

PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE

DOCUMENT:

SECTION: Minimum Coaching Qualifications Policy

CURRENT WORDING:

(New policy)

Note: the content of this Policy was previously approved by the BCSSA Board of Directors and was implemented during the 2018-2019 season. The final wording of the Policy was not included in the current Policy and Procedures manual.

Minimum Coaching Qualifications Policy

Background: The BC Speed Skating Association, 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. In addition, certified coaches are required to have been successfully evaluated in Making Ethical Decisions and Making Headway (dealing with safe management of head injuries).

Policy for BC Speed Skating: Effective for the 2018-19 season, 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.

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, the BC Speed Skating Association 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.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Minimum Coaching Qualifications Policy at BC Championships

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.

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.

RATIONALE:

Updated to include current Safe Sport Requirements and to formally include it in the manual.

PROPOSED BY:

RESULT: Board approved January 2022

DATE: