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National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)

Fact Sheet

- The National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is a collaborative program of the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments, national, provincial and territorial sport federations, and the Coaching Association of Canada.
- The NCCP prepares coaches to
 - better meet the needs of all participants in sport
 - provide a positive sport experience to participants
 - provide opportunities for participants to achieve their full potential in and through sport
- The Coaching Association of Canada and its partners develop the curriculum for the coaching certification program. The NCCP is currently undergoing a transition to a competency-based approach, in which a coach is trained to coach a specific type of participant in a particular coaching environment. The new program emphasizes what a coach can do rather than what a coach knows.
- Community Sport – Initiation is the first step towards a competency-based approach to community coaching.
- The NCCP is offered in English and French to coaches in more than 60 sports

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- The NCCP is recognized as the national standard for coaching qualifications
- 27 National Sport Federations are currently developing Community Sport – Initiation programs.
- Lacrosse, ringette, canoe, cross country ski, curling, soccer, rugby, and hockey have successfully launched their Community Sport – Initiation programs and will be delivering them across Canada within the next six months. Other sports, such as biathlon, basketball, baseball, football, and water polo will be launching their programs by the end of March 2005.
- The projected reach of the Community Sport – Initiation program is more than 50,000 coaches and more than 800,000 participants annually.

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