

BC Winter and BC Summer Games Coach Certification

BACKGROUND

Consultation with sport sector agencies (including the Coaches Association of BC, Sport BC, and Canadian Sport Institute - Pacific) was undertaken. Based on the level for the athletes attending the BC Games (the competitive opportunity offered by the BC Games for each sport has been identified to generally be in the higher end of the Learn to Train or lower end of the Train to Train stage for each sport in the Games). The coaching certification levels help to ensure athletes get the most from their BC Games experience and to support their ongoing development.

CERTIFICATION LEVELS

Based on the Core Sport Criteria established for the BC Summer and BC Winter Games head coaches are required to be Competition Introduction certified, assistant coaches Competition Introduction trained, and adult supervisors must complete the Make Ethical Decisions evaluation prior to participating in the BC Games. . The determination of these levels is based on submission from the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) with documentation from the sport's Coach Development NCCP programs. This is also verified with the Coaches Association of Canada, where possible.

Some PSOs have required higher certification for their coaches or adult supervisors. This measure is encouraged and supported. Coaching requirements for all sports are outlined in each sport's technical package.

Beginning with the 2016 Games, an application process was put into place that enables PSOs to apply to reduce the head coach or assistant coach certification requirements based on the level of athletes attending the Games. The PSO must demonstrate that a different level of certification is applicable for the level/stage of athlete attending the Games. The application process is initiated prior to each Games as part of the process of setting the technical package. Approved changes to the certification levels are noted in the technical package and the Memorandum of Understanding for the sport. Approvals for lower level certification is for one Games only and will need to be applied for each Games.

PSOs may also request changes to the requirement for adult supervisors if they can demonstrate that the proposed requirement meets or exceeds Make Ethical Decisions. Approvals to the requirement is for one Games only and will need to be applied for each Games.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions for head coaches and assistant coaches are available for sports that cannot meet the certification requirement noted in their technical package (**Competition Introduction** certified (head coaches) or trained (assistant coaches) or the approved lower based on the application process noted above).

The BC Games Society will consider exemptions for head coaches or assistant coaches attending the Games based on the following criteria:

- The PSO is responsible for ensuring all head coaches and assistant coaches meet certification requirements outlined in their technical package.
- All coaching exemptions must be approved by the BC Games Society.
- Requests for exemptions must be submitted to the BC Games Society, in writing, by a PSO representative (i.e. staff) or Provincial Advisor, utilizing the BC Games Coaching Certification Exemption form by the established deadline.
- The Head Coach seeking exemption must have completed some NCCP training or courses.
- At a minimum, every head coach and assistant coach, even those receiving an exemption, must have completed the Make Ethical Decisions online evaluation prior to the Games.
- Within each sport, a zone will only be granted one exemption over two Games. A zone that received an exemption for coaching requirements at the first Games will not be granted an exemption at the next Games. This policy is applicable regardless of a change in the Head Coach for the zone.
- Coach certification requirements are not protestable prior to, or at, the Games.

No exemptions will be permitted to requirement for adult supervisors to have completed the Make Ethical Decisions evaluation.

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