



## STANDARDS FOR QUALITY SOCCER GUIDE BOOK

Please find enclosed supplementary data and evidence to support the compiling of information for the submission of supporting evidence in your application.

One of the most important and significant by-products in compiling evidence for the Standards for Quality Soccer Licence is the collating of information in support of an Organizations operational program resources, these include human and physical resources, whilst ensuring these comply with National Standards of delivery.

To assist with the above objective, it is important to recognize the standards are set against the Canada Soccer standards (Canada Soccer SQS hyperlink). These are required standards, but below are details of recommended information you may also compile to assist with this resource audit and identification of future development opportunities.

A further recommendation is that much of the collated information is prominently displayed within your organization's documentations (physical/website). This is to ensure your members become aware, that you as an Organizations, have complied and provided evidence of supporting the Nationally recognized standards. Alberta Soccer is recommending that member organization develop a Safe Sport page where all related documentation may be found and is easily accessible to all.

Supporting evidence for Standards for Quality Soccer Criteria:

Criteria	Evidence	Comments
2. Location	This could be a physical office, postal address, or the contact address for the president / administrator.	
5. Membership Status	Use the drop-down option to make the appropriate selection	All applicants should be full members within their districts
7. Streams of Participation	Click the boxes that are relevant to your current programming	Provide a hyperlink to the program information page on your website.
8. Stages of Participation	Click the boxes that are relevant to your current programming	Provide a hyperlink to the program/Long Term Player Development information page on your website.
9. Genders of Participation.	Please indicate approximate numbers of participation in the hyperlink.	This information is to reflect programming and potential development opportunities.
10. Club Infrastructure	This could include facility map, details of all social media addresses.	This provides an understanding of the organization's presence in the community.



11-16. Safety	Review the linked templates. Organizations may <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Adopt the presented template as is presented.</li> <li>ii. Adopt the presented template under their title (heading)</li> <li>iii. Develop a personalised template to conform with their organizational goals</li> </ul>	The presented templates are a current guide of good practice for all sport organizations. Please recognize the current climate is very fluid and organizations should seek to stay abreast of all developments.
16.a Responsible Coaching Movement	Please follow the hyperlink within the application package. Read and sign the pledge and then screenshot or print the certificate.	Please hyperlink a copy of the certificate.
17. Rule of Two	Review the template and add hyperlink to the webpage where it is displayed	
18. Coaches and team personnel	The presented template is recommended for use in all organizations. It presents a standard document that includes all the required criteria to be a team official within the Standards of Quality Soccer.	This is also a positive database to maintain coach info for future reference and updates.
19. Background Screening	Please see above comments	
20. Facilities and Equipment	The presented Facilities Template is extensive. Please recognize that not all the presented criteria are required but suggested as a potential audit of physical resources.	This recommendation links to potential funding opportunities for additional resources. It is important for organizations to perform a needs analysis in preparing applications for future funding opportunities.
21. Enjoyable Experience	Review the template and develop a statement and supporting activities that provide evidence of this commitment.	Provide a hyperlink to the organizations commitment to providing an enjoyable environment.
22. Long-Term Participation	Review the template and develop a statement and supporting activities that provide evidence of this commitment.	Provide a hyperlink to the organizations commitment to providing long-term participation opportunities.
23. Long Term Player Development	Promote the virtues of Long-Term Player Development and its implementation within your organizations programming.	Provide a hyperlink to the program/Long Term Player Development information page on your website.
24-27 Playing Formats	All game formats should comply with the Canada Soccer Standards for Grassroots Soccer.	Provide a hyperlink to your program information page



28. Coach status	It is important that coaches hold the relevant coaching certificate for the stage of development that they are supporting. For example, a coaching B Licence is not relevant for coaching 5-year-old players, so please recognize and support this to your coaches. If a coach's supports players across more than one stage, they will similarly require multiple certificates to permit this.	This information will be supported by the date within the Team Personnel Form.
29. Accessibility	Review the template and provide information of how your organization supports accessible programming	Provide a hyperlink to your program information page.
30. Barriers to participation	This should consider any links to reducing potential barriers, an example may be KidSport partnership or a hardship fund.	Provide a hyperlink to your program information page
31. Diversity	Review the template and provide information of how your organization supports accessible programming	Provide a hyperlink to your program information page
32. Cultural Considerations	Diversity may be different for each organization and reflect the needs within their community. Please reflect upon the needs of your community and how you may be promoting inclusion within these cultures.	Provide a hyperlink to your program information page or any training that has been provided.
33. Facilities	This provides an opportunity to review that facilities that you utilize and their accessibilities to all member groups.	This should be presented within the facilities database template
34-37 District Standing	These are requirements of membership and need to be signed of by your District Representative to indicate that the organization is on good standing	Provide hyperlink to the District Endorsement form

It is hoped this information may have addressed any questions or concerns. If you do have any additional questions, please contact your District representative of the Manager of Grassroots Development [jclubb@albertasoccer.com](mailto:jclubb@albertasoccer.com)