



## COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

### Exemption to Youth Player Eligibility Criteria

Youth players who are not eligible to compete based on Regulations for National/Regional Championships may apply, through their Provincial Association, to the Canadian Soccer Association Eligibility Panel. Based on the criteria below, the Canadian Soccer Association Eligibility Panel may grant previously ineligible players the ability to participate in the National/Regional Club Championships. All decisions made by the Canadian Soccer Association Eligibility Panel are final and binding, and are not subject to appeal.

- 1) Players must currently live in Canada legally;
- 2) Players must have immigrated to Canada for reasons other than to play soccer;
- 3) Players **10**<sup>1</sup> years of age and over must have received their International Transfer Certificate from their country of origin as per the *FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players*, and must be registered with their Provincial Association. Please refer to the Canada Soccer website for more information on International Transfer Certificates <https://www.canadasoccer.com/about-landing-page/about-resources/>.
- 4) Players **9** years of age and under do not require an International Transfer Certificate. However, a copy of an official document needs to be provided to prove the fact (e.g. school record, doctor record, etc.) that the player entered Canada prior to the age of 10.
- 5) The deadline for submitting the request is July 31 of the current year.
- 6) Exemptions need to be applied for annually.

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<sup>1</sup> As of March 1, 2015, FIFA lowered the age requirement for players requiring an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) from 12 years of age to 10 years of age.