

NCCP Instruction – Beginners Stream → To become a Certified Squash Assistant or Certified Squash Instructor

SQUASH-SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

[Coaching in Squash eLearning module](#)

~ Mandatory Prerequisite ~

Coaching Foundations Course

NCCP MULTI-SPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

[Coach Initiation in Sport eLearning module](#)

[Make Ethical Decisions](#)

[Emergency Action Plan eLearning module](#)

[Planning a Practice module](#)

[Nutrition eLearning module](#)



EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME CERTIFIED

[Make Ethical Decisions](#)

Squash Assistant evaluation: Portfolio (Candidate Profile, Emergency Action Plan, Pre-designed Lesson Plan for ‘Presenting a Stroke’); **Formal Observation** (Candidate is observed analyzing skills and support of athletes in training to a beginner); **Debrief** | **Squash Instructor evaluation: Portfolio** (Candidate Profile, Emergency Action Plan, Group or Individual Lesson Plan/Template); **Formal Observation** (Candidate is observed delivering a structured and organized group or individual lesson to novices and better beginners.); **Debrief**

~ Coaches may not advance to the Squash Assistant or Squash Instructor 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 – 10 PD points are required for the NCCP Instruction – Beginners 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.

What kind of athletes do you want work with?

Children and beginners
Youth and adult participants

Look for the following NCCP training opportunities.

Community Sport – Initiation
Community Sport – Ongoing participation

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.

NCCP Certification Pathway

Certification is valid for no longer than 5 years and professional development is required to maintain certification.

Previous coaching experience and education are recognized when competence is demonstrated.

While taking workshops, prospective coaches are **In Training**.

Coaches who have completed training, but have not been evaluated are **Trained**.

When competence is demonstrated and evaluated, coaches are **Certified**.

About the NCCP Instruction – Beginners Stream for Squash

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

Certified Squash Instructor – works with beginners and novice players | **Certified Squash Assistant** – must work under a certified coach

Who should attend: Juniors, Squash Playing Parents, Open-A-B-C-D-E League level players, etc.

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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