

BC Summer and BC Winter Games Coaching Certification Exemption Policy

Background

Based on the Core / Optional Sport Criteria established for the BC Summer and BC Winter Games, coaches (Games Participants registered as CCH – Coach) at the 2006 BC Summer and BC Winter Games are required to have **full Level 2 NCCP Certification or equivalent**.

Consultation with other agencies (including The Coaches Association of BC, Sport BC, and 2010 Legacies Now Society) was undertaken to determine Coaching certification levels for the BC Summer and BC Winter Games. This consultation indicated that for the level of athletes attending the BC Games, NCCP Level 2 certification is appropriate. The BC Games Society believes that this level of experience and training as a coach is necessary for the athletes to get the most from their BC Games experience.

Some Provincial Sport Organizations have required higher certification for their coaches at the BC Games and have also required specific coaching training for managers and assistant coaches (Games Participants registered as MGR – Manager). This measure is encouraged and applauded. Coaching requirements for all sports are outlined in the sport-specific rules.

Because the NSO (National Sport Organization) for some sports have not yet developed NCCP Level 2 courses, the requirements for these sports have been established based on the highest available courses, and are outlined in the rules for the respective sport.

Implementation

The Coaching Exemption Policy will be implemented for the 2006 BC Summer and BC Winter Games, after which, it will be evaluated to determine the implementation strategy for the 2008 BC Games.

Policy

The BC Games Society will consider exemptions for coaches attending the Games based on the following criteria:

- The PSO is responsible for ensuring coaches meet certification requirements outlined in the sport-specific rules.
- All coaching exemptions must be approved by the BC Games Society.
- Requests for exemptions must be submitted to the BC Games Society, in writing, by the PSO, utilizing the BC Games Coaching Certification Exemption Form.
- Details about how the coach requesting the exemption plans to complete his/her next level of NCCP certification must be provided in order for the exemption request to be considered.

- Details about how the PSO plans to ensure that the Zone(s) requesting an exemption will be able to meet the coaching requirements at the next BC Summer or BC Winter Games, as appropriate, must be provided in order for the exemption request to be considered.
- Requests for exemptions must be submitted by the Registration Deadline for the respective Games.
- The coach seeking exemption must have a minimum of NCCP Level 1 certification, or equivalent (NCCP Level 1 Theory for 2010 Special Event Sports).
- Coaching exemptions are provided by sport, by Zone.
- Within each sport, a Zone will only be granted one exemption. A Zone that receives an exemption for coaching requirements at the 2006 BC Games will not be granted an exemption at the 2008 BC Games, despite the coach changing.
- NCCP certification **is not** a protestable point prior to, or at, the Games.