

## LC NCCP Certification Changes Summary - 2026

### [Coaching Standards - 2026](#)

#### **Community Development - U7-U13**

##### **Core Component**

- Available through LGBs and also LC
- Commonly referred to as the classroom portion

##### **Technical/Tactical Session**

- Available through LGBs and also LC
- Commonly referred to as the on-floor portion
- Recommend that ALA still offer these sessions in person, even as LC allows virtual

##### **MED**

- Making Ethical Decisions is now a required course for ALL lacrosse coaches.
- [E-Learning Course](#)
- \$85

##### **Making Headway**

- [E-Learning Course](#)
- Free

##### **Understanding the Rule of Two**

- [E-Learning Course](#)
- Free

##### **Emergency Action Plan**

- [E-Learning Course](#)
- Free

\*All first-year coaches require Community Development training.

\*\*Reminder: the core component is required only once across all disciplines in community development, comp intro, and comp dev. Coaches who coach multiple disciplines must complete a technical/tactical component for each discipline, but do not need additional core components.

## **Competitive Introduction - U15 +**

### **Core Component**

- Available through LGBs and also LC
- Commonly referred to as the classroom portion

### **Technical/Tactical Session**

- Available through LGBs and also LC
- Commonly referred to as the on-floor portion
- Recommend that ALA still offer these sessions in person, even as LC allows virtual

### **Mental Health In Sport**

- [E-Learning Course](#)
- Free

### **Safe Sport Training**

- [E-Learning Course](#)
- Free
- Has a designation for all types and levels of participation and may be a good course for all ALA members to take.

**\*At this point, coaches will be “Comp Intro - Trained”**

### **Evaluation Portfolio**

- All Comp Intro coaches are now required to become certified as per LC
- Currently, this must be set up through ALA
- Not sure we have the capacity to complete this at the ALA level. LC mentions batch evals and also submitting video to them as an option. Need more clarification on this.

\*All coaches U15 and forward require competitive introduction - certified status.

\*\*LC gradation is two years to become competitive introduction - certified. This means a new coach in U15+ requires community development in year one, a comp intro clinic and evaluation in year two.

\*\*\*Any coach who is currently “Comp Intro - Certified” will not be required to take any new training to keep their certified status. They will maintain their certified status throughout the changes.

## MINIMUM CERTIFICATION STANDARDS



### MINIMUM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2026 CALENDAR YEAR

Category	Club Minimum	Provincial Team Minimum Standard	National Teams Minimum Standard
U7	Community Initiation Trained	N/A	N/A
U9	Community Initiation Trained	N/A	N/A
House League	Recommend: Community Initiation trained	N/A	N/A
U11	Community Development Trained	N/A	N/A
U13	Community Development Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
U15	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
U17	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Canada Summer Games	N/A	Competition Development Certified	N/A
U19	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Junior	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Senior	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
National Teams	N/A	N/A	Box - Competition Development Certified M/W Field - Competition Introduction Certified Sixes - in development

**\*Please refer to the Gradation Process as it is now 2 years.**

Course Requirements		Community Development Trained	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified
Community Development Core		✓		
Community Development - Box Lacrosse Technical/Tactical		Required for Coaching Box Lacrosse		
Community Development - Sixes Lacrosse Technical/Tactical		Required for Coaching Sixes Lacrosse		
Community Development - Women's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical		Required for Coaching Women's Field Lacrosse		
Community Development - Men's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical		Required for Coaching Men's Field Lacrosse		
Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation		✓		
Making Head Way in Sport		✓		
Understanding the Rule of Two		✓		
Emergency Action Plan		✓		
Competition Introduction Core			✓	
Competition Introduction - Box Lacrosse Technical/Tactical			Required for Coaching Box Lacrosse	
Competition Introduction - Sixes Lacrosse Technical/Tactical			Required for Coaching Sixes Lacrosse	
Competition Introduction - Women's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical			Required for Coaching Women's Field Lacrosse	
Competition Introduction - Men's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical			Required for Coaching Men's Field Lacrosse	
Mental Health in Sport			✓	
Safe Sport Training			✓	
Competition Introduction Portfolio and Evaluation				✓



Courses with the Lacrosse Canada logo beside them, are courses that are offered through a Lacrosse Canada Member Association.

The Competition Introduction Portfolio and Evaluation must be completed by an Active Coach Developer with Lacrosse Canada.

Reminders - Updates to the Gradation Process effective January 1 2026

1st Year Coach - Community Development Core and Community Development Technical/Tactical of the Discipline they are coaching.

2nd Year Coach - Competition Introduction Course and Evaluation/Portfolio