

## BC Winter and BC Summer Games Coach Certification

### BACKGROUND

Consultation with sport sector agencies (including the Coaches Association of BC, Sport BC, 2010 Legacies Now Society, and Canadian Sport Centre Pacific) was undertaken. Feedback supported Competition Introduction certification or the NCCP Level 2 certification equivalency, based on the level for the athletes attending the BC Games (which has been identified to generally be in the lower end of the Training to Train stage or the upper end of the Learning to Train stage of each sport's LTAD). From this process it was determined that the appropriate coaching certification level for Head Coaches at the BC Winter and BC Summer Games is necessary for the athletes to get the most from their BC Games experience and to support their ongoing development. .

### CERTIFICATION LEVELS

Based on the Core Sport Criteria established for the BC Summer and BC Winter Games, Head Coaches (minimum of one coach from each zone) at the 2006 BC Summer and BC Winter Games and beyond are required to be **certified Competition Introduction** or the sport-specific equivalent to full NCCP Level 2 certification. The determination of the NCCP Level 2 equivalent is based on submission from the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) with documentation from the sport's Coach Development NCCP programs. This is also verified with the Coaches Association of Canada, where possible.

Some PSOs have required higher certification for their Head Coaches and have also required specific coach training for Assistant Coaches (Games participants registered as ACH - Assistant Coach). This measure is encouraged and supported. Coaching requirements for all sports are outlined in each sport's technical package.

Beginning with the 2016 Games, an application process was put into place that enables PSOs to apply to reduce the Head Coach certification requirement based on the level of athletes attending the Games. The PSO must demonstrate that a different level of certification is applicable for the level/stage of athlete attending the Games. The application process is initiated prior to each Games as part of the process of setting the technical package. Approved changes to the Head Coach certification levels are noted in the technical package and the Memorandum of Understanding for the sport. Approvals for lower level certification is for one Games only and will need to be applied for each Games.

Beginning with the 2016 Games, Assistant Coaches were required to have completed the NCCP Making Ethical Decisions module. There is no exemption for this. Assistant Coaches who do not meet this requirement are registered as Adult Supervisors.

### EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions for Head Coaches are available for sports that cannot meet the certification requirement noted in their technical package (**certified Competition Introduction** or the sport-specific equivalent to full NCCP Level 2 certification or the approved lower based on the application process noted above).

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

- The PSO is responsible for ensuring all Head Coaches meet certification requirements outlined in their technical package.
- 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 a PSO representative (i.e. staff) or Provincial Advisor, utilizing the BC Games Coaching Certification Exemption form by the established deadline.
- The Head Coach seeking exemption must have completed some NCCP training or courses.
- Within each sport, a zone will only be granted one exemption over two Games. A zone that received an exemption for coaching requirements at the first Games will not be granted an exemption at the next Games. This policy is applicable regardless of a change in the Head Coach for the zone.
- NCCP certification is not protestable prior to, or at, the Games.

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