
Subject: Coach Certification – Canada Games

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1.0 Purpose

This policy establishes the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) requirements of Canada Games coaches.

2.0 Application

This policy applies to all coaches appointed by provincial sport organizations to coach their respective Canada Games teams.

3.0 Definitions

Canada Games Council – The governing body of the Canada Games. The Council is responsible for the philosophy, objectives and rules of the Games.

NCCP Level 3 Certification – Acknowledged as full completion of theory, technical and practical components of the level 3 National Coaching Certification Program.

Competition Development Certified – As defined by each individual sport, but inclusive of the successful completion of technical, theory and practical components.

Intro to Competition Certified - As defined by each individual sport, but inclusive of the successful completion of technical, theory and practical components.

4.0 Legal Authority

The Youth Assistance Act and the Canada Games Council

5.0 Goals / Principles

The Canada Games Council, and the Sport and Recreation Branch strongly believe that better coaches develop better athletes, and equally believe that the National Coaching Certification Program is the best way to develop better coaches. In order to help ensure that Canada Games coaches would be the best possible for Canada Games level athletes, the Canada Games Council implemented minimum certification requirements.

The certification requirements for the Canada Games are now widely accepted and managed by Chef de Missions, National/Provincial Sport Organizations, coaches and the Canada Games Council.

6.0 Requirements / Standards

All staff listed as Canada Games coaches, assistant coaches, aboriginal coaches, women apprentice coaches, and in some cases managers are required to have coaching certification as defined by each sport's technical package. Certification must be attained a minimum of 90 days prior to the opening ceremonies of the Canada Games, unless the Canada Games Council has provided an exemption.

7.0 Guidelines / Recommendations

Team NB's Chef de Mission monitors the implementation of the Level 3 requirement.

In order to deal with exceptional cases, the Canada Games Council has a Level 3 exemption process. All Team NB exemption requests must be approved by Team NB's Chef de Mission prior to him/her forwarding it to the Canada Games Council for consideration.

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