

Note From Baseball Nova Scotia

As we head into another baseball season, it's time to start thinking about NCCP certification for coaches. We want to get a jump on things this year, to hopefully make things easier for associations and coaches.

Please carefully read this email, as it contains very important information for coaches. Please forward to anyone in your association responsible for coaches.

BNS has made a few adjustments to the NCCP offerings in hopes of making it easier. These include:

- Elimination of video package requirements (with the exception of divisions potentially going to a National Championship)
- Offering combined courses, thus reducing the amount of evenings needed to complete training (info below)
- Free NCCP courses for women and new comers to Canada looking to obtain training.
- Advance association booking of courses.

Hybrid Courses

BNS will offer coaches the opportunity to receive credit for multiple courses in one 4 hour session. The Initiation, Teaching & Learning, and Pitching & Catching courses will be combined into one course, and the Absolutes and Planning courses will be combined into one course. This will translate into a cost saving to coaches and less time commitment for volunteers. Below is the breakdown for what it means to A and AA coaches across all ages (see BNS Handbook for AAA requirements, as each age category has different requirements).

When courses become available, coaches need to complete the following:

1. Go to <https://nccp.baseball.ca/register.php> and complete the Online_Initiation in Sport and Online Initiation in Baseball Modules.
2. Register for the Initiation Clinic or Absolutes Clinic (dates and locations to be added).

Coaches will then manually be given credit for three courses upon attending the Initiation course, or two courses upon attending the Absolutes course.

****Hybrid courses will only be offered in April, May, and June. Coaches who wait until July will have to take each course individually, and will have limited opportunity to do so. Coaches must have all requirements by July 20th, as there will be no courses added past this date****

Classification (all ages)	Requirement	Cost Per Coach
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Initiation in Sport Module • Online Initiation in Baseball Module • Initiation/Teaching & Learning/Pitching & Catching Hybrid Course • Safe Sport Module 	<p>Online Initiation in Sport and Online Initiation in Baseball Modules: \$37.45</p> <p>Initiation/Teaching & Learning/Pitching & Catching Course: \$50</p> <p>Total: \$87.45 (saving of \$100 per coach)</p>
AA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Initiation in Sport Module • Online Initiation in Baseball Module • Initiation/Teaching & Learning/Pitching & Catching Hybrid Course • Absolutes/Planning Hybrid Course • Safe Sport Module 	<p>Online Initiation in Sport and Online Initiation in Baseball Modules: \$37.45</p> <p>Initiation/Teaching & Learning/Pitching & Catching Course: \$50</p> <p>Absolutes/Planning Hybrid Course: \$50</p> <p>Total: \$137.45 (saving of \$150 per coach)</p>

NCCP Training for Females and Newcomers to Canada

Two targeted areas for promoting growth and diversity in Baseball Nova Scotia are women and newcomers to Canada. Any women or new comers to Canada interested in taking NCCP courses should email khagen@sportnovascotia.ca . All in person courses will be free (individuals will still have to pay the \$37.45 Online Initiation in Sport and Baseball fee to obtain an NCCP number).

SafeSport Online Training

SafeSport Online training is mandatory (and free) for all coaches (competitive, recreational, Rally Cap, and any volunteers working with children). Training can be accessed here: <https://safesport.coach.ca/participants-training>

Criminal Record Checks

The RAMP registration system allows clubs to upload CRC and track them via the back end. BNS will be auditing coaches CRC in the RAMP system and verifying their status. This includes competitive, recreational, Rally Cap, and any other coaches or volunteers working with children. Coaches do not have to wait until officially verified by BNS to engage in activities, but clubs and associations are responsible for ensuring their coaches have completed this. Any CRC check uploaded/completed in 2020 or later will be accepted.