



Brantford City Soccer Club

Match Official Development
Annual Education & Training Plan



Brantford City Soccer Club in conjunction with Brantford Galaxy and the Brantford Referee Association host annual Small-Sided and Entry-Level referee courses each year for interested individuals in the community who want to take the first steps to becoming a match official.

Brantford City Soccer Club sees the ongoing education and advancement of referees as instrumental in the development of the game of soccer across the region.

Beginning in 2020 Brantford City Soccer Club will host four annual education sessions, one occurring quarterly, with the Laws of the Game Referee Seminar for Junior Referees occurring in the spring prior to the start of the summer outdoor season. The other three seminars will be Laws of the Game Referee Seminar for All Referees, a Non-Laws of the Game Referee Seminar for Junior Referees and a Non-Laws of the Game Referee Seminar for All Referees. These courses will be held within Brantford at the BCSC soccer club office and will be free to attend. These courses will be provided by the Ontario Soccer Learning Facilitators until such time as BCSC officials attain said designation.

Also commencing in 2020 Brantford City Soccer Club Will host training sessions featuring practical on field knowledge. For 2020 the on-field training will be led by Ontario Soccer officials with the support of our Club Head Referee. The current Club Head Referee is George Whittingham. Beginning in 2021 our Club Head Referee will spearhead this training themselves. These training sessions will both occur in April at the BCSC indoor soccer turf with one course open to only junior referees and the other open to all referees.

Brantford City Soccer Club will be enhancing our Mentor Training Program in 2020 to ensure our current referee mentors are fitted with the new Ontario Soccer designation. The referee mentor will meet and review at least one game of each new match official per season to provide them with feedback. Afterwards the referee mentor will continue to check in and be engaged with the referees via a weekly check-in email to ensure any concerns are addressed and feedback is answered immediately to any questions that arise.

The Brantford City Soccer Club Club Head Referee will be reviewing/auditing all game officials during the season to gauge the level of competency, following of the laws of the game and general conduct of the officials to recommend those who are ripe for promotion to a higher level/district pool of referees, and those who may need additional support moving forward to help them further blossom into successful officials.

Brantford City Soccer Club is committed to enhancing the ranks of females as match officials with the club. Beginning in 2021 Brantford City Soccer will employ a female lead who has undertaken the Mentor Training Program designation to serve primarily as a liaison to female match officials. They will focus upon the engagement and outreach to women providing the support and feedback needed to keep them interested and sustain their presence as match officials.

Brantford City Soccer Club promotes the Long Term Official development in accordance with the matrix utilized by Ontario Soccer.

