



AEL FC CANADA Coaching Certification Requirements

Applies to all AEL FC coaches

Minimum certification standards as required by Canada Soccer, Ontario Soccer, and EMSA. AEL FC is committed to providing a safe, developmentally appropriate, and compliant soccer environment.

All coaches must meet the minimum certification standards outlined below before roster approvals.

These requirements are set by:

- Canada Soccer Association (CSA)
- Ontario Soccer (OS)
- Elgin Middlesex Soccer Association (EMSA)

Competitive Stream Requirements

EMDSL **Tier 1, Tier 2**, and Higher Leagues

Mandatory Coach Certification Checklist

1. Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen

- London Police Service

2. Stage Appropriate Coach Education *Theory*

- Grassroots Coach Education Program

3. Stage Appropriate Coach Education *Practical*

- E2E Coach Centre

4. NCCP Make Ethical Decisions with evaluation

- Coaches Association of Ontario

5. Respect in Sport For Activity Leaders

- Ontario soccer respect group

6. NCCP Making Head Way in Sport

- Coaching Association of Canada

7. NCCP Emergency Action Planning Module

- coach.ca module

8. NCCP Rule of Two Module

- coach.ca module

Competitive Stream *Important Notes*

- Criminal Record Checks are subject to District and/or Ontario Soccer audit
- Coaches must select education courses matching the age group they coach
- Practical courses require Coach Centre registration
- All NCCP modules require a Coach.ca Locker Account
- Certification numbers or transcripts must be submitted to AEL FC
- Team rosters will not receive final EMSA approval until all minimum standards are met



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Community Stream Requirements

EMDSL **Tier 3**, Equivalent Leagues, and AEL FC House League
Mandatory Coach Certification Checklist

1. **Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screen**

- London Police Service

2. **Stage Appropriate Coach Education *Theory***

- Grassroots Coach Education Program

3. **Respect in Sport For Activity Leaders**

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Community Stream *Important Notes*

- Only the Coaching Soccer in Canada module is required (no practical course)
- Criminal Record Checks are subject to audit
- AEL FC is responsible for ensuring all Community Stream coaches meet requirements
- EMSA and/or Ontario Soccer may audit clubs for compliance

NCCP Locker Account (Required for All Coaches)

All NCCP courses and modules require a Coach.ca Locker Account.

Create or access your account: **The Locker**