

POLICY CHANGE

DOCUMENT: PP2 - SPORT TECHNICAL

SECTION: F-9 POLICY: BCSSA Minimum Coaching Qualifications Policy

CURRENT WORDING:

BCSSA Minimum Coaching Qualifications Policy

Note: the content of this Policy has been approved by the BCSSA Board of Directors and will be enforced during the 2018-2019 season. The final wording of the Policy, and its inclusion in the Policy and Procedures Manual, will follow in due course.

Background: The BC Speed Skating Association, Speed Skating Canada and The Coaching Association of Canada believe that all our skaters benefit from being coached by a certified National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) coach. Having a certified coach means our skaters are exposed to more effective coaching in a safer environment. To this end some skating competitions are already designated as requiring coach certification. The Canada Winter Games require coaches and managers to be certified in the *Competition Development* context (formerly Level 3). The BC Winter Games require coaches to be certified at *Introduction to Competition* (formerly Level 2) or *Competition Development* contexts. In addition, certified coaches are required to have been successfully evaluated in *Making Ethical Decisions* and *Making Headway* (dealing with safe management of head injuries).

Policy for BC Speed Skating: Effective for the 2018-19 season, all coaches working in the coaching box for the BC Long Track and Short Track Championships are required to have these qualifications:

1. "Certified" status in *FUNDamental Coaches*, *Introduction to Competition* or *Competition Development* contexts, AND
2. *Making Head Way in Speed Skating* training completed, AND
3. *Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation* completed.

Confirmation of status will be based on the coach's training record as shown in "The Locker" – the Coaching Association of Canada's training database/record.

Exemptions: Clubs unable to meet the requirement are required to submit a request for, and obtain a letter of exemption from, the BC Speed Skating Association Coaching Development Committee. Requests for exemption need to include details of why any requirements can not be met. Also, clubs should have a qualified coach (from another club) who agrees to mentor their coach at the competition. The name of the mentor coach should be included in the request for an exemption.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Background:

The BC Speed Skating Association, Speed Skating Canada and The Coaching Association of Canada believe that all our skaters benefit from being coached by a certified National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) coach. Having a certified coach means our skaters are exposed to more effective coaching in a safer environment. To this end some skating competitions are already designated as requiring coach certification.

- The Canada Winter Games require coaches and managers to be certified in the *Competition Development* context
- The BC Winter Games require Head coaches to be certified at *Introduction to Competition* (formerly Level 2) or *Competition Development* contexts.

In addition, certified coaches are required to complete the *Making Ethical Decisions* module and it is recommended to complete the *Making Headway* module (dealing with safe management of head injuries).

Policy for BC Speed Skating:

Effective for the 2021-22 season, all coaches working in the coaching box for the BC Long Track and Short Track Championships are required to have these qualifications:

- “Certified” status in FUNDamental Coaches, Introduction to Competition or Competition Development contexts, AND
- Coaching Association of Canada's Making Head Way in Speed Skating training completed.
- Coaching Association of Canada's Make Ethical Decisions online evaluation completed.
- Coaches Association of Canada's Safe Sport training completed.
- Confirmation of status will be based on the coach's training record as shown in “The Locker” – the Coaching Association of Canada's training database/record.

Exemptions: Clubs unable to meet the requirement are required to submit a request for, and obtain a letter of exemption from, the BC Speed Skating Association Coaching Development Committee. Requests for exemption need to include details of why any requirements can not be met. Also, clubs should have a qualified coach (from another club) who agrees to mentor their coach at the competition. The name of the mentor coach should be included in the request for an exemption.

RATIONALE: Updates the certification requirements to include Safe Sport requirements.

PROPOSED BY: Staff

RESULT: Passed by Board of Directors - September 2021