

## NCCP Field Hockey Coach Certification Pathway

So you want to be a field hockey coach – where to start?

First, identify the appropriate context. The age and stage of development of athletes being coached dictates the appropriate educational/certification context that a coach should pursue. Three contexts are available to Field Hockey coaches – **Community**, **Competition Introduction (Comp Intro)**, and **Competition Development (Comp Dev)**. Please see the 'Target Coaches' column in the chart below to identify which context is appropriate for you.

### Training

There is one Field Hockey Specific course for each context. Community and Comp Intro courses are organized and delivered by Field Hockey Ontario, and Comp Dev courses are organized and delivered by Field Hockey Canada.

Certain NCCP multi-sport training modules are also required to be completed for each Context in order to achieve 'Trained' status. Some of the multi-sport courses are prerequisites (to be taken before) the Field Hockey course, others are required in order for a coach to be fully trained in the context, and may be taken after the Field Hockey Specific course.

The chart below and the Notes following it list the prerequisites and other required courses for each context. Multi-sport courses are offered through the Coaches Association of Ontario (CAO), and in some cases Field Hockey Ontario may organize/host them. See the CAO website for course dates, locations and times.  
<https://www.coachesontario.ca/>

### Training and Certification Status

**In Training** - When a coach has completed some, but not all, of the required courses for a context the Coach is considered to be 'In Training' for that context.

**Trained** - Coaches who have completed all the training for a particular context have "Trained" status in that context.

\* Note: Trained is the highest status for the Community Coach.

**Certified** - To be certified (Comp Intro or Comp Dev only), in addition to completing training, the coach must submit a portfolio, and be evaluated by a Coach Evaluator at a practice and, for Comp Dev, at a competition. After successful evaluation a coach has 'Certified' status.

Coaches who have considerable experience and have completed the Making Headway in Sport on-line course and the Making Ethical Decisions evaluation for the Comp Intro context are able to “challenge”, and be evaluated for Comp Intro certification without taking all of the prescribed training courses. To apply for certification, email [shauna.bookal@fieldhockeyontario.com](mailto:shauna.bookal@fieldhockeyontario.com) with your name and NCCP #.

### Records

All records of NCCP coach training are kept in the Coaches Association of Canada on-line database known as ‘The Locker’. To sign in to your locker, visit <https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?ReturnUrl=%2f>.

The table below provides an outline of target coaches for each context and the prerequisites for each Field Hockey Specific Course.

Context/Course	Target Coaches	NCCP Prerequisites	Time - FH Specific	Certification
<b>Community Coach Field Hockey Specific</b>	Coaches coaching children 6-12 years of age or players being introduced to the sport for the first time.  Jr High School	Making Ethical Decisions  **Making Headway in Sport  Fundamental Movement Skills	9 hours, includes both classroom and on the pitch	No. Trained status once prerequisites and Community course completed.
<b>Competition Introduction (Comp Intro) Field Hockey Specific</b>	Competitive club teams  Summer Games  Assistant Coaches at Provincial Level  High School	**Making Headway in Sport  Making Ethical Decisions  Planning a Practice  Teaching and Learning  *see Note 1	14 - 17 hours, includes both classroom and on the pitch	Portfolio  On-site assessment at a practice
<b>Competition Development (Comp Dev) Field Hockey Specific</b>	University  Head Coaches at Provincial Level	**Making Headway in Sport  Making Ethical	14 - 18 hours, including time both classroom	Portfolio On-site assessment at both a competition and

	U21/U23 competitive teams -Summer Games	Decisions  Design a Basic Sports Program  Developing Athletic Abilities  Psychology of Performance  *See Note 2	and on the pitch	practice
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\* Note 1 – For ‘trained’ status, the following NCCP Multi-Sport courses are also required: Basic Mental Skills, Design a Sports Program, Nutrition

\* Note 2 – For ‘trained’ status, the following NCCP Multi-Sport courses are also required: Prevention and Recovery, Coaching and Leading, Managing Conflict, Leading Drug Free Sport

\*\*Making Headway in Sport – free online learning module accessed at [www.coach.ca](http://www.coach.ca) Important websites for additional information:

- Field Hockey Canada
  - <http://www.fieldhockey.ca/coaches/coaching-pathway/>
- Coaches Association of Ontario
  - [www.coachesontario.ca](http://www.coachesontario.ca)
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### Further Questions?

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