



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**To:** Ontario Soccer; District Membership  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer; Board of Directors, Staff  
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**Subject:** Changes to the NCCP Making Ethical Decisions Course & Evaluation

Ontario Soccer is advising the membership of impending changes to the [NCCP Making Ethical Decisions](#) (MED) course and evaluation structure that will take effect **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. MED training and evaluation will be combined into one eLearning module available through *The Locker Learning Management System* (LMS).

This means that MED training will no longer be offered through facilitated delivery (barring exceptional circumstances) and will have the online evaluation integrated into the new, self-guided version of the course.

### Why the Change?

As per the Coach Association of Canada (CAC), recent data shows a growing number of coaches nationwide are choosing eLearning for their professional development, signaling a strategic shift within the NCCP ecosystem. Transitioning MED training from facilitated formats—such as in-person, synchronous online workshops, and home study—to a standardized eLearning module will improve accessibility, streamline delivery, and strengthen partnerships. This approach also enhances overall program impact by ensuring all coaches receive consistent content and evaluation.

### Importance

As required by [Canada Soccer's Grassroots Standards](#) and [Ontario Soccer's Operational Procedures](#), the MED training is a critical component of the Safe Sport Roster and required by all coaches. The

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combination of the training and evaluation, a long-standing requirement for Soccer in Ontario to complete both, will streamline the learner experience for coaches as they strive to meet this requisite and administrators vetting coach transcripts.

### **Immediate Impact & New Course Details**

Coaches that are mid-stream or in-process of completing the existing training and evaluation have until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to do so. Those that remain in-process after this date, will be required to re-take the new MED training offering. A Coach is defined as in process if:

- a) they completed the MED course but have not passed the MED Evaluation; or
- b) Paid and registered for the MED Evaluation but have yet to take and successfully complete the test

More information such as course access and cost will be shared via another Information Bulletin closer to the launch in March 2026.

### **The Soccer Summit and Other Opportunities**

Ahead of this transition, the Coaches Association of Ontario (CAO) is delivering an MED course connected to [The Soccer Summit](#). This NCCP MED Super Clinics, hosted at York University, allows coaches to complete the NCCP Making Ethical Decisions workshop for just \$5 (90% savings). This is a high-impact opportunity for clubs to build capacity and ensure coaches meet key NCCP requirements.

Course Details: February 22 from 1:00-5:00pm

Registration Link: <https://www.coachesontario.ca/calendar/nccp-make-ethical-decisions-3-6/>

Other course opportunities can be found online through the [CAO website here](#) up until March 22<sup>nd</sup> (inclusive of clubs applying to host their own MED courses).

For more information, please visit the [CAC Partner Hub](#) or [NCCP MED FAQ](#).

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