

Frequently Asked Questions - Grassroots Coach Education

1) How do I get trained as a Grassroots Coach in Nova Scotia?

Coaches register with the clubs and are trained by a Soccer NS trained Learning Facilitator that operates either within clubs or the regional body their clubs belong to.

2) What happens if I am not attached to a club?

Clubs are Members of Soccer Nova Scotia through leagues and regions and training of coaches is a service provided to Members as part of their membership fees. If you are interested in coaching the first step would be to find a Member organization to coach with before you access the training opportunities offered to membership.

3) Who do I need to contact to better understand what the training specifically entails?

Connect with your club first. They will reach out to the region or Soccer NS staff who are tasked with developing volunteers through coach education.

4) What does the training consist of?

The training consists of two components, the theory and practical components. Both components need to be completed to be considered trained. The training time differs depending on which Grassroots training you want to take. See the table below to understand the time needed to complete both of the components mentioned above:

Grassroots Training Name	Length of Theory Component	Length of Practical Component
Active Start	90 minutes	2.0h
FUNdamental	1h 45m	3.0h
Learn 2 Train	2h 15m	4.0h
Soccer 4 Life	2h 15m	4.0h

5) How do I start my learning journey?

The theory component needs to be completed ahead of time of the practical. Connect with your club to obtain a software code that will allow you to start your training. All theory components are asynchronous, which means you can do them on your own, stopping and starting training at your leisure, and well ahead of the scheduled practical training times (which are in-person training times delivered by your clubs or region).

6) Tell me more about the theory component.

The theory component is broken down into two modules. A baseline module called Coaching Soccer in Canada (CSC) and a stage specific module that can be any of the training names listed above: Active Start, FUNdamentals, Learn 2 Train, and Soccer 4 Life.

Once you complete the CSC baseline module, you do not have to complete it again should you wish to take alternative grassroots training.

What that means is, if you are taking the Active Start training, which is 90 minutes in total duration of theory training, you will complete both the CSC module (60 minutes) and the stage-specific Active Start module (30 minutes).

If you then wish to take any of the other grassroots training modules (FUNdamentals, Learn 2 Train, Soccer 4 Life), the total time commitment will be lessened by 60 minutes as that is the length of the CSC module you have already completed as part of your Active Start training.

7) What happens when my theory training is done?

You need to complete the practical training. The practical training is organized by either your club or the regional body your club belongs to. The practical training is delivered by a Soccer NS trained Learning Facilitator.

Connect with your club who will be able to tell you when the practical training time is scheduled.

8) What is the cost?

The current cost for the theory training is anywhere between \$15 and \$30, depending on which training is purchased. The cost is paid upfront and is normally covered by the Member club. The cost of practical training is currently free as Soccer NS is looking to invest resources into the development of Learning Facilitators within clubs and regions.

9) How do I obtain my NCCP number if I do not have one?

You need to create an account at <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>

10) How do I obtain my NCCP Number if I forgot mine or am unsure if I have one to begin with.

If you believe that you have previously created an account on The Locker email coach@coach.ca to see if you are in the system.

11) How do I check my NCCP transcript?

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