

## Softball Manitoba Coaching Requirements: U15-U19 AAA



COURSE	HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACH	MANAGER
Respect in Sport	√	√	√
Criminal Record Check	√	√	√
Child Abuse Registry Check	√	√	√
Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 1	√	√	---
Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 2	√	√	---
Make Ethical Decisions eLearning module (Online module includes both training and evaluation)	√	√	---
Competition Introduction: Weekend 1 (or 3 Hybrid Virtual Modules)	√	√	---
Competition Introduction: Weekend 2 (In-person Weekend)	√	√	---
In-person Evaluation	√	---	---

### Requirements for coaching staff (Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Managers) at the AAA level:

- All coaching staff must have a valid **Respect in Sport** Certificate within the last five (5) years to be eligible to register with Softball Manitoba. Information to complete this 3-hour on-line course can be found here, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/respect-in-sport>
- All coaching staff must have a valid **Criminal Record Check & Child Abuse Registry Check** within the last five (5) years to be eligible to register with Softball Manitoba. Full requirements and links to complete a CRC/CARC can be found here, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/criminal-record--child-abuse-registry-checks>

### Requirement for the Head Coach & Assistant Coaches of a team attending a U15, U17, and U19 AAA Minor Provincial Championship leading to a Western Canadian or a Canadian Championship are required to follow Softball Canada's Coaching Certification Requirements as follows:

- Managers and Coaches are eligible to participate in Canadian Championships under the following provisions:
  - They are signed to the current Softball Canada or Provincial/Territorial Team Registration Certificate of their team.
  - The **Head Coach is Competition Introduction: Certified** in the National Coaching Certification Program and is in attendance at all games and on the team's bench. All **Assistant Coaches are Competition Introduction: Trained**.
  - If the Head Coach is **not fully Certified** and in attendance at all games and on the team's bench, then all coaching staff **will not be allowed on the field or in the coaches' box** at a Canadian Championship.
  - If the Head Coach is **Certified and in attendance at all games** and on the team's bench then the coaching staff (coach, assistant coaches, and manager) **may go on the field**. If an **Assistant Coach is not Trained**, they will **not be allowed on the field or in the coaches' box**.
  - **A province/territory sending a team to a Canadian Championship without the Head Coach Competition - Introduction Certified will be fined \$2,500. (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).**

- Managers and Coaches may not participate as players unless they are so registered.
- If, for any justifiable reason, the certified coach or manager registered with a team is unable to meet the coaching commitments necessary for the team to compete at any of the above-mentioned championships, the team may replace its certified coach with another certified coach who can meet all further coaching requirements. The pick-up coaches must be properly registered no later than June 22nd (June 30th north of the 53rd parallel) and approved for the Championship they are participating at least ten (10) days prior.
- The certified coach or manager substitute must be with the team in the dugout or on the field when it participates in a Provincial Championship. (Teams that do not meet the proper coach certification requirements by June 22nd are ineligible for an approved substitute.) Any team, which earns the right to represent the Province in WCSC/Canadian competition through a Provincial Championship, will forfeit this right if the team did not meet the above requirements.
- The certified coach must be the coach that signs the line-up card at the pre-game meeting for all games.

**Note:** A team forfeiting its right to represent the Province in a WCSC/Canadian competition because it did not meet the above coaching requirements will be replaced as Provincial representative by the next highest team in the Provincial Championship standings, which did meet the coaching requirements. If no other team indicated intent to represent the Province at a WCSC/Canadian, the team forfeiting will face further action. (\$2000 fine).

#### **KEY POINTS:**

1. Head Coach **must be Comp-Intro CERTIFIED**.
2. Assuming the Certified Head Coach is 1 of the base coaches, whoever else is base coaching only needs to be **Comp-Intro TRAINED** (the other base coach can also be Certified, but the minimum is Trained).
3. If items 1 and 2 are in place, any other assistant coaches can be in the dugout/on the bench without Comp-Intro but **CANNOT** go on the field/base coach.

#### **Competition Introduction: CERTIFIED Requirements:**

- Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 1
- Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 2
- Multi-Sport Module: Making Ethical Decisions eLearning module
- Softball Competition Introduction: Weekend 1 (or 3 Hybrid Virtual Modules)
- Competition Introduction: Weekend 2 (In-person Weekend)
- On-Field Evaluation

#### **Competition Introduction: TRAINED Requirements:**

- Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 1
- Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 2
- Multi-Sport Module: Making Ethical Decisions eLearning module
- Softball Competition Introduction: Weekend 1 (or 3 Hybrid Virtual Modules)
- Competition Introduction: Weekend 2 (In-person Weekend)

[View Softball Canada's Competition Introduction Pathway here.](#)

**NOTE:** All coaches who have been certified in **Softball's Competition Introduction** will be required to obtain **20 Professional Development (PD) points** to maintain your NCCP certification. PD points can be earned through a variety of activities that certified coaches already participate in. These activities include national and provincial sport organization conferences and workshops, coaching committees, e-Learning modules, NCCP workshops, coach mentorship programs, and active coaching and/or instructing. More information can be found here, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/nccp-pd-points-and-maintenance-of-certificaiton>

### **How to register and complete Foundations of Coaching Softball: Part 1**

- Log into your Locker Profile here, <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?mode=login>
  - If you have forgotten your login credentials, click “Forgot password” on the login page to retrieve your information.
- Once you are logged into the Locker, your NCCP dashboard will appear. Select the **ELEARNING** tab at the top of the page. Then scroll down the page and select “Softball” (the default is showing “Multi-Sport”). Under the “Available” menu you will see all the Softball e-Learning modules available to complete.
- Click on **Foundations of Coaching Softball – Part 1**. Read the instructions and when you are ready click the **PAY NOW** button at the bottom to start the course.

### **How to register and complete NCCP Make Ethical Decisions Online eLearning module**

- Log into your Locker Profile here, <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?mode=login>
  - If you have forgotten your login credentials, click “Forgot password” on the login page to retrieve your information.
- Once you are logged into the Locker, your NCCP dashboard will appear. Select the **ELEARNING** tab at the top of the page. The default is showing “**Multi-Sport**”. Under the “**Available**” menu scroll down until you see, **NCCP Make Ethical Decisions**.
- Click on **NCCP Make Ethical Decisions**. Read the instructions and when you are ready click the **PAY NOW** button at the bottom to start the course.