



# STANDARDS FOR QUALITY SOCCER

CANADA SOCCER



*The Canada Soccer Standards for Quality Soccer are designed to outline the minimum expectations of member organizations in Canada. It is expected that all member organizations provide a developmentally appropriate, safe, enjoyable, accessible, inclusive and welcoming playing environment for their participants, which differentiates it from non-member soccer and unorganized play.*

# 37 Standards

**Organizations applying for recognition as a Canada Soccer Quality Soccer Provider must submit the following information to Canada Soccer:**

1	Organization Name
2	Location
3	District/Region (if applicable)
4	Province/Territory
5	Membership Status
6	President — Name, Contact Information (phone and email)
<b>Program Information:</b>	
7	Stream(s) of Participation (Grassroots, Community, Competitive, Development, Performance)
8	Stage(s)/Age(s) of Participation
9	Gender(s) of Participation
10	Club Infrastructure Form — Facilities

**Organizations applying for recognition as a Canada Soccer Quality Soccer Provider must meet the following criteria:**

## **Safe:**

11	Adheres to Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics
12	Has a Code of Conduct to Protect Children
13	Has Guidelines for Appropriate/Inappropriate Conduct between Adults/Adolescents and Children
14	Has a Policy requiring that any suspicion of child abuse is reported to law enforcement
15	Has a Policy outlining what to do if you witness inappropriate conduct that is provided to parents, coaches, and team personnel
16	Provides an environment that supports participant's physical and emotional safety (free of bullying, discrimination, etc.)

## **Supports the Coaches Association of Canada Responsible Coaching Movement:**

17	Has a Rule of Two Policy on which it educates players, parents, coaches, and team personnel
18	All coaches and team personnel have completed Respect in Sport Activity Leader training
19	All coaches and team personnel have completed proper Background Screening, including a Criminal Record Check (CRC) with Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) or Enhanced Police Information Check (E-PIC) within the last 3 years
20	Facilities and equipment are safe, well-maintained, and in good condition

## **Enjoyable:**

21	Is committed to providing an enjoyable soccer experience for all participants
22	Is focused on long term participation

## **Developmentally Appropriate:**

23	Programming considers Long Term Player Development (LTPD) stage-appropriate principles
<b>Playing Formats are aligned to Canada Soccer Guidelines:</b>	
24	Number of players on the field and on a team
25	Size of ball, goals, and field
26	Length of game
27	Coach to Player Ratio
28	Coaches are trained and/or certified appropriately for the program in which they coach

## **Accessible, Inclusive, and Welcoming:**

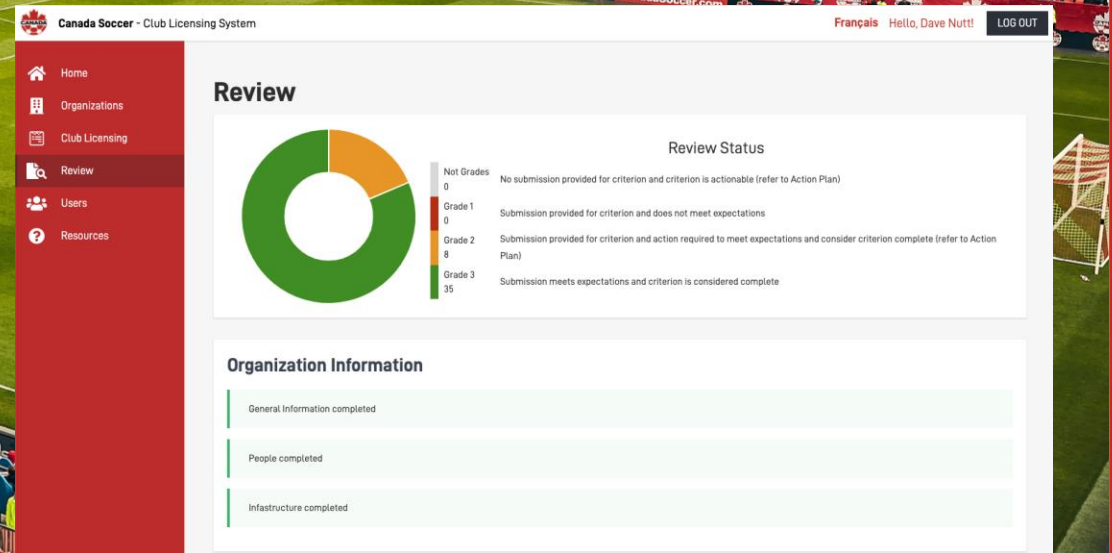
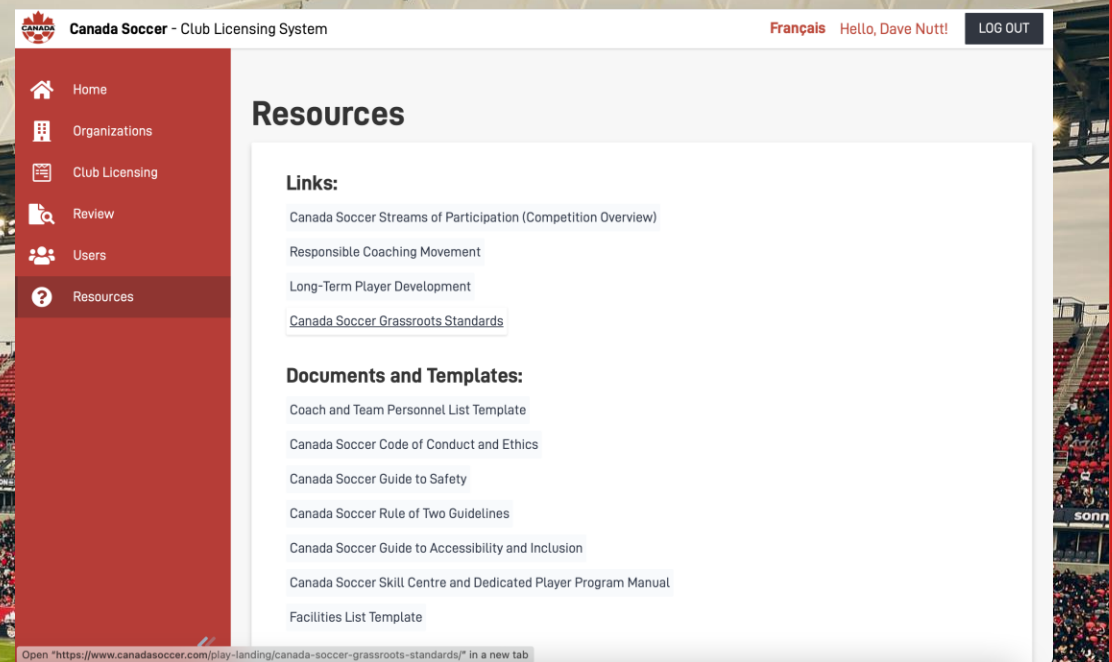
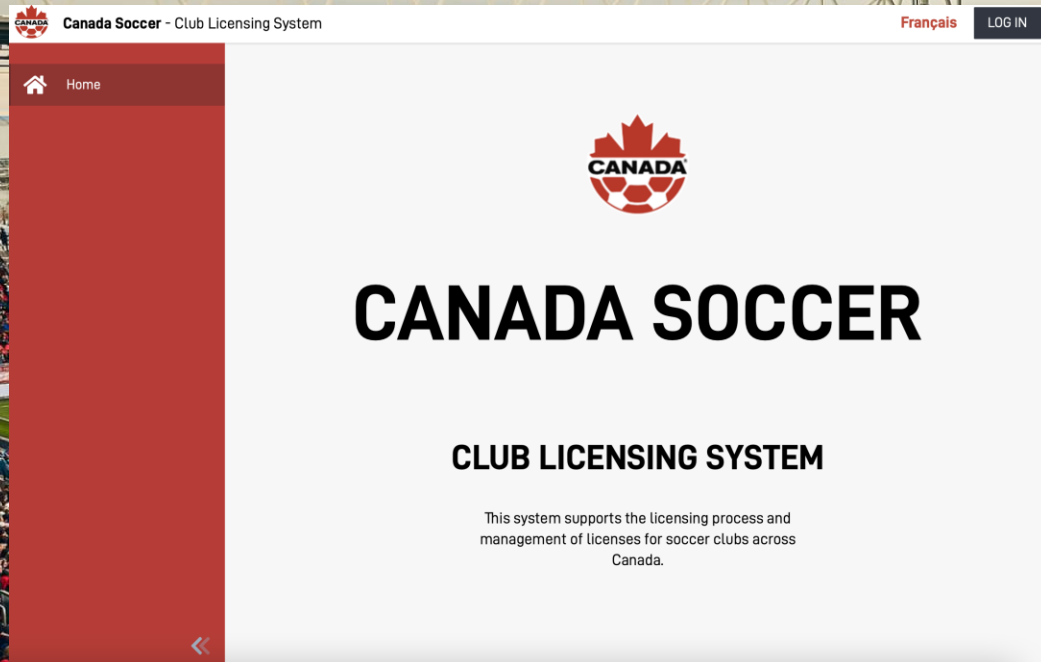
29	Provides programming that targets underrepresented groups as outlined in the Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion
30	Has programs, partnerships, and/or other mechanisms to reduce barriers to participation
31	Appreciates diversity to ensure everyone feels safe and that they belong regardless of ability and background
32	Coaches are culturally sensitive and programs include culturally appropriate activities
33	Facilities are accessible to participants of all abilities

## **Meets the Expectations of Membership with its Governing Organization(s):**

34	Is a Member in Good Standing with its governing organization(s)
35	Is compliant with the by-laws, policies, and directives of its governing organization(s)
36	Registers all participants with its governing organization(s)
37	Does not interact with non-member organizations unless approved by governing organization(s)



# Club Licensing System





# Six Steps to Success





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## 1. Provide Demographic Information



# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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10	Facility List	Template Provided



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2. Complete Organizational Commitments

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20	Facilities and equipment are safe, well-maintained, and in good condition	Emergency Action Plan (template) Facility Inspection Sheet (template)
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3. Take the Responsible Coaching Movement Pledge and develop safe sport documentation



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4. Provide Program Information

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23	Programming considers Long Term Player Development (LTPD) stage-appropriate principles	Program Descriptions
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5. Ensure appropriate training and certification and provide Coaches List



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Coaching		Documentation
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28	Coaches are trained and/or certified appropriately for the program in which they coach (Canada Soccer Safe Sport Roster)	Coaches List
	The appropriate Canada Soccer Coach Education Program workshops for the age and stage of their athletes	Coaches List
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# Respect in Sport \$25

September 2022 Indoor – May 2023

Respect In Sport - last 5 years, that's an investment of \$5 per coach over the next 5 years that your organization has invested in your coach that is training and facilitating kids within your organization.



# Free Modules

Online Platforms

Making Headway (Already in place)

Emergency Action Plan (Already in Place)



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