

Underrepresented Groups - Villarreal Alberta Academy

Commitment:

As outlined in the Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion, there are several programming strategies that can be implemented to target underrepresented groups in soccer. Villarreal Alberta Academy is committed to activating these strategies within the organization.

These strategies include:

1. Providing Outreach Programs: Outreach programs are an effective way to reach out to underrepresented groups and encourage them to participate in soccer. These programs will be designed to specifically target groups such as women, Indigenous communities, people with disabilities, and newcomers to Canada. Outreach programs will be designed to be inclusive and welcoming, and should provide a safe and supportive environment for participants.
2. Offering Adapted Programs: Adapted programs are designed to meet the specific needs of individuals with disabilities. These programs will include modified rules, equipment, and playing fields to ensure that everyone can participate in soccer. Adapted programs will be designed in consultation with individuals with disabilities to ensure that they are accessible and inclusive.
3. Providing Training Opportunities: Training opportunities can help underrepresented groups develop their skills and knowledge of soccer. These opportunities will include coaching clinics, referee training, and leadership development programs. By providing training opportunities, underrepresented groups can develop the skills and confidence needed to become active members of the soccer community.

Top 3 Authoritative Reference Publications or URLs:

1. Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion: <https://www.canadasoccer.com/guide-to-accessibility-and-inclusion-p162221>
2. Canadian Paralympic Committee: <https://paralympic.ca/>
3. Sport for Life Society: <https://sportforlife.ca/>