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OSA Announces Launch Of Long Term Match Officials Development

The Ontario Soccer Association is proud to announce the launch of the Long Term Officials Development (LTOD) program.

Over the past three years, the Match Officials Development Committee and OSA Staff have surveyed, conducted analysis and discussed programming with thousands of registered match officials, Districts Referee Coordinators, clubs and relevant stakeholders throughout Ontario.

From that work the LTOD program has been designed and it will advance match officials development in the same way LTPD revolutionized player and coach development.

A five-year strategic initiative of the OSA, the LTOD is now an integral component of the Operational Plan of the Soccer Operations Department.

LTOD - The Pathway to Match Officiating Excellence

LTOD will provide a standards-based education and development program, through strong leadership, inclusivity and support.

All aspects of the Match Official Development Program will be strengthened, as Development Support Team members, Match Officials and the game will benefit from a ground breaking development and training program.

As an important part of the rollout of LTOD, the OSA will be hosting Regional LTOD Information Sessions across the province.

Regional LTOD Information Sessions are currently scheduled for:

- Feb. 15 | BMO Centre, London
- Feb. 22 | Canada Room, The Ontario Soccer Association, Vaughan
- Feb. 28 | Tim Hortons Field, Media Room, Hamilton
- Week of March 21 | York Region Offices, Concord

Please visit the OSA website to RSVP to one of the LTOD Information Sessions.

All events will start at 7 p.m. and district and club boards, staff, administrators, coaches, players and parents are invited to attend any of these information events.

A selected event will also be livestreamed for those who cannot attend.

In addition to these Regional LTOD Information Sessions, the Match Official Department will be visiting districts over the next six to eight weeks to educate the Match Officials membership on what to expect from LTOD.

If you have any further questions about the events, please contact your DRC or Nicky Pearson (drcniagara@cogeco.net or npearson@soccer.on.ca)