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Policy:

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### Background

Speed Skating BC, Speed Skating Canada and The Coaching Association of Canada believe that all our skaters benefit from being coached by a certified National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) coach. Having a certified coach means our skaters are exposed to more effective coaching in a safer environment. To this end some skating competitions are already designated as requiring coach certification. The Canada Winter Games require coaches and managers to be certified in the Competition Development context (formerly Level 3). The BC Winter Games require coaches to be certified at Introduction to Competition (formerly Level 2) or Competition Development contexts.

### BC Championships

All coaches working in the coaching box for the BC Long Track and Short Track Championships are required to have these qualifications:

- “Certified” status in FUNDamental Coaches, Introduction to Competition or Competition Development contexts, AND
- Making Head Way in Speed Skating training completed, AND
- Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation completed. AND
- CAC’s Safe Sport Training
- Confirmation of status will be based on the coach’s training record as shown in “The Locker” – the Coaching Association of Canada’s training database/record.

#### Exemptions:

Clubs unable to meet the requirement are required to submit a request for, and obtain a letter of exemption from, Speed Skating BC’s Coaching Development Committee. Requests for exemption need to include details of why any requirements can not be met. Also, clubs should have a qualified coach (from another club) who agrees to mentor their coach at the competition. The name of the mentor coach should be included in the request for an exemption.