

**ATHLETICS CANADA**  
**FROM OLD NCCP TO NEW NCCP WHAT = WHAT?**

<b>I have Taken/Finished</b>	<b>This is equal to</b>
<b>OLD NCCP</b>	<b>New NCCP</b>
<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Sport Coach</b>
Level 1 Theory	Introduction to Competition A
Level 1 Technical	Athletics Canada Sport Coach
Level 1 Practical	N/A evaluation is complete when coach is ready and is able to meet evaluation requirements
Not available in Old NCCP	TRAINED Sport Coach (completed course work only)
Level 1 Certification	CERTIFIED Sport Coach
<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Club Coach</b>
Level 2 Theory	Introduction to Competition B
Level 2 Technical	Athletics Canada Club Coach
Level 2 Practical	N/A evaluation is complete when coach is ready and is able to meet evaluation requirements
Not available in Old NCCP	TRAINED Club Coach (completed course work only)
Level 2 Certification	CERTIFIED Club Coach
<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Competition Development (name TBA)</b>
Level 3 Theory	TBA Competition Development (08-09)
Level 3 Technical	TBA Competition Development (08-09)
Level 3 Theory	TBA Competition Development (08-09)
Level 3 Certification	CERTIFICATION AT COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT
<b>OLD NCCP</b>	<b>NEW NCCP</b>
Level 1 Theory	Introduction to Competition A
Level 2 Theory	Introduction to Competition B
Level 3 Theory	Competition Development Modules
Level 1 Theory and Level 1 Technical	Athletics Canada Sport Coach
Level 2 Theory and Level 2 Technical	Athletics Canada Club Coach
Level 3 Theory and Level 3 Technical	Athletics Canada Competition Development (name TBA)

## EXPLANATION OF IMPORTANT OLD NCCP TO NEW NCCP CONCEPTS

1. The Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Module is not part of our integrated workshops. In order to attain certification Athletics coaches will need to take this module through the provincial organization that offers theory. A large percentage of sports are integrating at the Introduction to Competition context, so there will be many coaches who are required to take this module as a standalone module. Once completed this module is valid for Athletics and all other sports. The MED only needs to be completed once.
2. **Athletics coaches who take the integrated Sport Coach or Club Coach workshops will receive credit for Athletics only. The theory elements covered in our workshops will not provide our coaches with credit for completion of Introduction to Competition A and B. This is because some elements were cut out because they focus on team sports and other elements were added because they are relevant to our sport specifically.**
3. Coaches who have taken Introduction to Competition A and B will still be required to attend the full Athletics Canada Sport and/or Club Workshops because all of the information is presented in an Athletics specific context. However, if they have completed the MED module already they do not have to repeat it.
4. Coaches who are currently fully certified at Level 1 and 2 do not have to retake anything at the moment. The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) is currently working on a transition policy that will outline how previously achieved certification will be transferred into the New NCCP. We suspect the following: once we have completed the transition to the New NCCP (target date 2010) coaching certification in both the old and new NCCP will be good for 5 years. Within the five year period, coaches who wish to maintain their certification will need to be evaluated against the new NCCP standards and be deemed competent in the context they are coaching. In order to maintain certification, every coach will need to complete the MED module and the on line MED evaluation.

In order to maintain certification once it is achieved in the New NCCP coaches will be required to take part in ongoing professional development opportunities within each 5 year period. A list of approved professional development opportunities will be available from AC and the CAC.

**REMEMBER:** No one will be stripped of their certification, if a coach wishes to not maintain their certification or it is not required of them in the context they are coaching, they will be considered trained in New NCCP context that is equal to the level they were certified at in the Old NCCP.

5. Branches will be responsible for deciding which coaches (i.e. provincial team, club coaches, etc) will be required to be certified and which coaches will be ok with a trained designation within their programs. Athletics Canada will decide where training and certification are required for all national team coaching positions.