



Maintenance of Certification and Professional Development

The Coaching Association of Canada and its partners recognize the value of having certified NCCP coaches that are engaged in Professional Development programs which reinforce the values of lifelong learning and sharing amongst the coaching community.

In order for NCCP coaches to maintain their certified status, they will be required to obtain Professional Development (PD) points. PD points can be earned through a multitude of activities that coaches already participate in, including: national and provincial sport organization conferences and workshops, eLearning modules, NCCP workshops, coach mentorship programs, and active coaching. In most cases coaches are already earning their required PD points – Maintenance of Certification Status is simply the introduction of tracking these points and recognizing coaches for their efforts.

Maintenance of certification is essential to:

- Ensuring coaches stay current with new coaching practices and knowledge;
- Maintaining the integrity of the NCCP;
- Maintaining consistency with the standards of other professions;
- Reinforcing the values of lifelong learning and continuous improvement.

Certification within the NCCP shall be valid for a maximum period. The concept of “life-span of NCCP certification” shall apply to coaches who:

- Are already certified according to the standards of the Levels-NCCP.
- Are certified according to the standards of the Levels-NCCP while it is still in effect.
- Are certified according to the standards of an NCCP context’s core certification and gradations.

Maintenance of certification must be based on active coaching and professional development.

Context (includes any gradation)	Minimum Professional Development credits required if the period for renewal of certification is:				
	5 years	4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year
Community Sport Instruction – Beginners	10 points	8 points	6 points	4 points	2 points
Competition – Development	30 points	24 points	18 points	12 points	6 points
Competition – Development Advanced Gradation	30 points	24 points	18 points	12 points	6 points
Competition – High Performance	30 points	24 points	18 points	12 points	6 points



An NSO may require more than the minimum number of Professional Development credits in any or all contexts in which it assigns “Certified” status. SFC coaching summits, conferences, Sport Leadership Conference, ISSF conferences and licenses, etc. All count towards professional development.

Professional development opportunities and points allocated are as follows:

	Active Category	Points	Limitations
Sport Specific	Active Coaching	1 point/year for every season coached OR 1 point/year for learning Facilitator or Evaluator activity	To a maximum number of points equal to the number of years of the certification renewal period, e.g. 3 points, if certification period is 3 years
	NCCP Activity	5 points/training module or evaluation event	No maximum or minimum
	Non-NCCP Activity	1 point/hour of activity up to 3 hours maximum	No minimum or maximum
	Coach self-directed activity	3 points for the valid certification period	Maximum of 3 points for certification renewal period
	Re-evaluation in context	100% of the points required for PD credit in the context	No other PD is required if coach chooses re-evaluation
Multi-sport	NCCP activity	5 points/training module or evaluation event	No maximum or minimum
	Non-NCCP activity	1 point/ hour of activity up to 3 points maximum	To a maximum of 50% of the required PD credit for the context in a certification renewal period

For more information please visit: <http://www.coach.ca/maintenance-of-certification-s16745>.