

MEMO TO: All CERTIFIED Coaches
FROM: Jamie Benson, Program Manager
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RE: Maintenance of Certification



Coaches Association of Canada has recognized that “maintenance of certification, through proof of ongoing learning (Professional Development) and active coaching is viewed as essential to athlete performance and the integrity of the NCCP. The Levels-NCCP was sometimes criticized because a coach could continue to be “Certified” even if they had not coached for several years or did not keep their coaching knowledge up to date.”

Collecting Personal Development (PD) points is important for certified coaches to stay up to date with current information and trends. As of January 1st, 2014, CERTIFIED gymnastics coaches will have a 5 year certification renewal period after the date they are certified to accumulate their required PD points. **At this time, this policy only applies to coaches who are certified in the current NCCP system.**

Current NCCP Context	Period for Renewal	PD Points Required
Gymnastics Foundations	5 years	10 points
Competition 1 (Introduction) Competition 2 (Introduction Advanced)	5 years	20 points
Competition 3 (Development) Competition 4 (Development Advanced)	5 years	30 points

Gymnastics Foundations certified and Competition 1 certified coaches can log into their Locker profile at <https://thelocker.coach.ca/> click on ‘Certification’ at the top of the screen and then ‘Maintenance’ along the left hand side of the screen to view their PD points break-down.

As of right now, certified Level 1, 2, 3 and 4 coaches are not required to collect PD points, but this will be changing soon. **On January 1st, 2018, Level 4 CERTIFIED coaches will be required to start collecting their 30 required PD points and must have their points collected by the 5 year certification renewal period.** I advise you not to start collecting these points until after the January 1st, 2018 start date since PD points are not retroactive.

When the Competition 2 and 3 courses have been finalized by Gymnastics Canada and approved by Coaches Association of Canada (CAC), CAC will transfer all the Levels NCCP courses into the Current NCCP context. When the transition has been completed in the Locker CERTIFIED Level 1, 2 and 3 coaches will be required to collect PD points. I will update you when I hear more details about when this will occur. The transfer of qualifications will look like this:

Levels NCCP	Current NCCP
Level 1 Certified	Gymnastics Foundations Certified
Level 2 Certified	Competition 1 Certified & Competition 2 Trained
Level 3 Certified	Competition 2 Certified & Competition 3 Certified
Level 4 Certified	Competition 4 Certified

Ways to obtain Personal Development (PD) points include:

	Active Category	Points	How to Record PD Points	Limitations
Sport Specific	Active Coaching OR Active Coach Developer	1 point/year for every season coached OR 1 point/year for Coach Developer activity (LF, CE, MCD)	Coaches must self-report their Active Coaching in their Locker profile ('Certification' 'Self-Report' 'Active Coaching') Coach Developer Activity is recorded automatically as your name appears on courses and evaluations	To a maximum number of points equal to the number of years of the certification renewal period, e.g. 5 points, for 5 years
	NCCP Activity	5 points/training module or evaluation event	Points will automatically appear when the course or evaluation is approved in The Locker	No maximum or minimum
	Non-NCCP Activity	1 point/hour of activity up to 3 points maximum Examples include: High Five Workshops, provincial workshops, Technical Committee Meetings, congress, symposium or training camp	The sport specific learning activity must be submitted by the Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) and approved by Gymnastics Canada and CAC prior to the event. After the event takes place the PSO will record the event in The Locker and credit the attendees	No maximum or minimum
	Coach Self-Directed Activity	3 points for the 5 year certification period Examples include: Safety or First Aid course, University/College course, Officials Training, Conference/Seminar	Coaches must self-report their Self-Directed learning in their Locker profile ('Certification' 'Self-Report' 'Coach Self-Report'). The duration of the activity determines the amount of points for the event with a 3 hour (3 point) maximum.	Maximum of 3 points for the 5 year certification renewal period
	Re-Evaluation in Context	100% of the points required for PD credit in the context	Points will appear automatically when the evaluation is approved in The Locker	No other PD is required if a coach chooses re-evaluation
	Multi-Sport	NCCP Activity	5 points/training module or evaluation event Examples include: Comp-Dev Theory modules, eLearning modules in The Locker, Aboriginal Coaching modules	Points will appear automatically when the module is approved in The Locker
Non-NCCP Activity		1 point/hour of activity up to 3 points maximum	The activity would need to be approved by CAC first, then the event organizer would have to enter the activity in The Locker and credit the attendees	To a maximum of 50% of the required PD credit for the context in the 5 year certification renewal period

I would like to highlight that NCCP Activities are awarded 5 points per module. So for example, the Competition 1 Women's Artistic course is broken into 6 modules (vault, bars, beam, tumbling, theory and artistic prep) so you would receive 30 points for attending the entire course.

If you are certified in more than one discipline (or sport) your accumulated points will apply to all disciplines and sports.

For more information about PD points go to:

<http://coach.ca/maintenance-of-certification-s16745>

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