



COACHING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP) REQUIREMENTS



USA Hockey requires that all affiliates and/or districts establish the following requirements without modifications for all coaches (head and assistant). All coaches must have the required certification level and the age-specific module.

All USA Hockey Coaching Education Program (CEP) Certification opportunities are posted on the USA Hockey web site at <http://www.usahockey.com/coachingcertification>

Please utilize this link for coaching certification information, class registration and online module registration.

Certification Level

- Level 1, 2, 3 will be valid for one season; the Level 3 recerts have been removed.
- Coaches obtaining a Level 4 after 2021-22 season will be valid for three seasons; coaches will need to take 5 credits of continuing education to advance the expiration to the next three-year cycle.
- Coaches obtaining a Level 5 after 2021-22 season will be valid for four seasons; coaches need to take 5 credits of continuing education to advance the expiration to the next four-year cycle.
- Continuing Education courses will be provided by the Coaches Section; these could be virtual or in-person courses, online videos or attending the Level 5 credit.

Age-Specific Module

- Coaches MUST have the appropriate module completed prior to being placed on a roster.
- Age Modules will change in the 2023-24 season from the 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U/18U/19U modules and will combine some age classifications. The new modules will be 8&Under, 12&Under and 13&Over.
- If a coach already has a 10U module and coaching a 10U team they would not need to take the new 12&Under module. However, if they are coaching a 12U team and did not have the 12U module, then they would need to take the new 12&Under module because the 10U and 12U modules are not combined into one.

MN Hockey Coach Concussion Certification

The MN Hockey Board adopted requirements for coaches and assistant coaches to obtain concussion training prior to participating in any team activity. All head and assistant coaches are required to complete concussion training every 2 seasons. MN Hockey recommends training from the CDC or if a coach completes an age module in the prior or current season, this would be considered trained. Other concussion training programs are okay as long as a certificate or completion can be printed/downloaded and turned into the association.