

# Elite Coach Education Policy

## Statement:

In an era where coaching staffs are required to work collectively to ensure team success, coach education of the **entire staff** is crucial. Although participating in a coach clinic does not guarantee coaching success, it is the educational foundation for working with athletes in any Stream of Play.

- The Elite Coach Education Policy will be executed in conjunction with the Coach Development Programs and the Coach Mentorship Program.
- **For the 2018-19 season and onward**, Hockey Edmonton will strengthen the current Hockey Canada/Alberta NCCP coach certification requirements within the Elite Hockey Stream of Play (U13 AA, U15 AAA & AA, U16 AAA & AA, U18 AAA & AA).
- In conjunction with the most current Hockey Canada/Alberta NCCP coach certification requirements for Head Coaches, all Hockey Edmonton Assistant Coaches will be required to be trained at the coach certification level no less than the division immediately below the level that they are coaching at by November 15. **It is however desired that all Assistant Coaches within the Elite Hockey Stream of Play (U13 AA, U15 AAA & AA, U16 AAA & AA, U18 AAA & AA) become Hockey Canada/Alberta NCCP Development 1 trained/certified AND Checking Skills trained.**
- Hockey Edmonton Head Coaches will still be required to meet the current mandated Hockey Canada/Alberta NCCP coach certification requirements by November 15.
- No coach shall be registered onto a team roster for the sole purpose of meeting Hockey Canada/Alberta NCCP coach certification requirements. All coaches on a team roster must be regular coaches with that team. Please view the Hockey Edmonton Elite Coach Education Minimum Requirements below:

Hockey Edmonton Elite Coach Education Minimum Requirements	
<b>U13 AA</b>	
HEAD COACH	ALL ASSISTANT COACHES
Development 1, Checking Skills, Respect in Sport Activity Leader (online)	Coach 2, Checking Skills, Respect in Sport Activity Leader (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development 1 is desired</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaches must also complete the online pre-tasks for Coach 1/2 (if necessary) and Checking Skills;</li> <li>• One team official with Hockey Canada Safety.</li> </ul>	
<b>U15 AA, U18 AA</b>	
HEAD COACH	ALL ASSISTANT COACHES
Development 1, Checking Skills, Respect in Sport Activity Leader (online)	Coach 2, Checking Skills, Respect in Sport Activity Leader (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Development 1 is desired</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaches must also complete the online pre-tasks for Coach 1/2 (if necessary) and Checking Skills;</li> <li>• One team official with Hockey Canada Safety.</li> </ul>	
<b>U15 AAA, U16 AAA, U18 AAA</b>	
HEAD COACH	ALL ASSISTANT COACHES
High Performance 1, Checking Skills, Respect in Sport Activity Leader (online)	Development 1, Checking Skills, Respect in Sport Activity Leader (online)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaches must also complete the online pre-task for Checking Skills;</li> <li>• One team official with Hockey Canada Safety.</li> </ul>	

## Purpose:

Numerous motivations were accredited when developing the Elite Coach Education Policy:

- To provide all Hockey Edmonton Coaches with a strong coach education foundation;
- To improve the knowledge and coaching skills of all Hockey Edmonton Coaches;
- To promote cohesive coaching staffs throughout Hockey Edmonton;
- To ensure that Hockey Edmonton athletes are interacting with the most qualified coaches;
- To ensure Hockey Edmonton Coaches are providing appropriate development plans, seasonal plans, curriculums, interactions, and programming to Hockey Edmonton athletes;
- To ensure that Hockey Edmonton athletes are optimally acquiring the appropriate mental, physical, and sport specific skills;
- To assist with improving Hockey Edmonton club team results;
- To assist with improving Hockey Edmonton club team WHL draft results;
- To provide a more attractive coaching environment for Edmonton born athletes, as compared to outside club options (CSSHL, HSL, etc.);
- To ensure a consistent approach is utilized for developing coaches and players throughout Hockey Edmonton;
- To increase qualified Hockey Edmonton coaching candidates and assist with coach recruitment;
- To better align with other "Western City" coach education requirements;
- To become a leader in coach education across Alberta and Canada.

## Scope:

Coaches within the Elite Stream of Play will be accountable to this policy. We anticipate similar policies being incorporated into Hockey Edmonton's Community, Developmental, and Provincial Streams of Play, at later dates.

## Responsibilities:

- The Hockey Edmonton Board and Executive are responsible for the appointment and maintenance of this policy;
- The Hockey Edmonton Development Manager is responsible for the development of the procedures to enact this policy;
- Each club, district, and operating area (CDOA) are responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the procedures of this policy;
- Hockey Edmonton staff, along with assistance from Hockey Alberta staff, will ensure/organize appropriate/reflective amounts of clinics to enact this policy.

## Schedule:

<b>Policy Development Dates:</b>	April 1, 2018 to May 29, 2018
<b>Developed by:</b>	Hockey Edmonton, Technical Director
<b>Approval Date:</b>	June 13, 2018
<b>Effective Date:</b>	June 14, 2018
<b>Approved by:</b>	Hockey Edmonton Board
<b>Coach Compliance Date:</b>	Annually: November 15
<b>Next Review Date:</b>	January 1, 2021

## References:

- Hockey Canada coaching website: <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/coaching/essentials/nccp>
- Hockey Alberta coaching website: <https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/coaches/>
- Northern Alberta Hockey League: <http://nahl.hockey/>
- Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL): <https://www.aehl.ca/>
- Alberta Female Hockey League (AFHL): <https://www.afhl.ca/>
- Canadian Sports School Hockey League: [http://www.csshl.ca/leagues/front\\_pageCSSHL.cfm?clientID=4542&leagueID=15269](http://www.csshl.ca/leagues/front_pageCSSHL.cfm?clientID=4542&leagueID=15269)
- Coaching Association of Canada: <https://www.coach.ca/>
- Hockey Canada Registry: <https://ehockey.hockeycanada.ca/ehockey/account/login.aspx>
- Hockey Manitoba coaching website: <http://www.hockeymanitoba.ca/coaches/requirements>
- Saskatchewan Hockey Association coaching website: <https://sha.sk.ca/coaches/certification/team-staff-requirements>
- BC Hockey coaching website: <http://www.bchockey.net/Content.aspx?id=284>
- Hockey Regina coaching website: <http://www.hockeyregina.ca/content/coaching-requirements>