

- Association founded 1912
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1913



Flag



Association emblem



World map



## Football in Canada

For many years, Canada have been trying to make the breakthrough into the elite ranks of football on their continent in order to compete with the three powerhouses, Mexico, the USA and Costa Rica, but the sheer size of the country, also known for its unfavourable climatic conditions, has prevented Canada from reaching their goal, although they have certainly made progress in recent years. In 2000, the national team won the Gold Cup (the CONCACAF continental championship), ensuring the Canadians a place at the FIFA Confederations Cup Korea/Japan 2001. Canada's youth teams are also regular features at FIFA's U-17 and youth events. Women's football has also taken strides forward, culminating in Canada hosting the inaugural FIFA U-19 Women's World Championship in 2002 when Canada lost to the USA in the final. Canadian players ply their trade in a variety of leagues abroad, including China, the USA, England, Belgium, Scotland and Germany. Paul Stalteri, who left SV Werder Bremen in the summer of 2005, is probably the most well known.

## The Goal project

The current project - a football-only stadium in Toronto that hosted matches of the FIFA World Youth Cup in 2007 - was to be extended by laying of an artificial turf pitch (now known as a football turf pitch). The Goal Bureau approved this proposal at a meeting on 15 March 2006, thereby giving the Canadian Soccer Association greater scope to implement its development programmes on a training pitch that will be available all year round. Goal was helping to finance the project, but the Canadian Soccer Association did also make a sizeable contribution.



## Financing of Goal project

### Project

Football turf pitch in national stadium, Toronto

### Project approved on

15 March 2006

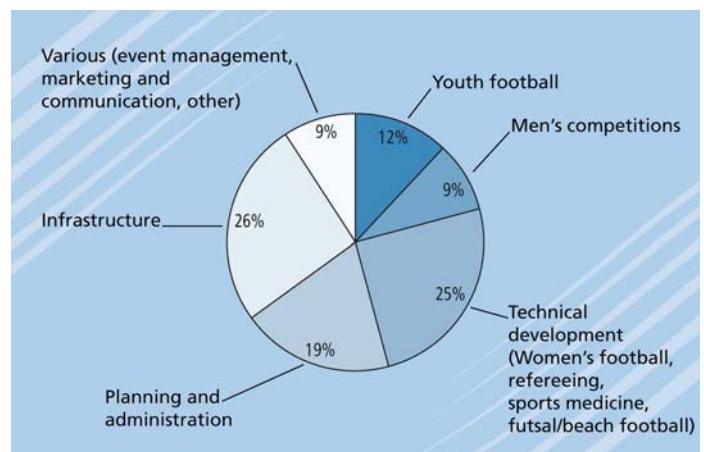
### Status

Opened on 30 June 2007

### Financed by

<b>Goal</b>	USD	400,000
<b>Association</b>	USD	175,000
<b>Total cost</b>	USD	575,000

## Use of FAP funds



Football education and courses	No of courses until 1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
		<b>FUTURO III regional courses</b>																			
Refereeing (men and women)																					
Coaching (men)																					
Coaching (women)																					
Administration and management																					
Football medicine																					
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Women's football																					
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Administration																					
Refereeing (men and women)		•		•	•	•				•		•			•	•	•				
Coaching (men and women)																					
Beach soccer																					
Futsal																					
Olympic solidarity coaching courses		•																			
<b>Development courses and academies (1975 - 1990)</b>																					
<b>FUTURO I-II courses for all football branches</b>	3		•	•																	

•: Course host country    □: Course participant in another country

**Women's football**

When, in 1995, today's FIFA President said "The future of football is feminine", it was more than mere lip service. It reflected a strong belief in the huge potential that women's football has to develop. Ever since, FIFA has given targeted support for the efforts of associations who offer women the same opportunities to develop as male players. Launched in 1998, FIFA's Financial Assistance Programme (FAP) introduced a requirement in 2004 for the associations and confederations to invest at least 4% of their FAP funding into women's football. This threshold was increased to 10% in 2005. On top of this commitment, FIFA also promotes the women's game in more general ways by directly financing women's matches and organising competitions and symposiums. Thanks to its development programmes, FIFA is also playing an active role in the training of administrators, coaches, referees and sports doctors.



Dynamic scene from Chile v. Canada

Does an organised women's football set-up exist?	yes
If so, since when?	2000
From which age on, players are registered?	14
Women's teams (open or over 16 years)	2,940
Women's teams (below 16 years, youth)	15,6230
National competition (or women's league)	yes
Regional competitions	yes
University competitions	yes
School competitions	yes
Futsal competitions	yes
National "A" team	yes
National youth teams: age categories	U-17, U-20



Line-up prior to the match