



# INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**To:** Ontario Soccer, District Membership and Associate Members  
**CC:** Ontario Soccer, Board of Directors, Staff  
**From:** Matt Ferreira, Director, Development

**Subject:** Match Official Small Sided & Entry Level Course Launch

Match Official Small Sided & Entry Level Courses for 2026 are now live and will continue through the Member – Club and District – hosting model.

In 2025, the Club and District-focused approach allowed for greater involvement of local leadership in the recruitment process and helped build stronger relationships between Match Officials and other stakeholders. By creating greater connections locally, referees receive more support earlier in their officiating career, which should contribute to better retention in the years to come.

Both courses are limited to 25 participants and include in-class and on-field elements for the full-day, in-person component.

Both the Club Hosting Guide and the Clinic Application Guide are available on our [website here](#). All hosts are encouraged to submit their applications through RefCentre, inclusive of payment, by **Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. This will allow a full launch to prospective match officials starting in February.

If you have any questions, please contact [Kurtis Portengen, Coordinator, Match Officials Development](#).

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