

Coach Certification Requirements for Higher Levels of Competition

Coach Certification Requirements for Provincial Games

Coaches attending the Provincial Games as Head Coaches are required to have the following qualifications:

- NCCP Level 1 Fully Certified Special Olympics Canada (SOC Technical, Theory/Introduction to Competition Part A, and Practical)
- Coaches must be 18 years of age or older
- NCCP Level I Technical in their sport is recommended

All other coaches are required to have taken SOC Competition Coach or Technical Level 1

Coach Certification Requirements for National Games

Coaches attending the National Games must have the following qualifications:

- NCCP Level 1 Fully Certified Special Olympics Canada (SOC Technical, Theory/Introduction to Competition Part A, and Practical)
- Coaches must be 18 years of age or older
- Full NCCP Level I Certification in their sport* **OR**;
- NCCP Level 1 Technical in their sport* **AND** Level 2 Theory/Introduction to Competition Part B
- Must have attended Provincial Games in the sport the preceding year

Coach Certification Requirements for World Games

Coaches attending the World Games must have the following qualifications:

- NCCP Level 1 Fully Certified Special Olympics Canada (SOC Technical, Theory/Introduction to Part A, and Practical)
- Level 2 Theory/Introduction to Competition Part B
- Level 1 Full Certification in their sport*
- Coaches must be 19 years of age or older
- Must have attended National Games in the sport the preceding year

*** For those sports that do not have an NCCP Level 1 Technical Course (Floor Hockey, Powerlifting and Snowshoeing), coaches must complete 125 hours of practical coaching experience with Special Olympics athletes in that sport.**