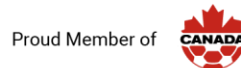




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INFORMATION BULLETIN

Bulletin #: I2023 - 02
Date: January 9, 2023
To: Ontario Soccer, District Membership and Associate Members
CC: Ontario Soccer Board of Directors, Staff
From: Nicky Pearson, Senior Manager, Match Officials Development
Subject: SCORE Mentor Accreditation Launch

We are pleased to announce the launch of our enhanced and improved Match Officials Mentor Program, and its consequent rebrand to the '*Supporting the Community of Officials through Relationships and Education (SCORE) Mentor Program.*' The enhancements include a new training curriculum and reporting form. These changes were based on feedback from mentors and mentees over the past three seasons.

The SCORE program is a component of Ontario Soccer's [Long Term Officiating Development](#) initiative (LTOD) started in 2017.

The SCORE accreditation initial phase will launch in January 2023 and courses will run through February 2023. **The application window to attend a SCORE course will open on January 13 and will remain open for two weeks only.** There is an opportunity for up to 300 mentors to earn their accreditation in preparation for the upcoming outdoor season. If the demand is higher, consideration will be given to hosting additional courses.

The cost of the SCORE accreditation course is \$25 per person. All existing mentors that did not take advantage of the previous free sessions that were offered in the summer of 2022 will be required to pay and complete this accreditation to continue mentoring.

Applicants will need to complete (in this order):

- A Laws of the Game Knowledge Check
- The Mentor Application Form
- Webinar selection & payment
- The training webinar
- A recorded webinar
- A sample mentor report which will be evaluated

The accreditation process will also require individuals to familiarize themselves with the Canada Soccer Rule of Two and provide a new clear Vulnerable Sector Check to their Club and District.



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Those who successfully complete the mentor accreditation will be added to a master list. This list will be available to District Referee Coordinators and Club Head Referees to ensure that only those accredited, and with clear vulnerable sector checks, are being assigned as mentors.

Please pass this information on to your member associations so that they can plan accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact Kurtis Portengen, Coordinator, Match Officials
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