

LC Operations Manual

24.11 COACH AND TRAINER CERTIFICATION

24.11.1 The minimum certification standards required for Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches at National Championships and Competitions are laid out in the Box (18.7), Men's Field (19.6) and Women's Field (20.6) sections of this manual.

24.11.1.1 All coaches must have the appropriate certification (as listed in the minimum certification standards) at least two (2) weeks prior to their attendance at a National Championships of Competition.

24.11.2 The Head Coaches shall not be a player on the team except in the senior Men's field division where the fully certified coach can also participate as a player. If the fully certified playing coach is expelled from the game and there is not another fully certified coach on the bench, the game shall be forfeit.

24.11.3 Trainers must have the appropriate certification. Appropriate certification is defined as one of the following:

- (1) Any St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid course of 8 hours (or more)
- (2) Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR course
- (3) Canadian Red Cross Sport First Aid course
- (4) Any CAHA Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
- (5) A professional designation (examples: MD; RN; Physiotherapist, Policeman; Fireman; Chiropractor; Registered Massage Therapist).

From the above, please be clear CPR (as a stand-alone certification) is NOT an equivalency.

LC recognizes only one trainer per team to address those specific activities (activities which would not include coaching athletes).

A photocopy of a trainer certification card (provided by the above groups) should be attached to the MA's Bench Personnel form.

24.11.4 Coaches and Trainers must be able to provide proof of certification if requested.

24.11.5 Non-Canadian Coaches and Trainers must meet the certification requirements or acceptable equivalency from programs in their home country or country of residence.

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- 24.11.6 All bench personnel (coaches/trainers) are required to sign the game sheet prior to the game. Coaches will also be required to indicate their coaching number. Trainers will be required to list their certifications.
- 24.11.7 All teams are required to have a minimum of one appropriately certified coach (as per section 24.34.2), registered on the team registration form and on the bench, at the start of each game.
- 24.11.7.1 If one or more coaches are unable to be on the bench for a game due to illness or other circumstances and the team will not be able to have a coach on the bench as a result, an appropriately certified coach may be substituted prior to the start of the game. The substitute coach must be a member in good standing of a recognized MA within LC and must be approved by the Convenor before stepping behind the bench. A maximum of one substitute coach will be allowed per game.
- 24.11.7.2 If, for any reason other than expulsion, a coach is unable to remain behind the bench for the entirety of the game, and his/her departure would leave the team without an appropriately certified coach, the game may be paused, at the discretion of the officials, for up to 5 minutes to bring in a substitute. The substitute coach must be a member in good standing of a recognized MA within LC and must be approved by the Convenor before stepping behind the bench. A maximum of one substitute coach will be allowed per game.
- 24.11.7.3 If a singular coach is expelled from the game that game shall become immediately forfeit to the opposing team and the game shall not continue. An official score of 1-0 for the non-offending team shall apply.