



# Continuing Education Program (CEP) for Coaches

## 4 Steps to Renew your NCCP Certification

### Overview

The game of hockey continues to change and evolve. The OMHA Development Committee, working under the direction of Hockey Canada believes that it is important to have highly knowledgeable and competent coaches that continue to learn and develop their skills to ensure a high quality learning environment for all OMHA players.

For the player's benefit, one-time certification of coaches for life is a thing of the past. To achieve this, the OMHA Coaching Program introduces the Continuing Education Program (CEP) for coaches.

The OMHA's goal is to make the Continuing Education Program (CEP) as user-friendly as possible. This means providing coaches with options: Recognizing coaches who have attended specialty clinics, conferences, and clinics. In the future, we will look at new and innovative tools such as on-line learning. The goal is to ensure each player has a 'Qualified' coach and to ensure coaches meet the 'needs of their athletes.'

### 1 Who is this program for?

Coaches whose certification has expired or has an expiration of Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year (??D1#####, ??C#####, or ??CS#####) will need to renew their certification to be eligible to be active as a Coach in the OMHA.

**EFFECTIVE THE 2009-2010 SEASON (AUGUST 31, 2009), INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATION WILL EXPIRE** and coaches holding this certification will be required to RENEW their certification by attending a Coach Refresher Clinic or meeting requirements of the Continuing Education Program (CEP) for Coaches.

### 2 How do I renew my certification?

Coaches have the option of selecting how they will renew their certification through the OMHA's Continuing Education Program (CEP). There are two methods to renew NCCP certification: Attend a Coach Refresher Clinic or earn credits through participation in the OMHA Continuing Education Program (CEP).

### 3 OMHA COACH REFRESHER CLINICS

The Coach Refresher clinic continues to be the foundation of the OMHA's Continuing Education Program (CEP) and is only ongoing coach education program in Canada.

Coach Refresher Clinics are 4-hours in duration clinic and serve as a development tool for coaches, as well as providing a forum for coaches active in the field to discuss current issues and exchange ideas.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP) MENU OF QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES

The OMHA Continuing Education Program Menu (listed on page 4 of this document) recognizes a wide variety of educational experiences. Credits are assigned to each of the experiences.

Coaches will be required to earn the following number of credits to maintain their current level of standing within the program:

**20 Credits per 3 year-cycle\***

\* The Coach will be required to keep track of eligible activities in which they participate on their **Continuing Education Program (CEP) Passport**.

**OPTIONS INCLUDE:**

Sanctioned Specialty Conferences, OMHA Specialty Clinics, Intro Coach(CHIP) certification, sanctioned Minor Hockey Specialty Clinics, activity as an Association Program Leader.

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**How do I get a new card?**

Coaches who attend a Coach Refresher Clinic will obtain a new card at the conclusion of the clinic and their certification will be updated in the OMHA database.

Coaches who complete activities from the Continuing Education Program (CEP) will need to submit their completed CEP Passport to the OMHA Office along with \$10.00 renewal fee.

Once the CEP Passport has been verified, the new CEP recognition will be recorded in the OMHA database and the coach will be mailed a new OMHA Coaching Certification card.

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**FAQ'S – Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. Who needs to participate in this program?**

Certification Levels **required** to participate in the Program:

- *NCCP Coach Level*
- *NCCP Coach Stream (Rec Coach)*
- *NCCP Development 1*
- *NCCP Development 2*
- *NCCP Intermediate*

Certification Levels **not required** to participate in the Program:

1. *Intro Coach (CHIP)*
2. *Advanced Levels 1 & 2*
3. *High Performance Level 1 & 2*

**2. My certification expired a few years ago. Can I renew my certification or do I have to start over?**

Coaches with expired certification **DO NOT** have to attend a full length NCCP Clinic. Coaches can participate in the Continuing Education Program (CEP) to renew qualifications.

NCCP Certifications with an expiration date of Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year must complete the Continuing Education Program (CEP) requirements or attend a Coach Refresher clinic to remain eligible to coach in the OMHA.

NCCP Certifications that expired earlier than the current year and those with no prefix numbers are ineligible to coach until they complete the Continuing Education Program (CEP) requirements or attend a Coach Refresher clinic.

**2. What about Coaches with NCCP Intermediate certification?**

**All NCCP Intermediate certification will expire Aug. 31st, 2009.** Coaches holding this level of certification will be able to renew their certification by completing the steps of the Continuing Education program (CEP) listed above. Upon successful completion of the CEP, these Coaches will be updated with Development 2 certification & card.



## FAQ'S – Frequently Asked Questions- cont'd

### 3. **What is the Continuing Education Program Passport?**

As mentioned previously, it is the responsibility of the Coach to keep track of eligible activities in which they participate on their CEP passport:

- Each activity being claimed must be fully detailed in each row.
- Any activity with an incomplete description or documentation (if applicable) will not be given credit.
- Only activities listed on the OMHA Continuing Education Program (CEP) Menu of Qualifying Activities may be claimed and only the prescribed credits associated with those activities must be claimed.

### 4. **Where can I get a CEP Passport?**

The CEP Passport can be accessed and downloaded from the OMHA website ([www.omha.net](http://www.omha.net)) under Development Overview > Coaches.

### 5. **Which Coach Refresher Clinic should I attend?**

Coaches can attend either of the Coach Refresher clinics. The level they are coaching and the Coach Refresher clinic they attend will not affect the level of certification they will be given at the conclusion of the clinic. Coaches are encouraged to attend the Refresher clinic appropriate to the level of players they are coaching.

Coaches will have their certification renewed at the same level at which they entered the Refresher Clinic.

### 6. **How does a Coach move from the old NCCP system to the new system?**

A Coach certified in the 'old' system will be integrated into the 'new' system over time. Here are the options available to Coaches holding the following levels of certification:

OLD SYSTEM	OPTIONS / REVISED NCCP
<b>INTRO COACH (CHIP)</b>	1. There is no expiry for Intro Coach (CHIP) certification.
<b>COACH LEVEL</b>	1. Coach can RENEW certification by attending a Coach Refresher Clinic and will be updated into the new system with a Development 1 (D1) number. 2. Coach can UPGRADE their certification and attend a Development 2 (D2) clinic. Participants will need to complete the Development 1 (D1) Post Task assignment for entry into D2 clinic.
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	1. Effective the 2009-2010 season (August 31, 2009), Coaches holding Intermediate certification will be required to RENEW their certification by attending a Coach Refresher Clinic or meeting requirements of the Continuing Education Program (CEP) for Coaches. 2. Coach can UPGRADE their certification by attending a High Performance 1(HP1) clinic.
<b>ADVANCED LEVEL</b>	1. There is no expiration date on Advanced or High Performance level certifications.