

# Request for Decision (R.F.D.)

December 2011

R.F.D. # 2011-015  
Revision Date: 26/10/2011  
Subject Title: Minimum Coaching Certification Requirements For Coaches Based on new LTPD Coaching Courses  
Submitted by (name of person authoring RFD form) Alex Chiet, Technical Director on 26/10/2011  
Organization Submitting LTPD Technical Advisory Council  
RFD:  
Programme Area: Long Term Player Development  
Secondary Programme Area(s) Coaches  
Present Situation:

The current "Minimum" Coach Certification Requirements for coaches of teams in the following league types is completion of the Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program, giving the coach full certification as a Community Coach. This certification requirement applies to both Team Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches.

This minimum requirement is stipulated in the OSA's Coaches Policy 1.2 which reads as follows:

Policy 1.2 Each coach registered with her/his Club and assigned by that Club as the Team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to a team playing in one of the following leagues or cup competitions:

1. Senior Outdoor League Level 1 to Level 5
2. Senior Indoor League Level 1 to Level 5
3. Senior Futsal League Level 1 to Level 5
4. Youth Outdoor League Level 1 to Level 5
5. Mini Soccer Outdoor League Level 5
6. Youth Indoor League Level 1 to Level 5
7. Youth Futsal League Level 1 to Level 5
8. Ontario Cup Competition - Outdoor, Indoor or Futsal

is required to have completed the Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program, giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach. A Club Head Coach serving as a Team Official for a team in any of the above leagues or cup competitions shall be required to have completed the Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program, giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach

The new coaching curriculum, as per the CSA requirements for LTPD, will replace existing Community Coach Certification Program. The table below illustrates how the old certification designations will equate to the new certification designations.

Community Certification- Old	The New LTPD courses
Community Child	Active Start Fundamentals
Community Youth	Learning To Train
Community Senior	Soccer For Life

As a result of the new certification designations, the OSA's Coaches Policy 1.2 requires the following amendments:

**The minimum certification requirement to be a Team Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Club Head Coach for a team in the youth league types and competitions designated in the OSA's Coaches Policy 1.2 will now be:**

- Completion of the previous "Senior Diploma Award" (Child, Youth and Senior - Community Coach Certificate designation) prior to September 1, 2011 or
- Completion of the new "Learning To Train" Course available January/February 2012.

**and the minimum certification requirement to be a Team Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Club Head**

Coach for a team in the **senior** league types and competitions designated in the OSA's Coaches Policy 1.2 will now be:

- Completion of the previous "Senior Diploma Award" (Child , Youth and Senior - Community Coach Certificate designation) prior to September 1, 2011 or
- Completion of the new "**Soccer For Life**" Course available January/February 2012.

Specific Decision Requested:

To amend the OSA Coaches Policy 1.2 as follows:

Policy 1.2 Each coach registered with her/his Club and assigned by that Club as the Team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to a team playing in one of the following **senior** leagues or cup competitions:

1. Senior Outdoor League Level 1 to Level 5
2. Senior Indoor League Level 1 to Level 5
3. Senior Futsal League Level 1 to Level 5
4. Ontario Cup Competition **Senior Divisions** - Outdoor, Indoor or Futsal

is required to have completed the Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (**giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 and after that date, the Soccer For Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).** giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach.

A Club Head Coach serving as a Team Official for a team in any of the above **senior** leagues or cup competitions shall be required to have completed the Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (**giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 and after that date, the Soccer For Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).** giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach.

Each coach registered with her/his Club and assigned by that Club as the Team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to a team playing in one of the following **youth** leagues or cup competitions:

1. Youth Outdoor League Level 1 to Level 5
2. Mini Soccer Outdoor League Level 5
3. Youth Indoor League Level 1 to Level 5
4. Youth Futsal League Level 1 to Level 5
5. Ontario Cup Competition **Youth Divisions** - Outdoor, Indoor or Futsal

is required to have completed the Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (**giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 and after that date, the Learning To Train course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).** giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach.

A Club Head Coach serving as a Team Official for a team in any of the above **youth** leagues or cup competitions shall be required to have completed the Community Coaching Program (**giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 and after that date, the Learning To Train course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).** giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach.

In accordance with **Policy 5.7** of the "Development And Approval Of Policies And Procedures", the Board is being requested to approve this RFD at one Board meeting (ie., the Concept approval and also the Final approval).

As the policies contained in this RFD are time sensitive policies, these policies shall go into effect on January 10, 2012.

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Budget Requirements (Change if any): This **\$0.00**  
year:  
Availability of Funds if not included in this **Not applicable**  
year's budget:

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Advantages: **1. Ontario will be in line with Canadian Soccer Association plan - LTPD model**  
**2. Training and development for an increased number of Learning Facilitators - geographic needs**  
**3. Development stage specific courses - targeted at the needs of the player at each development stage**  
**4. Simplifies and allows club to custom select appropriate courses for their programs**  
**5. Allows Clubs & Districts to better plan their development pathway**  
**6. Duration of the clinic hours is reduced - Learning environment - Cost of clinics reduced**  
**7. Simplifies part of the process in alignment of LTPD**

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Possible **None.**

Objections:

Alternatives: **None - as the CSA have launched educational requirements for clinics - Old program no longer exists**

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Attachments: **None**

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Decision **Approved**

Date **11 - December - 2011**

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