



# INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN NCCP /CERTIFIED HOCKEY COACH?



Coaches are essential to hockey at every level. A caring, enthusiastic, well-trained coach can be a positive influence on the experience of players, parents and other coaches. The OWHA works with its local hockey associations to provide effective education, certification and registration for thousands of hockey coaches annually.



## **I WANT TO BECOME A COACH! WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?**

The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) will give you the confidence to guide, support and train your players on the ice.

If you want to be a coach, you must obtain the appropriate National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) certification, by the deadline set by the OWHA.

The course you require to become Trained and/or Certified depends on the level you are – or will – be coaching. Each stream of training is tailored to offer the information and skills content appropriate for that level of athlete.

You can find out what coaching clinics you need to attend by visiting the [Qualification Requirements](#) page on our website.

The NCCP equips hockey coaches of all levels with the skills and knowledge of the game to work effectively with their developing athletes.

Whether you're coaching your child's hockey team or you're already the head coach of a hockey team, the NCCP has workshops and clinics to meet your needs. The following courses, the Community Coach Stream, Competition Introduction Stream, Competition Development Stream and Instructional Stream are delivered through the OWHA.

Read the training descriptions below and decide which one best describes you and your coaching needs.

## **COMMUNITY SPORT**

Coach 1 – Intro to Coach

Coach 2 – Coach Level

You may already coach at the community level or you're thinking about coaching.

You may be a parent whose child is involved, or a volunteer who works with participants of all ages that are new to the game of hockey.

## **COMPETITION**

Development 1

High Performance 1

At this level, you're typically a hockey coach with previous experience, or maybe a former athlete. Perhaps you already coach a hockey team and you want to work with athletes' long term to improve their performance.

## **INSTRUCTION**

Instructional Stream

Instructors in this stream are required to have sport-specific skills and training, whether at the beginner or advanced skill level. Many are former hockey players.

## **LEARN MORE ABOUT NCCP LEVELS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Now that you have an idea of where you might fit into your NCCP training, read more about the [Qualification & Requirements](#).

For more information on the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) for hockey coaches, please visit the [FAQ'S](#) page.