



RDPH Coaching Requirements

Thank you for volunteering to coach with Red Deer Pond Hockey! Our league and players are grateful that you are giving your time and talents to help young individuals in Central Alberta enjoy the game of hockey.

To support a safe and positive environment for our players, and to satisfy the requirements of Hockey Alberta, all coaching staff must meet the following requirements:

A) Willingness to Have Fun

Coaches must be willing to have fun and provide a positive experience for all participants.

B) Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check (CRC)

All Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Bench Helpers are required to have a valid Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check (CRC) completed prior to their first ice time.

- For first-time coaches, the CRC must be no older than 6 months.
- A new CRC must be completed every 3 years thereafter.
- The CRC must be uploaded to your profile in RAMP.
- You can request a letter from Red Deer Pond Hockey confirming that you are requesting the CRC on our behalf. This may help reduce or eliminate the cost. To request a letter, please complete the form on our website under "Forms."
- CRCs must be completed through your local RCMP detachment.
- The City of Red Deer offers an online application for Red Deer residents. The current cost is \$10 for volunteers, and this cost will be reimbursed by Red Deer Pond Hockey.

Important: All coaching staff and Bench Helpers must have a valid CRC before participating in their first ice time.

C) Certifications

The following certifications must be completed by November 10, 2026, for the 2026-27 season. This deadline may change for subsequent seasons.

1. The Shift Forward - Coach

WHAT: This course includes modules on hockey culture, being an active bystander, having crucial conversations, autonomy, individual rights, grooming, and consent.

This course replaces Respect in Sport (RIS). If you have a valid RIS certification on file with Red Deer Pond Hockey, you do not need to take The Shift Forward - Coach course until your RIS certification expires.

WHERE: This is a Hockey Canada course that can be completed online.

Visit: <https://register.hockeycanada.ca/clinics>

Click on “Register for Clinics” at the top of the page and search under “Hockey Alberta.” You may need to create a Spordle account through the Hockey Canada website.

WHO: Every rostered coach is required to have either The Shift Forward - Coach certification or a valid RIS certification.

COMMITMENT: The course takes approximately 90 minutes to complete. The cost of \$28.35 will be reimbursed by Red Deer Pond Hockey.

WHEN DO I NEED TO RE-CERTIFY? Certification must be renewed every 4 years.

2. Hockey Canada Safety Program - Level 1

WHAT: This is Hockey Canada’s risk management and safety education program.

WHERE: This is an online, pre-recorded course that can be completed through the Hockey Canada website.

Visit: <https://register.hockeycanada.ca/clinics>

Click on “Register for Clinics” at the top of the page and search under “Hockey Alberta”. The program is called Trainer/ Safety- Hockey Canada Safety Program-Level 1.

WHO: One coach on each team is required to hold this certification. If one of the rostered coaches on your team already has this certification, you do not need to complete it.

COMMITMENT: The course takes approximately 3 hours to complete. The cost of \$49.35 will be reimbursed by Red Deer Pond Hockey.

WHEN DO I NEED TO RE-CERTIFY? This course is valid for 3 seasons.

3. Hockey Canada Coaching Program - Coach 2

WHAT: The Hockey Canada Coach 2 program teaches player development, effective communication, and how to support athletes in team, training, practice, and game environments.

WHERE: This is a pre-recorded, online course that can be completed through the Hockey Canada website.

Visit: <https://register.hockeycanada.ca/clinics>

Click on “Register for Clinics” at the top of the page and search under “Hockey Alberta”.

WHO: Coach 2 is required for all rostered coaches with Red Deer Pond Hockey.

Coach 1 is not a prerequisite for Coach 2.

COMMITMENT: The course takes approximately 3 hours to complete. The cost of \$34.65 will be reimbursed by Red Deer Pond Hockey.

WHEN DO I NEED TO RE-CERTIFY? No recertification is currently required by Hockey Alberta.

Reimbursement

Please forward your proof of certification and receipt to communications@reddeerpondhockey.com by the specified deadline.

Deadline is November 10th at the start of each season.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email: coachliaison@reddeerpondhockey.com