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Coach Developer Certification

Who coaches the coaches? NCCP Coach Developers do!

According to the International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE), Coach Developers “are not simply experienced coaches or transmitters of coaching knowledge – they are trained to develop, support, and challenge coaches to go on honing and improving their knowledge and skills in order to provide positive and effective sport experiences for all participants.” In short, Coach Developers need to be experts in learning, as well as experts in coaching.

NCCP Coach Developers include Learning Facilitators (LFs), Coach Evaluators (CEs), and Master Coach Developers (MCDs).

To qualify for selection as a Coach Developer, an individual must have successfully completed the online evaluation of Make Ethical Decisions AND successfully demonstrated his or her competency by completing the relevant role-specific pathway. The Coach Developer roles and their pathways are as follows:



Training: Coach Developer candidates must complete rigorous training, and this training is now being made consistent across Canada. The following training is required by all Coach Developers:

Core Training: Provides Coach Developers with the skills to perform their role. For a calendar of upcoming training opportunities, please [click here](#).

Content-specific Training (sport or multi-sport): This includes micro facilitation and/or micro evaluation which give Coach Developers an opportunity to practice delivery with their peers.

Co-delivery: This is a chance for the new Coach Developer to practice with real coaches alongside an experienced Coach Developer.

Once a Coach Developer has all of the above training pieces they are considered **“TRAINED”**.

Evaluation: Evaluation confirms that the Coach Developer is capable of certain abilities which are deemed important in the training of coaches.

Once a Coach Developer has been evaluated they are considered: **“CERTIFIED”**.

Streams of Coach Developers – LF, CE, MCD

Coach Evaluator - CE

A Coach Evaluator's role is to contribute to the development of coaches after they have acquired their NCCP training. This includes assessment, evaluation, debriefing, and follow-up with coaches trying to achieve Certified status. Coach Evaluators are experts in the observation process and have in-depth knowledge of the outcomes, criteria, and evidences that comprise the evaluation tools that establish NCCP standards for coaches of a particular sport context.

Coach Evaluators act as ambassadors of the NCCP and as a resource to coaches seeking to augment and validate their coaching abilities

Learning Facilitator - LF

Every NCCP workshop is led by a trained Learning Facilitator (LF) who has undergone a standardized training process. LFs are crucial to the development of skilled, knowledgeable coaches who are then able to develop safer, happier athletes/participants.

The goal of an LF is to effectively facilitate sessions that result in the development of coaches who are able to demonstrate their abilities and meet the standards established for certification. An LF should have the appropriate knowledge, skills, and attitudes to facilitate workshops using the competency-based approach. In addition, they serve as contributing members of the community and ambassadors for the NCCP.

Master Coach Developer - MCD

The role of the Master Coach Developer (MCD) is to train, to evaluate, to support, and to mentor Coach Developers, i.e. Learning Facilitators (LFs), Coach Evaluators (CEs), and other MCDs. In addition, MCDs play a key role in promoting the NCCP.

Master Coach Developers must possess adequate knowledge and expertise in facilitation to assist in training Coach Developers and to lead workshops and professional development experiences for Coach Developers.

It is expected that Master Coach Developers will have more responsibility in a supportive role with Coach Developers during workshops, evaluations, and in Coach Developer development. MCDs should be willing and able to lend support to Coach Developers, program administrators, and delivery host agencies.