



Coach Education Updates Every Coach Certified Frequently Asked Questions

RCA What does 'Every Coach Certified' mean and why are we doing it?

'Every Coach Certified' is an initiative that ensures coaches increase their knowledge base, gain practical experience through mentorship and demonstrate their coaching competency.

RCA will ensure all coaches are equipped with safety, ethics and athlete development training and is also requiring that coaches submit to screening processes, as overseen by their RCA Member Organization.

*Coaches: Please confirm with your Member Club and Provincial Rowing Association if there are additional requirements.

What are RCA's goals for these new coaching requirements?

Investing in our NCCP Coach Education and NCCP coach developers ensures consistency in training and delivery across clubs and provinces. Coaches collaborating and sharing best practices elevates our sport and demonstrates a commitment to our communities, coaches, athletes and their support network.

Our coaches will be equipped with up to date NCCP knowledge, athlete development and safety principles. Continued participation and growth in rowing depends on these competent and professional coaches to demonstrate the foundational principles with the athletes in their daily training environment.

How will I know if I have completed all of the RCA requirements?

All eLearning Modules that coaches take will be tracked in the NCCP Locker. Each coach will have access to their account and Provincial Rowing Associations can validate the completion of the requirement.

What is my next step on my Coaching Pathway after I have completed the RCA required eLearning Modules?

Coaches will continue to their Learn to Row or RCA Coach Coaching pathway as required.

Coaches that have “In Training” or “Trained” Status in the Locker will need to complete the MED online evaluation and RCA Rowing Essentials eLearning module by March 31, 2021.

Certified Coaches have completed the MED online evaluation and are only required to take the RCA Rowing Essentials. Certified coaches will be credited with 1 Professional Development Point for completing Rowing Essentials in the Locker. Although not required, Certified Coaches will receive 1 Professional Development Point to complete the NCCP Coach Initiation in Sport.

Are there any changes to the Learn to Row or RCA Coach Workshop?

The Learn to Row Coach Workshop has been updated to create a more technical sport specific workshop. This workshop is now 8 hours and can be completed in one day. Some Provincial Rowing Associations may choose to host the workshop over two days.

The Make Ethical Decisions Module is no longer delivered in RCA Coach Weekend #1 and the total workshop hours will be reduced by 3 hours.

Has the pricing of the Learn to Row and RCA Coach workshops changed?

The workshop pricing is established by the Provincial Rowing Association. RCA does not set the price of these two workshops but is recommending provinces reduce the existing in person LTR workshop fee, understanding the new eLearning module fees and to reflect the revised one-day workshop.

Who is responsible for paying for Coach Screenings/Criminal Record Checks?

This is the responsibility of the coach. Please consult with your club.