

The Canadian Soccer Association 'B' License Program

Aim of the Program

To educate the candidates in the practical and theoretical developments in modern soccer, so that they may devise, organize, conduct and evaluate coaching sessions in basic and advanced skills, tactics, strategies and systems of play. Candidates will also better understand and employ the complimentary managerial, medical and coach-related aspects, appropriate to the role of the coach at the competitive level.

Structure of the Program

The CSA 'B' License Program is divided into two courses. Provincial Associations offer part 1 of the Program, also known as the "Provincial Course", regionally across Canada. The CSA offers Part 2, the "National Course", on a residential basis. Both the Provincial and National Courses will include practical and theoretical aspects of study with the Final Theory and Practical assessments being held during the National Course.

Program Objectives

On completion of the Program, successful candidates will be competent in the following and be able to:

- Operate effectively in a variety of coaching situations with players and teams at all levels of Youth and/or Senior Soccer.
- Plan, organize, conduct and evaluate practical coaching sessions on various aspects of play.
- Successfully employ various coaching and teaching methods and styles as appropriate to the needs of the players and group.
- Analyze both individual and team performance and thereby devise practices and training to suit the needs of the players and team.
- Understand the physical and physiological demands of playing the game, and so devise specific training and conditioning programs as necessary.
- Understand the importance and timely application of the various theoretical aspects appropriate to the role of the coach at the competitive level.
- Maintain the highest standards of conduct to promote the sport of soccer.

Who is eligible?

Those who have any of the following certification and experience:

- B License Pre-Test-Pass
- Acceptable International Certification (*CSA Coaching Equivalency is required*)
- National Team Players (*see “Exemptions for National/Professional/Elite Players” below*)
- Professional Players (*see “Exemptions for National/Professional/Elite Players” below*)

Exemptions for National Team/Professional/Elite Players

The Canadian Soccer Association recognizes the experience gained by past and present National Team, Professional and Elite players and their potential to play a valuable roll in the development of young players. To that end the following exemptions are given:

As of **January 1, 2008**, the Exemption process is as follows:

Ex-National Team Players/Professional Players with minimum three years experience will be eligible to enter directly into the B License Pre-Test and must also take the NCCP Theory “A” Course. (Three years experience as a professional playing in a National Professional League in another country, the MLS or in the United Soccer Leagues Division 1 is the minimum requirement).

An Elite player will be exempted from taking the Community Coach-Children and Senior Courses but required to take the Community Coach-Youth Course before being eligible to apply for entry into the B License Pre-Test (Elite is deemed to mean Professional with less than three years experience, Semi Professional, Senior Provincial League Player, W League player).

Please note that it is the responsibility of the coach to supply documented proof of National Team, Professional or Elite status when making application to his/her Provincial Soccer Association.

Program Content

The following aspects will be included in the program curriculum:

- Attacking Principles
- Defending Principles
- Teaching Technique
- Running Skill Practices
- Possession Development
- Working with Wingers
- Flank Play
- Principles of Teaching & Learning
- Counter Attacking Play
- Theory of Training
- Soccer Fitness
- Central Attacking Play
- Goalkeeping
- First Aid

- Liability
- Laws of the Game

Various coaching styles and methods will be developed throughout the Program, and the use of technique practices, skill practices, functional practices, phase of play and small sided games (6v6 & 8v8) will be employed in the presentation of the practical content.

B License Grading and Assessment Policy

The B Licensing Program serves a dual purpose in the Certification of coaches. The first task is to educate coaches in certain aspects of coaching elite players. The second, and equally important purpose served by the B License Program is the “Licensing” of coaches based on an assessment of their ability to apply their newly acquired skills and knowledge when working with players.

Final assessments are based on CSA qualified Assessors’ analysis of the participant’s performance and their potential to move to the next level of certification.

The following table outlines how the Overall Result and the combined Practical Coaching scores determine the outcome and certification pathway of Candidates taking the B License-National Course:

B License-National Course

Overall Result	Practical Score	Theory Score	Certification Pathway
Unsatisfactory	< 119	< 59	Apply to take the B License-National Course again
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Theory Re-Exam	120-200	< 59	Will be offered a chance to do a Theory Re-Examination in order to complete the Licensing process successfully
Satisfactory Pass	120-139	60-100	Wait 2 years to apply to enter the A License Program*
Good Pass	140-159	60-100	Wait 1 year to apply to enter the A License Program
Excellent Pass	160-200	60-100	Apply for A License Program immediately

It should be noted that the waiting periods are intended to allow coaches to work further on their coaching methodology and gain more experience applying their newly acquired knowledge. This will help coaches to better prepare themselves to be successful at the next level of certification.

Note:

- * Following the 2 year waiting period, those coaches wishing to apply for the A License Course must provide the CSA Technical Department with:
 - a) a letter from their club, region or province confirming that they have coached for two years since completing the B License-National Course.
 - b) They must also provide twelve (12) practice plans on some of the sessions they have conducted in that time period.

Course Results:

Candidates will receive their results from the Technical Office within 3-4 weeks following the conclusion of the Course unless otherwise informed.

Application Conditions and Requirements

1. Application

For Information on, and/or to apply for, the B License Pre-Test or the B License-Provincial Course being offered in your area please contact the Technical Department of your Provincial Soccer Association listed in the **Technical Directory**.

To apply for a place on the National Course, please complete and return an application form, along with proof of eligibility, to the **Technical Office, The Canadian Soccer Association, BMO Field, 170 Princes Blvd., Toronto, Ontario, M6K 3C3**. A **certified cheque** in the amount of the course fee, made payable to The Canadian Soccer Association should accompany each application. **Please note, any applications without a certified cheque will not be considered.**

The Canadian Soccer Association has introduced a new fee structure for their National Licensing Courses as follows:

Residency: The Residency course fee includes the cost of tuition, course materials, all meals and accommodation.

Commuter: The Commuter course fee includes the cost of tuition, course materials, and lunch each day.

Note: Flights are not included in the fee and each candidate is responsible for his/her own travel to the course location. Course fees shown include the CSA subsidy for all Canadian Citizens and official residents of Canada.

Download application form in PDF format.

2. Acceptance

Candidates accepted onto the National Course will be notified as soon as possible after the application is received, and payment acknowledged.

Joining instructions and Course information will be sent to candidates at least 2 weeks before the commencement of the course.

Should a candidate not be accepted onto the course, a full refund will be provided.

Please note, acceptance into the CSA “B” License Program is not automatic; places on the Provincial Course will be awarded by the Provincial Association to which a coach applies. Applicants should be able to demonstrate that they can meet one of the following requirements:

- **Have passed the B License Pre-Test.**
- **Have a suitable National Team and/or Professional playing background (see “Exemptions Section”).**

All applications for the B license-National Course must be made to the Technical Department of the Canadian Soccer Association and must be accompanied by proof of eligibility in the form of current Canadian certification status. Qualified applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Arrival and Departure Times:

- **Course Check-in/Registration is between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. on the first day of the Course.**
- **Course wrap up is at 5.00 p.m. on the final day of the Course.**

The Canadian Soccer Association advises against finalizing travel arrangements until acceptance for the course is confirmed. The Canadian Soccer Association is not responsible for airline penalties or any other costs related to travel.

3. Cancellation

All cancellations must be made in writing to the Canadian Soccer Association, Technical Department.

Should a candidate withdraw after a position has been offered on the National Course, a refund will be made up until seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the course, subject to a \$100 processing fee.

Cancellations made any time within seven (7) days of the commencement of the Course **will not** be subject to a refund.

4. Visiting a Course

The Courses are only available to candidates enrolling on a specific Course and admittance will NOT be provided to visitors.

5. Fitness

It is strongly recommended that Candidates for the CSA ‘B’ License course be in good physical condition to meet the demands of the Course.

6. This course of training will be conducted in English.

7. Places on courses are limited, you are advised to apply early.