

AACP: Outcomes, Eligibility, and NCCP Requirements

SECTION 1: Outcomes

The Aboriginal Apprentice Coach Program (AACP) is a partnership between:

- The Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC)
- Canada's Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies (PTASBs)
- Provincial/Territorial Coaching Representatives (PTCRs)
- The Canada Games Council (CGC)
- The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC)

The desired, measurable outcomes and objectives were established in collaboration with the above and are as follows:

- The goal of the program is to have at least 50% of the quota allocations for aboriginal apprentice coaches in this program filled for the Canada Games
- Two professional development workshops are conducted before the Canada Games
- 100% attendance at professional development workshops
- 100% of all apprentice coaches attending the Canada Games will have been NCCP-trained* in the relevant context within one year following the Canada Games *(See SECTION 3 below)
- 75% of all apprentice coaches attending the Canada Games will have been NCCP-certified in the relevant context within two years of attending the Canada Games
- As a long-term objective, 100% of all apprentice coaches will continue to actively coach athletes at the community, provincial, territorial or national level, applying the experience gained from the Canada Games
- 100% of apprentice coaches, mentor coaches, and Provincial/Territorial Sport Organizations (PTSOs) in this program will complete a feedback survey
- 100% of apprentice coaches, mentor coaches, and PTSOs in this program will positively evaluate the program and provide constructive criticism for the future of this program.
- Where required and/or requested PTASBs, PTCRs, and PTSOs will work collaboratively with each other to meet the desired outcomes of the programs.

SECTION 2: Eligibility

Eligibility criteria for the AACCP are:

- Canadian citizen or landed immigrant status
- Aboriginal ancestry as defined by the Aboriginal Sport Circle: Anyone of First Nation (status and non-status Indian), Métis or Inuit ancestry
- Coaching experience
- Completed some form of NCCP training
- Never attended a Canada Games as a “coach” in the sport they are applying to
- Never attended the Olympic or Paralympic Games, Pan or Parapan American Games, or Commonwealth Games as a “coach”
- Demonstrated potential through the development and improvement of their athletes or as seen by the PTSO or mentor coach
- Not already selected to the coaching staff of a province/territory’s Canada Games coaching staff
- Identified to have the potential to influence, coach, and promote sport in their communities to increase quality coaching in aboriginal communities
- Trained in the Aboriginal Coaching Module. *Coaches who are not already trained in the modules may be admitted to the program but will be required to complete the training before attending the Canada Games.*
- Any exceptions to the above eligibility requirements must be approved by the Provincial/Territorial Coaching Representative before a coach can be admitted into the AACCP.

SECTION 3: NCCP Requirements

The purpose of National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) requirements is to ensure that the apprentice coaches selected for the AACCP are genuine apprentice coaches who will, through participation in the program, gain valuable experience enabling the coach to become a Canada Games coach in the future.

Based on the objectives and desired outcomes outlined above, the NCCP requirements for the AACP are:

- “In Training” or “Trained” status in the NCCP Competition – Introduction context, “In Training” status in the Competition – Development context, or NCCP Level 1 Certified
- Transitioning athletes are eligible to apply but NCCP training prior to the Games is a requirement
- Coaches who are Level 3 Certified or NCCP Competition – Development Trained or Certified are not eligible for the program as these coaches have already obtained the necessary certification to coach at the Canada Games.
- Any exceptions to NCCP requirements must be approved by the Provincial/Territorial Coaching Representative before a coach can be admitted into the AACP.