thousands across our province.

As always, we appreciate any and all feedback from our members. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The strength of the OSA is rooted in its dedicated membership and its more than a century of involvement in developing and promoting the game of soccer in Ontario. The expert support the OSA offers has helped to make soccer the sport of choice in Ontario for generations. The OSA continues to deliver a range of benefits to its members, including:

- An infrastructure that ensures players can participate in fun, safe, and healthy organized soccer at an appropriate age and skill level
- Coaching clinics through the Coach Development Program - which provide new coaches with an important first step - and coaching certification
- Player development through the District, Regional, and Provincial All-Star Programs
- Referee and volunteer training to ensure players have an enjoyable soccer experience
- Resources for organizational development, technical expertise, and benefits for District and Club staff
- Play Soccer interactive program enables people to learn, play and enjoy soccer on the road.
- Access to quality facilities, training, resources, and clinics that meet standards set by the OSA
- Setting the standard for rules, policies, and procedures for the entire province
- Harassment prevention program for members so that parents know their children are protected
- Opportunities to play across Ontario and Canada in exhibition games and tournaments that set the bar for excellence



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GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

- Developing policy documents
- Operational support
- Organizational development support
- Lobbying with a collective voice
- Constitution / Rules development (club & league)
- Club Excellence program (pilot)
- Risk management assessment
- Volunteer screening initiative
- Discipline training
- Dispute and appeal resolution assistance

PROVINCIAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- Training and development for Provincial All-Star Teams
- Player identification for national teams program
- Regional player development program
- On-field medical strength and conditioning program
- Licensed coaching staff
- National All-Star championships
- Canada Games Program
- Relationship with Everton Football Club
- Relationship with Toronto FC

REFEREE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- Access to development courses for new referees
- Referee sanctioned games and tournaments
- Refresher courses and fitness testing
- Assessment program for provincial referees
- Assessment program for entry-level referees
- Liability insurance
- Access to futsal referee courses

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INSURANCE PROGRAM

- Liability, dental, optical and medical expenses not covered by OHIP or private policies
- Protection for players, coaches, managers, volunteers, referees, board members
- All sanctioned activities within Canada and United States
- International travel available
- Special event insurance / 3rd party certification available

COACH DEVELOPMENT

- National Coaching Certification Program
 - Provincial B License
 - Pre B Course
 - Advanced
 - Senior community coach
 - Youth community coach
 - Child community coach
 - Futsal coaching program
- Regional coach program
- Tiny Tot soccer
- Goal-keeper training
- Provincial coaching conference
- Community coaching sessions
- Access to Everton Way
- Club development support

PARTICIPATION IN SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS

- Player registration and league management support
- Access to all Ontario senior and youth leagues
- Sanctioning of leagues
- Sanctioning of tournaments
- Ontario Cups - outdoor, futsal and indoor
- Access to sanctioned tournaments (in and out of province)
- Permission to travel out of province
- Access to certified officials
- Access to participation in national club championships