

Request for Decision (R.F.D.)

February 2012

R.F.D. # 2012-003
Revision Date: 23/12/2011
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 23/12/2011
Organization Submitting Technical Advisory Council
RFD:
Programme Area: Long Term Player Development
Secondary Programme Area(s) Coaches
Present Situation:

On December 11, 2011, the OSA Board approved **RFD-2011-015** which amended the OSA Coaches Policy 1.2 to replace the previous coaching certification requirements for teams in designated competitions with the new LTPD coaching certification requirements. In addition, on October 18, 2011, the OSA Board approved the requirement that all coaches for the same teams in those designated competitions must also complete the **Respect in Soccer certification**. As a result of those two RFD's, the following amended OSA Coaches Policy 1.2 become effective on January 10, 2012.

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:

1. Respect in Soccer certification; and
2. Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 or after that date, the Soccer For Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).

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

Each coach registered with her/his Club and assigned by that Club as the Team Head Coach or as an Assistant Coach to a youth 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
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is required to have completed:

1. Respect in Soccer certification; and
2. Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 or after that date, the Learning To Train course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).

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

However, the proposed policy (as written above in RFD 2011-015) did not reflect the correct intent of LTPD. Consequently, RFD 2012-003 has been submitted to the Board for approval as the proposed policies contained herein do reflect the correct intent of LTPD.

LTPD Intent	Policy Approved as per RFD 2011-015	Policy Approved as per RFD 2012-003
Team Head Coach and Assistant Coaches of Senior Teams playing in the designated competitions require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completion of Senior Level of Community Coaching Program by no later than September 1, 2011 or • after that date, the Soccer For Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions). 	RFD did correctly apply LTPD intent.	No change
Team Head Coach and Assistant Coaches of Youth Teams in the following team age classifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-8, 9, 10 and 11 female teams • Under-9, 10, 11 and 12 male teams playing in the designated competitions require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completion of Senior Level of Community Coaching Program by no later than September 1, 2011 or • after that date, the Learning to Train course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions). 	RFD did correctly apply LTPD intent.	No change
Team Head Coach and Assistant Coaches of Youth Teams in the following team age classifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-12 and older female teams • Under-13 and older male teams playing in the designated competitions require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completion of Senior Level of Community Coaching Program by no later than September 1, 2011 or • after that date, the Soccer For Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions). 	RFD did NOT correctly apply LTPD intent. RFD applied LTPD intent for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-8, 9, 10 and 11 female teams and • Under-9, 10, 11 and 12 male teams instead of LTPD intent for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-12 and older female teams and • Under-13 and older male teams 	RFD 2012-003 applied LTPD intent for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-12 and older female teams and • Under-13 and older male teams to reflect the correct intent of LTPD.

What does RFD 2012-003 mean? If the Board approves RFD 2012-003 as it is currently written, the following will be in effect as of February 17, 2012 (ie., 30 days after the Board approves the RFD):

Team Head Coach and Assistant Coach of teams playing in the designated competitions	Will required the following certification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect in Soccer certification • completion of Senior Level of Community Coaching Program by no later than September 1, 2011 or • after that date, the Soccer for Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-8, 9, 10 and 11 female teams • Under-9, 10, 11 and 12 male teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect in Soccer certification • completion of Senior Level of Community Coaching Program by no later than September 1, 2011 or • after that date, the Learning to Train course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under-12 and older female youth teams • Under-13 and older male youth teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect in Soccer certification • completion of Senior Level of Community Coaching Program by no later than September 1, 2011 or • after that date, the Soccer for Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions)

Please note that the **only change as a result of RFD 2012-003** is that the coaches of Under-12 and older female youth teams and Under-13 and older male youth teams will be **required to take the Soccer for Life course plus MED instead of the Learning to Train course plus MED IF, AND ONLY IF,** that coach hadn't already completed the Senior Level of Community Coaching Program by no later than September 1, 2011.

For added clarification, the team age classifications are based on:

Team Age Classifications	Players eligible to play on such teams
Under-8 Teams	Player born in 2004

Under-9 Teams	Player born in 2003
Under-10 Teams	Player born in 2002 or 2003 (maximum of 3 players born in 2003)
Under-11 Teams	Player born in 2001 or later (maximum of 3 players born in 2003 and no players born in 2004 or earlier)
Under-12 Teams	Player born in 2000 or later (maximum of 3 players born in 2003 and no players born in 2004 or earlier)
Under-13 Teams	Player born in 1999 or later (maximum of 3 players born in 2003 and no players born in 2004 or earlier)

The amendments to the two sentences which refer to the Club Head Coach are just housekeeping changes that eliminate the unnecessary verbiage and these amendments do not alter the intent of the policy as it affects the Club Head Coach.

Specific Decision Requested:

To amend the OSA Coaches Policy 1.2 as follows:

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1. Respect in Soccer certification; and
2. Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 or after that date, the Soccer ~~f~~For Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).

The same requirement stated above applies to a 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 or after that date, the Soccer For Life course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).~~

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is required to have completed:

1. Respect in Soccer certification; and
2. the Senior Level of the Community Coaching Program (giving her/him full certification as a Community Coach) by no later than September 1, 2011 or after that date,;
 - the Learning ~~t~~To Train course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions) **if coaching female Under-8, 9, 10 or 11 teams or male Under-9, 10, 11 or 12 teams, or**
 - **Soccer for Life plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions) if**

coaching female Under-12 or older teams or male Under-13 or older teams.

The same requirement stated above applies to a 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 or after that date, the Learning To Train course plus MED (Making Ethical Decisions).~~

The above amendments to Coach Policy 1.2 shall go into effect on February 17, 2012.

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

Advantages:

Possible

Objections:

Alternatives:

Attachments: **None**

Decision **Approved**

Date **26 - January - 2012**
