

Coaching

Fencing coaches are integral to the growth and achievement of athletes. Regardless of whether coaches were former athletes themselves, they are dedicated members of the community who seek to make a positive impact through the sport. Their role involves motivating participants to excel, nurturing potential leaders, and promoting physical activity, self-challenge, and enjoyment. Both coaches and participants gain significant benefits from engaging in sports education.

What is the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)?



YouTube Video: NCCP information https://youtu.be/2s8zsOA3VAU?si=WIBd_8Z0f3fYYDZB

In Canada, the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) stands as the foundational framework for coaching education across 65 sports, including fencing. It equips coaches with the necessary training and resources to become skilled leaders in their respective sports, thereby enhancing the overall sport experience for participants. Ethical decision-making and participant [safety in sport](#) are crucial components of NCCP training.

Coaches at National Competitions

As of 2021, the Canadian Fencing Federation requires coaches wishing to access the competition area to have completed:

- The Sport Safety Training Module (<https://safesport.coach.ca/>)
- Valid background check ([available via sterlingbackcheck](#))

Why Become An NCCP Certified Coach?

NCCP certification tells participants, parents, club leaders, funders and the general public that

- You have met or exceeded designated competency standards.
- You have been trained with current knowledge in sports science
- You have been trained and must behave ethically within the limits of the Universal Code of Conduct.
- You have received training that promotes the values of inclusion, safety, diversity and gender equity.

NCCP competition-development certification is required to coach a team at the Canada Games.

Become a Certified Coach in Canada

NCCP training is offered in three profiles. Each context is designed for a specific audience with training tailored to your needs and [related to LTD](#). Each context allows you to train and then be evaluated to become a certified and recognized coach in Canada. Following the training, the coach can ask their provincial federation to be evaluated to become a certified coach.

Here are the 3 possible contexts or profiles:

- Community Sport: [see the specific path of this context](#)
 - Designed to help participants of all ages learn, participate and have fun. Participants in this profile usually play sports for their own enjoyment.
- Beginner Instructor: [see the specific path of this context](#)
 - NCCP profile where the main coach objectives are to teach sport-specific skills to participants of varying skill levels, and to interact with them in a primarily non-competitive situation.
- [Introduction](#) and [development](#) competition: see the specific path for this context
 - Helps participants of all ages develop competitive skills in their sport over the long term. Former athletes and experienced regional coaches often work in this context.

For more information on multisport training, go to coach.ca to learn more about training and to register for the multisport training of your choice.

To begin your coaching journey, your first step will be to [create an online account on the CAC website](#) and take your first training sessions online or in person.

For help or more information, you can contact your NCCP representative in your provincial federation. If your federation does not have one, you can contact the [CFF Coaching Development Committee](#)

Evaluation Process

Evaluation in the NCCP is based on a systems approach to determining if coaches meet NCCP standards.

This approach has three key elements:

1. Outcomes: tasks that coaches should be able to perform/demonstrate
2. Criteria: the components of an outcome that will be assessed
3. Evidence: what the Coach Evaluator must observe and measure to confirm that the candidate meets the NCCP standard for each criterion.

The General Evaluation Guide (to be posted) provides a detailed explanation of the process for all contexts.

The evaluation guides specific to each coaching context are reviewed during fencing-specific workshops and also prior to the evaluation of a candidate. Contact your provincial NCCP rep to find out more.

After completing the multisport and specific training modules, a coach can request an evaluation from their provincial federation.

It is also possible to go directly to evaluation, especially for coaches who have been trained or certified outside the NCCP and who wish to obtain the NCCP certification.

Prerequisites are mandatory before any request for evaluation:

- Be 18 or older (or 16 for the community & instructional streams),
- Hold a current FCE license,
- Have a valid first aid certificate,
- Have completed a criminal record check,
- Have completed the Safety in Sport training

Once the prerequisites have been met, you can request an evaluation directly from your provincial NCCP rep.

The NCCP evaluation process includes the following steps:

- Step 1: A request for evaluation submitted by the candidate to their provincial federation
- Step 2: An evaluator is assigned to the evaluation request by the federation
- Step 3: Payment of assessment fees by the candidate
- Step 4: Submission of a portfolio by the candidate to the evaluator followed by the evaluation of the portfolio*
- Step 6: Pre-briefing by the evaluator with the candidate
- Step 7: Formal observation by the evaluator in person (it is possible to submit a video of the sessions)*
- Step 8: Debriefing between candidate and assessor
- Step 9: Submission of the final evaluation report to the CAC and in the applicant's locker.

*Information on content is available in the context-specific Coaching Pathway Explanatory Sheet.

Lifelong Learning

Maintenance of certification is the policy of the NCCP which requires certified coaches to maintain their certification through professional development and training opportunities over a predetermined period.

The period for each context is 5 years after obtaining the certification.

Each trainer must obtain a minimum of:

- 10 points for Community and Beginner Instructor contexts
- 20 points for the competition context – introduction
- 30 points for the competition – development context

Continuous learning helps to become the best coach possible. As part of continuous learning, Professional Development Points (PD) are awarded to coaches attending trainings. A coach can earn PD points through a variety of multi-sport or sport-specific activities.

Here are some examples:

- NCCP module and event – 5 points per module and event,
- Self-directed learning activity by the coach – 3 points for the valid certification period,
- Active Coaching – 1 point per season as a coach OR 1 point per year per activity for Resource Persons or Coach Evaluators,
- Activities other than those of the NCCP – 1 point per hour of activity, up to a maximum of 3 points.

At the end of the period, if you do not have the required number of PPs, your statement will indicate that your “Certified” status has not been renewed. If this is the case, contact your provincial federation to be able to renew your status.

To find out more, you can visit the page dedicated to this purpose on the coach.ca website.

Advanced Diploma in Coaching

The Advanced Coaching Diploma (ACD) is the most comprehensive multi-sport training course in [Canada's National Coaching Certification Program](#) (NCCP). AED holders are recognized as the most qualified coaches and administrators of Canadian athletes and sport programs at the provincial, national and international levels.

This one-of-a-kind apprenticeship program is for Canadian coaches who want to push their mastery of their craft even further.

The DAE is for coaches working with athletes on a high performance journey who want to stay on the cutting edge of sport science research, be mentored by coaching luminaries, and maximize effectiveness. of their work.

To participate in this training, the trainer must:

- Trained status or “Certified” in the Competition – Development context of the NCCP,
- Work with athletes at the Train to Train stage or higher for at least three years
- Be ready to fully commit to the program and to take a critical look at their methods.

The ACD focuses on the performance of athletes in the Competition – Development and Competition – High Performance contexts and aims to produce competent coaches, able to prepare athletes to reach the podium in provincial, national and international competition.

The ACD is available via the national sports institutes:

- [Canadian Sport Institute – Calgary](#)
- [Canadian Sport Institute – Ontario](#)
- [National Institute of Sport of Quebec](#)

Become a Resource Person for Coach Training and an Evaluator

NCCP Coach Developers help coaches hone and improve their knowledge and skills so they can provide positive and effective sport experiences for all participants.

NCCP Coach Developers can play any of these three roles:

- NCCP Learning Facilitator
- NCCP Coach Evaluator
- NCCP Master Coach Developer

The content within your four-step pathway will depend on the role you choose, but it will always include the following four steps:



If you want to get involved in the development of coaches you can contact your provincial federation as well as the [CFF Coaching Development Committee](#). They will help you on your journey.

Resources

[Coach.ca](#) – [DLT/Sport for Life](#)

[Safe Sport Training](#) – [Background Check](#)

CFF Fencing Pathway for Coaches:

- [CFF Coaching Development Model](#)
- [Pathway to Community Context](#)
- [Pathway to Beginner Instructor Context](#)
- [Pathway to Competition Introduction Context](#)
- [Pathway to Competition Development Context](#)

[2023-01 NCCP OPERATIONS MANUAL](#)

[2023-01 GENERAL EVALUATION GUIDE](#)

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[Advanced Diploma in Coaching](#)

Podcast Fencing, [the fencing mind](#)

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