



2026 Volleyball Canada Youth National Championships

Coach Eligibility Requirements

Volleyball Canada's Youth National Championships Coach Eligibility Requirements ensure that all coaches participating in a National Championships have the competencies necessary to provide every athlete with a safe, inclusive, and responsible sport experience.

Guiding Principles:

All athletes have the right to NCCP Certified Coaching Staff.

Coaches' responsibilities include:

- provide an environment that is physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially safe for all athletes and participants.
- provide a learning environment that incorporates teaching methodologies, technical guidelines, and long-term development principles.
- Ensure that all training is current and updated, as required.

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements for all Persons in Authority:

Persons in Authority (PIA) are required to complete the EPIC, Screening Disclosure Form and Safe Sport Training prior to being an active member with Volleyball Canada. PIA registration includes any person associated with the operation of volleyball within a club, including all coaching staff. This is determined by membership categories within Provincial and Territorial Associations.

Mandatory Requirements for Persons in Authority (PIA)	Enhanced Police Information Check (EPIC)	Cost varies	EPIC completed within the last 3 years and valid through the 2025-2026 season of play	Completed by: Prior to provincial/territorial membership approval
	Screening Disclosure Form	Free	Screening Disclosure Form must be completed annually	
	<u>Coaches Association of Canada (CAC) Safe Sport Training</u>	Free	Credit will be given for equivalent programs recognized by Sport Canada, i.e., Respect in Sport Activity Leader.	

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements for all Coaches:

All Coaches listed on any Nationals roster must complete the following mandatory requirements to be eligible to participate.

SANCTIONS: Any coach who is missing any of the mandatory requirements will be ineligible to participate with their team in any capacity in the 2025-2026 season of play and **will be removed from the Nationals roster**. No exemptions will be provided.

Mandatory Coach Requirements	<u>Making Head Way in Sport eLearning</u>	Free	Making Head Way eLearning provides coaches with the latest information specific to Concussion Management.	Completed by: March 1, 2026
	<u>Foundations of Volleyball e-Learning</u>	\$89*	Foundations of Volleyball eLearning introduces coaches to VC's teaching methodologies and long-term athlete development principles. <i>*This fee may be adjusted upon confirmation of resource kit inclusion.</i>	
	Prior to April 1 st 2026 : Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation	\$85	If the Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online evaluation was completed prior to April 1st, 2026, the coach will not have to retake the new	

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	After April 1 st 2026: Make Ethical Decisions (MED)		module. Coaches who had not taken the past version of MED are required to complete the new eLearning offered by the Coaching Association of Canada.	
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Certification Requirements for Head Coaches:

All Head Coaches listed on any Nationals roster must meet the requirements outlined below.

SANCTIONS: Head Coaches who do not meet the requirements outlined below for 2026 will be subject to a \$250 CAD fine, payable prior to participation at Nationals. Any coach who received Volleyball Canada Nationals fine previously (2023-2025) will be **ineligible** to participate in 2026, if the requirements listed below are not met. Any coach that received an exemption previously (2023-2025) will be subject to a fine if requirements are not met.

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All Head Coaches must:	Head Coaches participating at a National Championship for the 1 st time are required to have successfully completed a DEVELOPMENT COACH WORKSHOP Head Coaches participating at a National Championship for a 3 rd year, or more, are required to have active CERTIFIED DEVELOPMENT COACH status.	Completed by: March 15, 2026

Important Notes:

1. Active Status:

Head Coaches who have achieved **Certified** status in any context (Development, Advanced Development, Performance Coach) are still required to complete the mandatory requirements (page 1) and maintain **Active** status in the NCCP Locker. **Coaches with an 'Inactive' status are not eligible.** Please refer to *Volleyball Canada's NCCP Certification Maintenance Guide* on how to remain **Active**.

2. Recommended Modules:

It is strongly recommended that coaching staff consider completing the following modules from Coaching Association of Canada: [Rule of Two eLearning Module](#) (Free), and [Anti-Racism eLearning Module](#) (Free)

3. Advanced Development Coach Certification:

Provincial and Territorial Associations (PTAs), along with Volleyball Canada (VC) will offer Advanced Development Coach Certification that utilize the various delivery methods. It is strongly encouraged for all coaches in the current Advanced Development Pathway to complete their certification requirements within that context, however a coach must complete their certification in Development Coach to achieve Advanced Development Coach Certification. Advanced Development Training (workshop) will be accepted as completing the 1st year Head coach Requirements.

4. Coaching Requirements Exemption:

Coaches who have not met the Certification Requirements by March 15, 2026 deadline may submit an exemption application. Exemptions will **only be considered** under the following conditions:

- 1st year Head Coach. This will be verified through the Locker based on mandatory requirements dates of completion, i.e. Initial Locker Activity - Fall 2025-Winter 2026.
- A head coach is assigned to a team roster after March 30, 2026 – based on approved roster changes by VC. If a coach is assigned late to a roster, verification must be provided.

Coaches who do not meet the Certification Requirements will be contacted and provided with the exemption application by email after March 15, 2026. Any exemptions provided by the PTA are not applicable to the VC Nationals exemption process. An exemption application does NOT guarantee an exemption will be provided.