



To: All Member Associations

From: Rachael McKinnon - Lacrosse Canada Technical Coordinator

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Re: Coaching Standards at a National Championship

All coaches coaching at a National Championship are working toward being CERTIFIED at Competition Introduction. The updated Gradation process is 2 years, requiring coaches to be Certified at Competition Introduction prior to attending a National Championship. No exceptions will be made.

- 1st year coach – (not a first Nationals, but a FIRST YEAR COACH) – would be in training at Community Development and has also completed Making Head Way in Sport, Understanding the Rule of Two, Emergency Action Plan and Making Ethical Decisions.
- 2nd Year Coach must have:
 - Making Head Way in Sport
 - Making Ethical Decisions (MED)
 - Safe Sport Module
 - In person/Virtual Evaluation and appropriate Portfolio items must also be completed. Thereby - CERTIFIED

Once CERTIFIED, you need to accumulate Professional Development(PD) points (20 points over 5 years from certification)

NOTE: Certified Non-Renewed coaching credentials will not be accepted. To “reactivate” coaches should enter their Professional Development Points.

All coaches must have the appropriate certification entered and approved in the NCCP Locker (as listed in the minimum certification standards) at least 30 days prior to their attendance at a National Championship.

Managers are NOT bench staff and are not permitted on the bench.

Please ensure that your MA is following up with the coaches of your Provincial Teams who are representing your MA at Nationals. This also includes any teams who may qualify for a Junior or Senior National Championship.

All Member Associations should continue to strive to promote, assist and encourage their coaches to be obtaining the Coaching Standards outlined in the Lacrosse Canada Regulations so that they are properly accredited to coach their team at a National Championship.



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Anti- Doping Course

Upon registration through RAMP that each athlete and staff member will complete for their respective national championship, there will be a link to the UNTRACKED version of the anti-doping course that must be completed. Once completed, each individual will be provided a certificate of completion which will then be uploaded.

A reminder that a list of Coaches and their NCCP Numbers should be submitted to [Rachael McKinnon](#). If coaches have already been named, you can begin submitting your lists for approval as soon as possible.

Please reach out to [Rachael McKinnon](#) and [Roxanne Curtis](#) with any questions or concerns with regards to Coaching Credentials.

For questions surrounding Athlete and Coach Anti-Doping Course Requirements or Nationals specifically, please reach out to [Ashley Bull](#).