



BC WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION Minimum Coaching Standards

BC Wheelchair Sports Association believes that athletes benefit by from being coached by certified coaches who are up to date on sport-specific standards and provide a safe a welcoming environment for their athletes. As such, the following are minimum coaching standards required of all BCWSA coaches both in the Provincial program and Club systems. Additional standards may be required for specific events and, where possible, those requirements have be included below.

All coaches working with BCWSA athletes must have completed or agree to the following requirements:

- CAC Safe Sport Training
- Completion of the BCWSA Screening Form and Criminal Record Check as well as additional requirements as necessary in alignment with [BCWSA's Screening Policy](#).
- Adherence to all BCWSA policies including, but not limited to, [BCWSA's Code of Conduct and Ethics, Equity and Inclusion Policy](#), and [Return to Play and Concussion Policy](#).

Provincial team coaches must also complete the following requirements:

- Aboriginal Coaching Module (or agreement to complete as offered)
- Commit to Kids – Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training for those working with kids

Beginning in 2023 BC Wheelchair Sports Association will also require all coaches or instructors leading programs for children or youth to complete the following education – provided by Jumpstart:

- Respect in Sport (for Activity Leaders)
- Keeping Girls in Sport
- Coaching All Abilities

In addition, coaches working with BCWSA athletes must complete the following sport specific requirements.

Wheelchair Athletics

Provincial Team Coach

Minimum NCCP Club Coach Certified (or have a plan to complete within 12 months) and/ or working towards NCCP Performance Coach Certified (within 24 months).

Club Coach

Minimum Club Coach Trained.

Professional Development Requirements

In order to ensure all certified coaches maintain their certified status based on their level of certification; there is a minimum ongoing professional development requirement. The Coaching Association of Canada, Athletics Canada, BC Athletics, and BC Wheelchair Sports offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities.

To be classified as ACTIVE a certified coach must:

1. Have achieved full certification at a particular level and staying current by meeting the ongoing professional development requirements
2. Be a member of "BC Athletics"
3. Obtain BC Athletics/ BC Wheelchair Sports safeguarding requirements (valid background check, CAC Safe Sport module)

Canada Games – All Team BC coaches must meet the minimum eligibility criteria outlined in the Canada Games – Athletics Technical Package.

Wheelchair Rugby

Provincial Team Coach

Minimum NCCP Competition-Development certified (or have a plan to complete with 12 months) and/or working towards NCCP High-Performance Coach pathway (within 24 months).

Club Coach

Minimum Intro to Competition certified (or have a plan to complete with 12 months) and completion of the Wheelchair Rugby Canada Coaching Course

Professional Development Requirements

In order to ensure all certified coaches, maintain their certified status based on their level of certification; there is a minimum ongoing professional development requirement. The Coaching Association of Canada, Wheelchair Rugby Canada, and BC Wheelchair Sports offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities.

To be classified as ACTIVE a certified coach must:

1. Have achieved full certification at a particular level and staying current by meeting the ongoing professional development requirements
2. Be a member of the "Wheelchair Rugby Canada"
3. Obtain Wheelchair Rugby Canada/BC Wheelchair Sports safeguarding requirements (valid background check, annual declaration of good character/Code of Conduct, RIS for Activity Leaders module)

Wheelchair Tennis

Provincial Team Coach

Minimum Club Pro 1 Certified (or have a plan to complete with 12 months) and completion of the Wheelchair Tennis Instructors Course

Club Coach

Minimum Instructor Certified and completion of the Wheelchair Tennis Instructors Course

Professional Development Requirements

In order to ensure all certified instructors, club professionals and coaches maintain “Active Certified Status” based on their level of certification; there is a minimum ongoing professional development requirement. The TPA offers and endorses (with its partners) a wide variety of professional development opportunities.

To be classified as ACTIVE a certified coach must:

1. Have achieved full certification at a particular level and staying current by meeting the ongoing professional development requirements
2. Be a member of the "Tennis Professionals Association"
3. Obtain TPA safeguarding requirements (valid background check, annual declaration of good character/Code of Conduct, RIS for Activity Leaders module)

Confirmation of status will be based on the coach’s training record as shown in “The Locker” – the Coaching Association of Canada’s training database/record.

Questions about these standards can be directed to the Program Staff responsible for each staff.

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