

The Role of the BC Games Coaching Staff

The BC Summer Games require three roles as part of each zone's coaching staff complement:

- ❖ Head Coach (Selected by the Zone Representative in consultation with the Provincial Advisor and Softball BC staff).
- ❖ Assistant Coach (selected by the Zone Head Coach in consultation with the Provincial Advisor and Softball BC staff)
- ❖ Adult Supervisors (to be determined once coaching staff is in place)

Role of the Head Coach

The BC Games Society outlines the role of the head coach as:

- ❖ Head Coaches are seen as the leaders of the zone team (or sport team for sports for athletes with a disability).
- ❖ Prior to the Games, Head Coaches will be sent information as outlined in the Head Coach Communication Plan document.
- ❖ Head Coaches are encouraged to share information with the other members of their zone coaching staff, their athletes, and the parents/family of the athletes, as appropriate and to help them prepare for the Games.
- ❖ Head Coaches are the main contact for us for the BC Games once registration is complete, and in particular at the Games.
- ❖ Each sport may have added expectations/responsibilities of its Head Coaches. Head Coaches should discuss their role with the Provincial Advisor and be in touch with him/her throughout the process.

Assistant Coaches and Adult Supervisors

When you review the technical package for Softball, adult supervisors are not mentioned. All sports are assigned one Head Coach and a designated number of Assistant Coaches. If the Assistant Coaches do not have any NCCP training, they are registered as Adult Supervisors. Adult Supervisors are considered to be all other adults with the zone team, who are not the Head Coach or Assistant Coaches and include those fulfilling the role of the team manager, trainer, or guide.

It is important to distinguish between the assistant coach and adult supervisor at the time of registration so that information provided to sport agencies is clear on who is a coach (or on a coach training path) versus someone who is acting in a supervisory capacity.

Softball BC highly recommends that all members of the coaching staff be Trained. The minimum requirement for certification is 'Make Ethical Decisions'. Assistant Coaches and Adult Supervisors are encouraged to further their certifications in order to eventually fulfill the Head Coach or Assistant Coach Roles in future Games.

Coaching Certification Requirements

All Head Coaches must have a minimum of NCCP Competition Introduction Certified in the sport they are coaching at the Games. Note that different requirements may be specified in the sport's technical

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package. All Zones must have a Head Coach. Some sports may require assistant coaches to have specific NCCP certification as noted in the Technical Package.'

Please refer to the BC Summer Games (Softball) Policy available on the Softball BC website or by contacting info@softball.bc.ca.

Head Coach Applicants will only be considered for Softball if you meet the following criteria:

1. At the time of selection, the coach shall have, or demonstrate the potential to gain, Competition Introduction Certified status with a MED evaluation before the Games.
2. As part of the Responsible Coaching Movement, the Head Coach must have completed the necessary training, as outlined by Softball BC. This training includes, but is not limited to: Commit to Kids e-module and the Respect in Sport online training module(s). A certificate or confirmation of completion must be submitted to the Softball BC Office prior to the start of the Games. Failure to complete the required training modules will result in removal from the position of Head Coach.

Assistant Coach Applications will only be considered for Softball if they meet the following criteria:

1. All Assistant Coaches shall have, or demonstrate the potential to gain, Competition Introduction Trained status with a MED evaluation before the Games.
2. As part of the Responsible Coaching Movement, all Assistant Coaches must have completed the Commit to Kids e-module by the start date of the Games. The certificate must be submitted to the Softball BC office. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in removal from the Summer Games Coaching Staff.

In addition to helping lead and guide your athletes to perform at their best at the Games, coaches are responsible for supervising them and ensuring their safety and well-being throughout their Games experience. This includes travelling on Games transportation to the Games with your athletes, staying in Games accommodations with your team, and supervising your athletes throughout the Games. All coaches and adult supervisors are responsible for the actions of the athletes under their supervision. All coaches are expected to uphold and support the rules of the BC Games and Softball BC.

All applicants should take the time to familiarize themselves with the BC Summer Games (Softball) Policy, which outlines the Games and provides a clear picture of the requirements and expectations from Softball BC.

All Zone Head Coaches and coaching staff are expected to attend (either in person or via video conference call) a training/information session with Softball BC. This event will feature past/present BC Summer Games coaches and provide you with some insight and tools to make your Games experience the best it can be! Times/Location to be determined by Softball BC.