



What is NCCP?



Being a coach takes passion and dedication. Being a great coach, however, often requires additional guidance and support. The National Coaching Certification Program was developed by [Coaches Association of Canada \(CAC\)](#) and its partners to give coaches that extra advantage. The program can be delivered in both official languages, and is the recognized standard for coach training and certification in Canada.

NCCP workshops are designed to meet the needs of all types of coaches, from the first-time community coach to the head coach of a national team. Since the program began, more than 1 million coaches have participated in some sort of NCCP training, making it one of the largest adult education programs in Canada.

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Rugby Canada has identified two streams of key importance to rugby: the Community and Competition communities. As part of the program, all coaches are trained in ethical decision-making and sport safety.

Trained and/or Certified

The new NCCP model distinguishes between training and certification. Coaches can participate in training opportunities to acquire or refine the skills and knowledge required for a particular coaching context as defined by the sport. However, to become certified in a coaching context, coaches must be evaluated on their demonstrated ability to perform within that context in areas such as program design, practice planning, performance analysis, program management, ethical coaching, support to participants during training, and support to participants in competition

A coach is described as:

In Training – when a coach has completed some of the required training for a context;

Trained – when a coach has completed all required training for a context;

Certified – when a coach has completed all evaluation requirements for a context.

Certified coaches enjoy the credibility of the sporting community and of the athletes they coach because they have been observed and evaluated “doing” what is required of them as a competent coach in their sport. They are recognized as meeting or exceeding the high standards embraced by more than 60 national sport organizations in Canada. Fostering confidence at all levels of sport, certification is a benefit shared by parents, athletes, sport organizations, and our communities.

If you have completed some part of NCCP and are not sure what you need to do now please contact your provincial union for details.