

## **NLSA COACHING STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION POLICY**

The NLSA has recognized that in order for the game of soccer to advance in this Province, it must develop a comprehensive long term coaching strategy. With that objective in mind, the Association's Technical Committee has established the following guidelines that should address our needs for the foreseeable future.

It is the goal of the Committee that over a reasonable period of time, coaches across the Province will attain standards that will assist players and teams to be competitive anywhere in the country.

To further achieve this objective, the NLSA through its Technical Committee, will provide on-going coaching evaluation and assessment. The Association will also provide opportunities for coaches to attend National and International Seminars as well as fully finance aspiring Provincial Team Coaches to reach CSA National "B" Certification. Coaches, who do not succeed on the first attempt but demonstrate potential and are retained by the Provincial Teams Program, will be completely supported for a second attempt at that certification level. A third attempt will be at the coach's own expense.

In return for this support, the NLSA will require all its Provincial Team Coaches to coach within the Provincial Teams Program for a specific period of time. If the coach is unable to fulfill their coaching requirement, they may be asked to reimburse the NLSA all fees and other costs incurred by the Association in the acquisition of said certification.

### **Service/Financial Agreement**

<u>Certification Level</u>	<u>Required Service Time</u>
Community Coach	1 year – year of certification
Provincial "B"	2 years – year of certification plus following year
National "B"	2 years – year of certification plus following year

### **COACHING STANDARDS**

#### **Canada Games**

All head coaches and assistant coaches must possess a minimum National "B" Coaching Certificate.

### **Provincial Teams**

1. All head coaches of teams going to the National U-14 and U-16 Championships must have a National “B” certification. All assistant coaches must be Provincial “B”.
2. All head coaches of other Provincial Teams must have a Provincial “B” certification. Assistant coaches must have Community Coach Senior certification.
3. By 2010, all head coaches of Provincial Teams must be National “B” certified. Assistant coaches of teams not going to Nationals must be Provincial “B” certified.

### **Provincial Tournaments**

1. By 2012, head coaches of teams competing in Provincial “A” Tournaments or Tournaments which lead to a National Championship must have a Provincial “B” certification. Assistant coaches must have a Community Coach Senior certification.
2. By 2012, all coaches of teams competing in Provincial Tournaments must be Community Coach Senior certified

**NOTE: Some of these standards are subject to change based on CSA requirements.**

### **Recommended Standards by NLSA Technical Committee for Advancement**

1. Coaches wishing to advance from Provincial “B” to National “B” must complete at least one year of practical coaching at a level equivalent to that of the National U-14 Championships. In addition, two evaluations which meet the standard for National “B” must be completed in the year the coach wishes to attend the National “B” course.
2. Coaches who wish to advance from National “B” to National “A” must complete at least three years of practical coaching at an elite level. In addition, two practical evaluations which meet the National “B” standard must be completed in the year the coach wishes to attend the National “A” course. Note: CSA can invite a very successful National “B” candidate to attempt National “A” one year after passing “B” course.

**Note:** These standards can be waived by the CSA/NLSA coaching committee.

## **NLSA COACHING CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

I hereby agree to provide the NLSA \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) of coaching service for provision of coaching certification upgrading. If I can not live up to this provision, I will repay all cost incurred by the NLSA in providing this certification upgrade. Failure to repay incurred costs will result in a “not in good standing designation” with the NLSA and soccer community in general. This designation will prevent you from participating in any form of soccer activity until the debt is paid.

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

NLSA Rep: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_