

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 instructors) qualifications and training. Minimum standards ensure quality programming and mitigate risk.

NOTE: This policy is up for review and will be updated for April 2025 with more expanded requirements. Please contact your Division Athlete and Coach coordinator for more information.

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 coaching for 7 hours or more are required to have a Nordiq Canada Coaches License to be eligible for Nordiq Canada Insurance Coverage. The Coaching License includes SafeSport Requirement.

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 'in training' to ***supervise, assistant coach*, or coach*** ski activities.
 - Community Coach 'In training' = Online Introduction to Community Coach completed course.

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.
 - Community Coach 'Trained' = Online completed Introduction to Community Coach + in person Community Coach training
 - b. Coaches must be active NCCP Community Coaching 'in training' to **assistant coach** with coaching ski activities.
 - Community Coach 'In training' = Online Introduction to Community Coach completed course

3. For children nine (9) to twelve (16) years of age:
 - a. Coaches must be active NCCP Competition Coach Introduction (CCI – L2T) coaches 'in training' to **supervise, or coach** ski activities;
 - Competition Coach Introduction - L2T
 - L2T 'in training' = ICC online + L2T Dryland training
 - b. Coaches must be 'trained' NCCP Community Coaches **to assistant coach** with the instructing or coaching of ski activities.
 - Community Coach 'Trained' = Online completed Introduction to Community Coach + in person Community Coach training

4. For athletes with a disability/para nordic athletes:
 - a. Coaches must be active NCCP Competition Coach Introduction (CCI) - Para coaches 'in training' to **supervise, assistant coach or coach** ski activities;
 - L2T 'in training' = ICC online + L2T Dryland training + Para Nordic Module

5. Coaches under sixteen years of age who have completed the 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 ***‘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.