Alignment to Provincial, Territorial, and National Player Pathways Policy

1. Purpose

Lincoln Storm Soccer Club is committed to delivering programming that aligns with the Ontario Soccer Player Pathway, the Canada Soccer Long-Term Player Development (LTPD) model, and all relevant provincial and national frameworks to ensure safe, inclusive, and progressive development.

2. Alignment with Canada Soccer LTPD Stages

Lincoln Storm programs follow the national LTPD stages:

• Active Start (U4–U5)

• FUNdamentals (U6–U8)

• Learn to Train (U9–U12)

• Soccer for Life (all ages)

• Train to Train / Train to Compete (competitive pathway athletes)

All sessions, competition formats, and coaching methods follow Canada Soccer guidelines.

3. Alignment with Ontario Soccer Player Pathway

Lincoln Storm adheres to Ontario Soccer standards including:

• Grassroots Development Model

• Recreational & Competitive Pathway guidelines

• Ontario Soccer Game Formats (3v3, 5v5, 7v7, 9v9, 11v11)

Club programming is structured according to Ontario Soccer age-and-stage developmental expectations.

4. Coaching Pathway Alignment

The club ensures:

• Coaches follow the Ontario Soccer Coaching Pathway.

• Coaching education aligns with the Canada Soccer Coach Education Program.

• Coaches understand LTPD requirements for their assigned age groups.

5. Competition Pathway Compliance

Competitions align with LTPD and provincial guidelines:

• Non-standings formats for U8–U12

• Proper field size, game length, and age-appropriate rules

• Competitive pathway structure for U13+ players

6. Review and Monitoring

The Technical Director or Head Coach:

• Reviews provincial and national updates annually

• Updates club programming accordingly

• Ensures all coaches are trained and compliant

7. Commitment Statement

Lincoln Storm Soccer Club supports national and provincial soccer development models and commits to providing a pathway that promotes lifelong participation, appropriate progressions, and safe sport principles.