

COACH PRE-SEASON PREPARATION CHECKLIST

The following checklist is available to coaches to help their preparation for coaching a team under BCSA and their Registered Member. This is intended as a guide only in support of the "Coaching Guidelines" (*Ref: BCSA-GUI-006*) document and other BCSA requirements.

PRE-SEASON PREPARATION	
Soccer footwear/ athletic footwear is ready.	
Athletic clothing is ready including for wet weather conditions.	
"BCSA Coach Code of Conduct" Signed and sent to Registered Member.	
"BCSA Commitment to Culture Policy" Signed and sent to Registered Member.	
Review Canada Soccer Association (CSA) Code of Ethics document.	
Confirm access to the BCSA website where policies, governances, guidelines, and forms are located.	
Confirm that the Criminal Record Check (CRC) in up to date/ or a new CRC is required to be submitted to the Registered Member.	
Obtain copy of the specific Coaching Program Curriculum to support the development of drills/ practice plans.	
Confirm have completed Respect in Sports - Activity Leader	
Required coaching training complete i.e. BCSA Coach Orientation, CSA Coaches Training, etc.	
Confirm National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Rule-of-Two Training complete.	
Confirm NCCP Emergency Action Plan training is complete.	
Complete Responsible Coaching Movement (RCM) Pledge	

TEAM ASSIGNMENT	
Soccer equipment provided has been inspected and is ready for the season.	
Listing of parents/ guardians provided. Organize a contact system i.e. google, WhatsApp, Facebook, etc.	
Send out welcome announcement to the team and see if a parent/ guardian would like to volunteer to help as team manager.	
If a Team Manager is available, ensure a Criminal Records Check (CRC) is completed and provided to Registered Member	
Schedule initial introduction meeting with parents/ guardians to review what to expect for the season.	
Provide parents/ guardians with the "Parent Guidelines" to review.	
Parents/ guardians to complete the "Player Medical Information Sheet" and hand into the coach/ Team Manager.	
Parents/ guardians to complete the "Participant Information Sheet" and hand into the coach/ Team Manager.	
Parents/ guardians provided "Friendly Fan Policy" to review.	
Ensure parents/ guardians have correct youth soccer equipment ready for their players (shin guards mandatory).	
Prepare Emergency Action Plan (EAP) document for home games using the BCSA EAP template.	
Walk-the-ground of the assigned location for practices to be familiar with the conditions.	
Ensure First Aid kit is available and complete.	