

WATER POLO



The Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education for Water Polo – Secondary Interschool

<https://safety.ophea.net/secondary/interschool/water-polo>

Qualifications:

Head coach must demonstrate knowledge of sport, skills and strategies to principal or designate.

All coaches must be familiar with and implement, where applicable, the criteria outlined in [Coaches Expectations](#).

At least one water polo coach must possess **one of the following** coaching qualifications:

- **NCCP Community Sport Coach – Community Club Coach (formerly I Love Water Polo) Instructor Course**
- **NCCP Competition Coach – The Practice Coach Course**
- Accreditation as a NCCP Water Polo Learning Facilitator
- Completion of water polo NCCP level 1 and/or level 2 certification in the past
- Attendance at a clinic or workshop within the last three years provided by an instructor who is knowledgeable of the activity (e.g., appropriate skills and progressions), and where safety is addressed as outlined in the Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education.
- Past experience within the last 3 years as a coach in water polo, having knowledge of the activity (e.g., appropriate skills and progressions) and current safety practices as outlined in the Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education.

How to access the NCCP Courses for Water Polo:

NCCP Community Sport Coach – Community Club Coach Course Register here: Contact: Kathy Torrens kathy.torrens@ontariowaterpolo.ca Cost: varies	Community Club Coach (formerly known as I Love Water Polo): This workshop, tailored to the transitioning athlete or parent with limited or basic water polo experience, will give you all of the tools you need to hit the pool deck with confidence as a first-time water polo coach. These coaches typically work with athletes in the FUNDamentals and/or Technical foundations stages of LTAD who would be competing in community or city leagues.
OR	
NCCP Competition Coach – The Practice Coach Course Register here: Contact: Kathy Torrens kathy.torrens@ontariowaterpolo.ca Cost: varies	Competitive Coach (formerly known as The Practice Coach): This workshop provides an exceptional foundation for your coaching career and introduces new coaching methods that will enhance both your coaching and your program's effectiveness. This workshop is ideal for coaches with previous coaching experience as well as former water polo athletes. The Competitive Coach typically works with Early Competitive Foundations athletes that are just being introduced to structured and organized competition for the first time. This training is also relevant to coaches who are working with athletes aged 15 and older in the Competitive for Life stream.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Grants are available to pay a portion of NCCP courses through the Coach Bursary program.
<https://www.coachesontario.ca/programs-resources/funding-for-coaches/> or email cep@coachesontario.ca

Useful Links:

Need more information? Email guidelines@coachesontario.ca to help navigate the NCCP coaching qualifications, as well as find additional ways to achieve the coaching qualifications (e.g.- direct to evaluation option, etc.).

- Ontario Water Polo <http://www.ontariowaterpolo.ca/CoachInfo.aspx>
- Water Polo Canada <http://waterpolo.ca/nccptraining.aspx>
- Coaches Association of Ontario <https://www.coachesontario.ca/>
- OFSAA <http://www.ofsaa.on.ca/>
- Coaching Association of Canada <http://coach.ca/>
- Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education <http://safety.ophea.net>

