



## **Notice to Member Clubs – Grassroots Standards Implementation for 2026 Season**

**March 30, 2026**

PEI Soccer would like to provide an important update regarding the implementation of Canada Soccer's Grassroots Standards for the 2026 outdoor season.

As many of you know, Canada Soccer communicated in February 2025 that all Member Associations are required to fully align with the updated Grassroots Standards for the 2026 playing season. With the transition currently underway at PEI Soccer, we recognize that this information has not reached clubs in a consistent or actionable way, and we appreciate the challenges this has created in your planning.

Following recent discussions, and on behalf of Canada Soccer, we are pleased to confirm that PEI Soccer has been granted a six-month dispensation for U13, through the end of September 2026, to support a phased transition.

### **U13 Scores & Standings – Summer 2026**

For the 2026 Summer Season, PEI Soccer will operate the U13 divisions with scores and standings:

- Full removal of scores and standings at U13 will take effect no later than October 1, 2026, in accordance with the dispensation period.
- Additional guidance and timelines will be shared with clubs to support a smooth transition.

### **U11 Tournaments – Required Festival Format**

Beginning in Summer 2026, all U11 tournaments and events must fully align with the Grassroots Standards. This includes:

- Festival format only
- No scores, no standings, no results-based awards
- Focus on development, equal participation, and a positive playing environment.

This requirement applies to all club-hosted and PEI Soccer-sanctioned U11 events.

We appreciate your patience and collaboration as we work together to ensure alignment with national standards and to support the best possible development environment for young players across the province.