

JOB POSTING

Ontario Soccer Provincial Xcel Team Head Coach

Position Title: Provincial Xcel Head Coach
Position Term: Part Time (Contract) March – May 2025
Location: Vaughan, Ontario
Reports To: Sr. Manager Development & Provincial Xcel

About Ontario Soccer

Do you want to gain invaluable work experience in the world of amateur sport? Have you ever wanted to help grow the game of soccer in Ontario?

Ontario Soccer is actively searching for talented and ambitious individuals who are passionate about the field of sport management and want to apply their knowledge at Canada's largest provincial sport organization.

Founded in 1901, Ontario Soccer is currently comprised of more than 500 Clubs servicing over 24,000 teams with 380,000 registered players, 70,000 coaches and managers, and 6,000 match officials, as well as countless volunteers, parents and supporters encompassing a direct, multi-cultural community of over 1,000,000 Ontarians.

Ontario Soccer develops and delivers exceptional and sustainable programs and services throughout Ontario with the mission of providing leadership and support for the advancement of soccer in collaboration and cooperation with our member District Associations, partners and other stakeholders. Ontario Soccer also operates the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL); the province's premier standards-based youth development program, as well as "Team Ontario", Ontario Soccer's provincial Xcel program. Ontario Soccer proudly supports Canada Soccer's National Teams, the Canadian Premier League and Toronto FC.

The overall objective of Ontario Soccer as a hub for Coach, Match Official and Player Development is to be innovators and leaders in sport and to assist with the equitable development of soccer as a healthy lifestyle choice, provide a talented pathway for participants to excel and encourage inclusive community involvement at all levels.

Position Summary

In alignment with Canada Soccer's National & Regional Excel Program, Ontario Soccer is making changes to the programming offered to Ontario's most talented players. These positions will provide coaching leadership to Ontario's top youth male and female players within Ontario Soccer's Provincial Xcel Program.

Ontario Soccer's Provincial Xcel Program detects young talent throughout the Province with the aid of Ontario Soccer Technical Staff, OPDL Technical Staff, District & Club Technical Leads, and Club Coaches to provide high level training and competition in preparation for Regional and National Excel Programs.



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Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- To serve as a Provincial Team coach incorporating Ontario Soccer's player priority principles, curriculum and adhere to the talented player development plan: March – May 2025.
- Attending all Ontario Soccer's Provincial Staff meetings (Administrative and Technical).
- Manage and provide leadership to the Provincial weekend program events and April competition events.
- Lead the preparation of the daily itinerary during training and competition weekends with the support from Team Staff.
- Plan and conduct team training sessions.
- Proactively communicate to all Team Staff regarding all program commitments and ensure open communication lines with Ontario Soccer Technical Staff.
- Lead and manage Team Staff, ensuring all program commitments are met and high standards are met by all Staff.
- Select squad with Staff consultation and plan and conduct Team and Staff meetings.
- Plan and conduct team and individual player debriefing sessions post training or matches (Especially for players travelling long distances from outside the GTA.)
- When required, conduct player/parent debriefing sessions for players released from the program.
- Lead and provide support to the Staff in implementing the technical and tactical foundation of the Ontario Soccer's Provincial programs brand, technical philosophy and standards on and off the field.
- Complete post competition event, a player technical snapshot report to the Manager of Development and Provincial Xcel within 1 month and other program review expectations from Ontario Soccer.
- Communicate with National Teams Coaching Staff if required.
- Adhere to the Provincial Xcel Program's Staff Code of Conduct

Qualifications and Required Skill Sets:

- Meets Ontario Soccer's Safe Sport requirements
- Preferred Canada Soccer National 'A' Diploma or Canada Soccer National Youth Diploma or equivalent;
- Coaching experience at the appropriate youth age and gender;
- Strong teaching, leadership, organization and communication skills;
- Understanding of team dynamics and being a team player;
- Well-developed time and people management skills;
- Personally believes in and commits to continuous professional development.

Provincial Term: 2025

- **March-April** - Minimum 1 Provincial Screening Competition Weekend (U14, U15, U16, U17)



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- Location: Zanchin Automative Soccer Centre (ZASC)
- **April 25-27** - Preparation Training Weekend and/or Competition (U15, U16, U17)
 - Location: Zanchin Automative Soccer Centre (ZASC)
- **May 9-11** - Preparation Training Weekend and/or Competition (U14, U15, U17)
 - Location: Zanchin Automative Soccer Centre (ZASC)
- **May 17-19** – Inter-Provincial Series (U15, U17)
 - Location: Laval, Quebec

Please complete and submit the attached application form along with your cover letter and coaching resume (with Provincial Xcel as the subject) to:

jobs@ontariosoccer.net

Submission Deadline: Monday, January 20, 2025 at 9:00am

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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ONTARIO PROVINCIAL TEAM HEAD COACH APPLICATION

Name: _____

Cell Number: _____ Home Number: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

(Street)

(Apt/Unit)

(City/Town)

(Province)

Teams are either Male or Female Teams in the U14, U15, U16 or U17 age divisions. Team Head Coach Position Preferred for (Gender and Age; please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 14 Boys All-Star | <input type="checkbox"/> Under 14 Girls All-Star |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 15 Boys Provincial | <input type="checkbox"/> Under 15 Girls Provincial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 Boys Provincial | <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 Girls Provincial |

Qualifications:

Please check off all of the coaching qualifications/modules that you have completed:

- Canada Soccer C Diploma
- Canada Soccer National B Diploma
- Canada Soccer National A Diploma
- Canada Soccer National Youth Diploma
- Female Mentorship Program
- Foreign or Equivalent Diploma/License Please Specify:

Please provide your NCCP #: _____

A current Vulnerable Sector Check/Police Check is a requirement of this position. A copy of such will be required for review by a qualified Ontario Soccer Staff/Representative.

I have reviewed and agreed to the role & position (as defined) and have accurately completed this application.

Signature

Date



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