

NEW CEP REQUIREMENTS FAQ

WHY DOES MY 2010/11 LEVEL 1 OR 2 CERTIFICATION EXPIRE DEC. 31, 2011?

All coaches must adhere to the new Coaching Education Program guidelines that go into effect on September 1, 2011. The new standards require you to attend one clinic every year for Levels 1-3. In an effort to begin educating coaches, we made the 2010-11 stickers reflect the need to attend a clinic next season in accordance with the new standards that will go into effect on September 1, 2011.

WHY DOES MY 2010/11 LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATION EXPIRE DEC. 31, 2012?

All coaches must adhere to the new Coaching Education Program guidelines that go into effect on September 1, 2011. The new standards have the Level 3 certification valid for two seasons. In an effort to begin educating coaches, we made the 2010-11 stickers reflect the need to attend a clinic during the 2012-13 season in accordance with the new standards that will go into effect on September 1, 2011.

WHAT LEVEL CERTIFICATION DO I NEED TO COACH THIS YEAR?

USA Hockey no longer requires a specific certification level based on the age level of play coaching. A coach must progress through the education system every year and have completed the online age-specific module for each age level coaching.

HOW MANY CLINICS CAN I REGISTER FOR IN A CLINIC SEASON?

USA Hockey allows coaches to attend only ONE clinic per season. A coach must also complete the online age-specific module for each age level he/she is coaching that year. A coach can complete more than one online age-specific module in a season if he/she is coaching multiple age levels.

MY LEVEL 1 IS EXPIRED, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You must attend a Level 2 clinic AND complete the online age-specific module for each age level you are coaching if not previously taken.

MY LEVEL 2 IS EXPIRED, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You must attend a Level 3 clinic AND complete the online age-specific module for each age level you are coaching if not previously taken.

MY LEVEL 3 IS EXPIRED, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

You must complete the online Level 3 recertification or attend a Level 4 clinic AND complete the online age-specific module for each age level you are coaching if not previously taken.

HOW MANY TIMES CAN I DO THE ONLINE LEVEL 3 RECERTIFICATION?

You may complete Track 1 and Track 2 of the online recertification program. The program should automatically recognize if you have previously registered for one of the tracks and will direct you to Track 2. If you have already taken the recertification twice, you must attend a Level 4 clinic and complete the online age-specific module for each age level you are coaching if not previously taken.

I WAS TOLD MY LEVEL 4 AND 5 CERTIFICATION WAS VALID FOR LIFE, WHY DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE AGE-SPECIFIC MODULE(S)?

Your certification is still valid for life and requires no recertification. With the advent of the American Development Model all coaches are required to complete the online age-specific module for the age level of play they are coaching. This online component provides information specific to the age of your players in accordance with the ADM and Long Term Athlete Development program.

**I DID NOT COMPLETE THE ONLINE AGE-SPECIFIC MODULE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, WHAT HAPPENS NOW?
I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND A CLINIC PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, WHAT HAPPENS NOW?**

All coaches must be certified and have completed the online age-specific modules prior to December 31st in order to continue coaching the remainder of the season. The Coaching Education Program offers a Request for Temporary Card for the certification clinic if a coach is unable to attend a clinic. This must be requested in accordance with district policies. Please check your district website for information specific to your area. If your district does not grant temporary cards after December 31 then you will be ineligible to coach the remainder of the current season.