

# Minimum Mandatory Coaching Qualifications Policy

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## Purpose

The purpose of this operational policy is to provide a minimum standard for coach (including instructor) qualifications and training. Minimum standards ensure quality programming and reduce risk.

## Acronyms

NCCP: National Coaching Certification Program

CCI: Competition Coaching Introduction

ICC: Introduction to Community Coaching

L2T: Learn to Train

T2T: Train to Train

L2C: Learn to Compete

AWAD: Athlete with a Disability

## Minimum Qualifications

All coaches, including instructors, must have a [Nordiq Canada Coaching License](#) and be coaching on behalf of a club in order for insurance to apply. The Coaching License includes SafeSport requirements.

### **Instructor Coaching Stream (The instructor stream part of the policy will go into effect January 20, 2024.)**

An instructor teaches sport-specific skills to participants of various levels in a primarily non-competitive setting.

1. All instructors must have a [Nordiq Canada Coaching License](#) and be instructing on behalf of a club in order for insurance to apply. The Coaching License includes SafeSport requirements.
2. Instructors must be NCCP Instructor 'Trained' status.
  - NCCP Instructor 'Trained' = ICC online + Instructor Workshop

## Community and Competitive Coaching Streams

1. For children six (6) years of age and younger:
  - a. Coaches must be at least active NCCP Community Coaches (ICC) 'in training' to **supervise, assistant coach\*, or coach** ski activities.
2. For children six (6) to nine (9) years of age:
  - a. Coaches must be 'trained' NCCP Community Coaches **to supervise or coach** ski activities.
  - b. Coaches must be active NCCP Community Coaching 'in training' to **assist** with coaching ski activities.
3. For children nine (9) to sixteen (16) years of age:
  - a. Coaches must be active NCCP Competition Coach Introduction (CCI – L2T) coaches 'in training' to **supervise or coach** ski activities;
  - b. Coaches must be 'trained' NCCP Community Coaches **to assist** with the instructing or coaching of ski activities.
4. For athletes with a disability/para nordic athletes:
  - a. Coaches must be active NCCP Competition Coach Introduction (CCI – L2T) – Paranordic stream (AWAD) coaches 'in training' to **supervise, assistant coach or coach** ski activities;
5. Coaches under sixteen years of age who have completed the online Introduction to Community Coaching Workshop are not considered 'in training' until their 16th birthday. They can only **assist** with ski activities under the supervision of a qualified coach 16 years of age or older.

\* In this policy 'assisting' or 'assistant coaching' applies only to coaching-related activities. Any person assisting in coaching-related activities must be actively and meaningfully supervised by a coach that is qualified in accordance with this policy. Parents, chaperones, and other individuals who are present to ensure the comfort of participants or to provide other services are deemed not to be 'assisting' for the purposes of this policy as long their primary purpose for attendance is not to provide coaching or instruction with respect to ski activities.