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# Long Term Officials Development Fees & Costs

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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## **Fees and Costs**

**What does this money really pay for? What is the Long Term Officials Development program fee?**

The Long Term Officials Development program fee is a separate fee that is added to your annual registration fee.

All LTOD Program Fees collected will be directed to fully support LTOD, and not any other Ontario Soccer programs.

The LTOD Program Fee will support education, development, outreach, online learning system, instructors for Long Term Officials Development education, Regional Champions, 2 part time positions, scouts, mentor accreditation, instructor and assessor evaluations, education of Club Head Referees and Technical Directors, meeting with decision makers, and more.

LTOD will benefit all Match Officials and Development Support Team members, and will become the standard bearer for Match Officials development in Canada.

**Are game fees increasing?**

Yes - from \$5 to \$20 per position per game (depending on the league and level of game). Ontario Soccer Match Officials Development Committee has spent countless hours preparing reports and a proposal for fee increases to the Board of Directors. Ontario Soccer Board approved Phase 1 in 2015 and Phase 2 in 2016. Phase 3 goes for approval in December 2017.

Phase 1 is Regional and Provincial leagues; Phase 2 is District Competitive leagues; Phase 3 will be District recreational and Club. These can be found on the Ontario Soccer website.

**Will you keep trying to find alternate sources of funding?**

It is certainly an ongoing process to secure additional funding. However, we cannot base the program on receiving additional funds, and we cannot wait for additional funding opportunities in order to implement Long Term Officials Development – the time for LTOD is now.

**Will the Long Term Officials Development program fee be too much for younger and teenage referees? The games they officiate pay lower fees, so it will take them longer to make the money back and the upfront cost may cause retention problems over the years.**

We have listened to your concerns in the community, and have addressed this by reducing the projected LTOD fees from \$23.00 to \$10.00 for the younger age groups.

**Will mentors and coaches be compensated financially?**

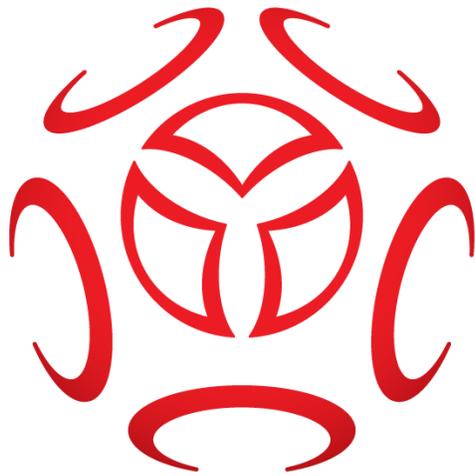
Ontario Soccer provides free Mentor accreditation to District Associations and Clubs.

It is a Club or District Association decision as to payment for the services provided. There are different processes being used across the province - some pay the same game fee as the referee, some pay a smaller stipend. We will reach out to Clubs and Districts for best practices, and create a shareable resource.

**Will Board of Directors provide money? Funds from Clubs to train and improve Match Officials are required**

We do not have an answer at this time, as we are in the very early stages of LTOD.

Our goal is to have Clubs and District Associations understand the importance of Match Officials development within their environments and fund, support and resource it accordingly.



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