



## NCCP Competition – Introduction Stream → To become a Certified Club Coach

### SQUASH-SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

[Coaching in Squash eLearning module](#)

~ Mandatory Prerequisite ~

Intermediate Coaching Course

### NCCP MULTI-SPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

[Coach Initiation in Sport eLearning module](#)

[Make Ethical Decisions module](#)

[Emergency Action Plan eLearning module](#)

[Planning a Practice module](#)

[Basic Mental Skills module](#)

[Design a Basic Sport Program module](#)

[Teaching and Learning module](#)



### EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME CERTIFIED

[Make Ethical Decisions online evaluation](#)

**Club Coach evaluation:**

**Candidate Portfolio** (Candidate Profile Form, Emergency Action Plan, First Aid and CPR or Defibrillator); **Formal Observations** (Candidate is observed teaching an individual lesson with an intermediate competitive player who is perfecting strokes AND Candidate is observed during a 90 minute group training session for competitive intermediate players.); **Debrief**

~ Coaches may not advance to the Club Coach evaluation until all requirements above have been completed and verified in their Coach Profile in the CAC Locker. ~

### COACH CHALLENGE PROCESS

Squash Canada has a process to encourage active coaches who have not yet been certified in the NCCP to potentially bypass certain training requirements and be recognized for prior learning and experience.

~ [Application Form](#) ~

### MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

Coaches that complete this Certification Pathway will achieve 'Certified' status as outlined above and are now subject to the CAC Maintenance of Certification Policy that requires NCCP coaches to maintain their certification through Professional Development (PD) over a predetermined period. Squash Canada adheres to a 5-year cycle for coaches to accumulate PD points maintain 'Certified' status – 20 PD points are required for the NCCP Competition – Introduction Stream. The maintenance cycle begins on the date a coach becomes 'Certified' and if the coach fails to gain enough PD points by the maintenance cycle end date will have their Coach Transcript listed as "Certified: Not Renewed".

***It is important for coaches to understand that the NCCP is not linear, which means a coach may enter any Coach Pathway. Coaches should determine what kind of coaching you want to do and what kind of athletes you want to work with prior to selecting the applicable Coach Pathway.***



**What kind of coaching do you want to do?**

I want to work with children, youth, or adults who are playing their sport for personal enjoyment.

I want to work with children, youth, or adults who want to develop their competitive abilities in their sport.

I want to work with children, youth, or adults who are learning their sport and want quality instruction.

**What kind of athletes do you want work with?**

Children and beginners  
Youth and adult participants

Beginners  
Developing athletes  
High performance athletes

Beginners  
Intermediate performers  
Advanced performers

**Look for the following NCCP training opportunities.**

Community Sport – Initiation  
Community Sport – Ongoing participation

Competition – Introduction  
Competition – Development  
Competition – High performance

Instruction – Beginners  
Instruction – Intermediate performers  
Instruction – Advanced performers

**COMMUNITY SPORT**

**Initiation:** New participants are encouraged to participate in the sport and introduced to sport basics in a fun, safe, and self-esteem building environment regardless of their ability.

**Ongoing participation:** Participants are encouraged to continue participating in the sport for fun, fitness, skill development, and social interaction.

**COMPETITION**

**Introduction:** Sport participants are taught basic sport skills and athletic abilities in a fun and safe environment and are typically prepared for local and/or regional level competitions.

**Development:** Developing athletes are coached to refine basic sport skills, to develop more advanced skills and tactics, and are generally prepared for performance at provincial and/or national level competitions.

**High performance:** High performance athletes are coached to refine advanced skills and tactics, and are typically prepared for performance at national and/or international level competitions.

**INSTRUCTION**

**Beginners:** Participants of all ages, with little or no sport experience, are taught basic sport skills.

**Intermediate performers:** Participants, who already have some experience and proficiency in the sport, are taught to refine basic skills and are introduced to more complex techniques.

**Advanced performers:** Participants, who are experienced and already proficient in the sport, are taught to refine advanced skills and techniques.



**About the NCCP Competition – Introduction Stream for Squash**

The Intermediate Coaching Course and the Multi-sport modules provide all the training necessary to coach Intermediate squash players.

**Certified Club Coach** – works with competitive juniors and young adults

**Who should attend:** Club Pros, High Performance Juniors, and Open, A and B level players

**Costs:** Varies by Provincial/Territorial jurisdiction

**Safe Sport/Screening Requirements:** Coaches may be subject to Squash Canada and/or their Provincial/Territorial Squash Association requirements that may include but are not limited to Safe Sport Training, Screening, and Criminal Record Checks.

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