



Long Term Officials Development

Ontario Soccer

Frequently Asked Questions

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Questions about Ontario Soccer

Will this be another grandiose plan by Ontario Soccer that fizzles and never actually comes to fruition?

Ontario Soccer leadership has committed to Long Term Officials Development, and has included it in their Strategic Plan. Ontario Soccer and the Ontario Soccer Technical Director have Long Term Officials Development as the number one priority of technical programming for 2017. This is a large step forward for Match Officials Development, as it is supported at all levels.

Every process and protocol that we have introduced in the past 4 to 5 years has been an important step in the direction of Long Term Officials Development.

Previous changes and programming have brought enhancements into this Long Term Officials Development environment. Ontario Soccer's Grading Protocol, Game Fee and Assigning Protocols, Fitness Testing Protocols etc. now strongly support the LTOD program.

Is this another example of Ontario Soccer using Match official funds to pay for player programs like OPDL?

The Long Term Officials Development fee will stay in Long Term Officials Development. This is strictly for Long Term Officials Development and Match Officials Development and is not paying for any other programming.

Have you considered establishing clearly defined annual goals over the next 5 years?

We have a 5 year plan with strategic initiatives, annual goals and expectations. This will be adjusted year to year, however, our major activities will remain on their current path of delivery timelines.

These annual objectives will be transparent and allow for effective monitoring of our progress. Once the annual goals and timelines are finalized they will be posted on Ontario Soccer LTOD webpage for review by membership.

There is a conflict of interest (assessors) who are competing to referee games at the same level they are assessing. How are you addressing this?

This is being addressed and we expect to remove any areas of conflict. Provincial assessors that are officiating Provincial Games should not also be assessing other referees in Provincial Games.




Education of the assessors is imperative for this conflict to be removed and is part of the LTOD plan.



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