

Job Posting: Play-by-Play Announcer for League1 Ontario 2025 Season

Position: Play-by-Play Announcer

Contract Type: Freelance/Seasonal Contract

Location: Various match venues across Ontario

Reports To: Manager League Operations

Overview:

League1 Ontario is seeking a dynamic, articulate, and professional Play-by-Play Announcer for the 2025 season. This role offers the opportunity to be the voice of League1 Ontario matches, providing engaging and insightful commentary for fans, players, and stakeholders. The ideal candidate will have a passion for sports broadcasting, a deep understanding of soccer, and the ability to adapt to diverse match environments.

Job Responsibilities

- Deliver live play-by-play commentary and analysis for League1 Ontario matches, ensuring accuracy, enthusiasm, and professionalism.
 - Prepare for matches by researching team rosters, player statistics, storylines, and league standings to provide insightful context.
 - Collaborate with the production team and technical staff to deliver a seamless broadcast.
 - Provide timely updates on scores, key moments, and player performances during the match.
 - Adhere to broadcasting schedules and ensure punctuality for all match-day commitments.
 - Communicate with the production team and League Operations to promptly address any technical or logistical challenges.
 - Represent League1 Ontario in a professional manner, maintaining the highest standards of conduct and behavior during broadcasts.
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Qualifications and Experience Required

- Proven experience in sports broadcasting, especially in soccer play-by-play commentary.
- Strong verbal communication skills and the ability to convey complex information clearly and engagingly.
- In-depth knowledge of soccer rules, tactics, and trends; familiarity with League1 Ontario is an asset.
- Ability to adapt to various match environments and manage unexpected situations calmly.
- Exceptional organizational and time-management skills.

- Availability to work evenings and weekends based on the match schedule.
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Match Day Procedures and Expectations

- Arrive at the venue at least two hours before kickoff to set up equipment and prepare for the broadcast.
 - Coordinate with the production team to test audio and video equipment and troubleshoot any technical issues.
 - Ensure familiarity with the day's match script, including introductions, sponsor mentions, and special announcements.
 - Engage with the production team and match officials to verify key match details and lineups.
 - Ensure you let the gameplay talk, not over-talk the broadcast.
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Scheduling Requirements and Communication Protocols

- Commit to the League1 Ontario match schedule, which is weekend (and some weeknight) games.
 - Provide advance notice of availability and communicate any scheduling conflicts immediately to the League Operations team.
 - Attend pre-season training and briefing sessions to align with the league's broadcasting standards.
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Equipment Specifications and Recommendations

- Familiarity with broadcasting equipment, including microphones, headsets, and audio mixers.
 - Ability to troubleshoot basic technical issues with provided equipment.
 - Comfortable working with streaming platforms and software.
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Conduct Standards and Professional Behavior

- Maintain professionalism at all times, respecting players, teams, officials, and fans.
 - Avoid biased commentary and ensure impartiality in match coverage.
 - Adhere to League1 Ontario's Code of Conduct and broadcasting guidelines.
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Reporting Structure and Communication Channels

- Report directly to the Manager League Operations and Broadcast Coordinator.
 - Provide post-match feedback as requested by League1 Ontario.
 - Collaborate with the color commentator (when present), production team, and match officials, Matchday Operations Coordinators (MDOC's) to ensure consistent communication.
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Opportunities for Growth and Development

- Gain exposure to a growing league and develop a personal brand within sports broadcasting.
 - Build a portfolio of high-quality broadcasts to advance your career in sports media.
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How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit an Application Package that includes a resume and cover letter (one document), as well as samples of their play-by-play work to chris.keem@league1.ca.

Please include "Play-by-Play Announcer Application" in the subject line and ensure the Application Package file has your first and last name along with Playbyplay (example: ChrisSmithPlaybyPlayResume.pdf).

Join League1 Ontario and bring the excitement of soccer to fans across the province. We look forward to hearing your voice!