

## What is the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)?

The National Coaching Certification Program is the cornerstone of coach education and the recognized national standard for coach certification in Canada for over 60 sports. This program gives coaches the training and tools needed to become skilled and confident leaders in their chosen sport and ultimately impacts the quality of the sport experience for their participants. All NCCP coaches are trained in ethical decision-making and sport safety. Learn more at <https://coach.ca/national-coaching-certification-program>

Watch this video to hear fencing coach Alex Martin's endorsement of NCCP.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FFNVgISAFI1CuBiXLuiUdsrmwSefq2M?usp=sharing>

Competent coaching is the lifeblood of a successful fencer development program and is vital for the continued growth and development of fencing. The success of fencing clubs is strongly linked to the quality of their coaches.

### Who is the NCCP for?

The NCCP is designed to meet the needs of all types of coaches from the first-time coach to the head coach of a national team. The knowledge, skills and enthusiasm of coaches supports fencers to become skilled and confident athletes.

### Why Become an NCCP certified coach?

- Sport coaching is one of the most rewarding ways to inspire participants to challenge themselves, develop a passion for their sport and enjoy being physically active with fellow participants.
- NCCP certification indicates to participants, parents, club leaders, funding organizations and the general public that
  - you have reached or surpassed designated standards of competence.
  - you have been trained with current sport science knowledge
  - you have been trained and are expected to behave ethically within the boundaries of the Universal Code of Conduct.
  - you have received training that promotes the values of inclusion, safety, diversity and gender equity.
- NCCP certification (competition-development) is required to coach a team at the Canada Games.

### How to get started to become an NCCP coach

Contact your provincial NCCP coaching representative: Lynn Seguin [lynnseguin@telus.net](mailto:lynnseguin@telus.net)

Check out the coaching development model for fencing coaches in Canada!