



NCCP Professional Development FAQ



1) Why do I need to collect PD points?

Baseball Canada recognizes the importance for certified coaches across Canada to be involved in professional development that reinforces the values of continuous improvement and lifelong learning and encourages the sharing of learning among coaches.

2) Do all coaches need to collect PD points?

Only CERTIFIED coaches are required to collect PD points for renewal of certification. To be a certified coach for baseball you must have *Level 1, 2, or 3 certification in the old NCCP system or have completed the following requirements in the new NCCP system:

- Initiation Online Modules
- Initiation Coach Clinic
- Skills Analysis/Absolutes Clinic
- Teaching and Learning Clinic
- Planning Clinic
- Regional and Provincial Coach Portfolio
- MED Online Evaluation
- Practice Evaluation

If you have not completed these requirements your status is considered “In Training” and you DO NOT have to collect PD points until you complete all requirements listed above to become certified.

*IMPORTANT - Coaches that were certified using the old NCCP system that have not signed up on the Baseball Canada NCCP website (nccp.baseball.ca) must register online to keep track of PD points. During registration be sure to check the box at the bottom of the page that you have completed your Level 1 Technical. This will give you free access to register and send an alert to Baseball Sask to transfer your certification into the new system.

3) Do I need to collect PD points if I was certified in the old NCCP system?

Yes, ALL certified coaches must collect PD points for renewal of certification. Coaches that were certified in the old NCCP system are still required to collect PD points for renewal of certification in the new system.

Coaches that were Level 1 certified in the old NCCP system and have completed the MED Online Evaluation are transferred to Regional Coach Certified in the new system.

- Coaches that were Level 1 certified in the old NCCP system but have not completed the MED Online Evaluation are considered “in training” and do not get credit as a certified coach in the new system.

Coaches that were Level 2 certified in the old NCCP system and have completed the MED Online Evaluation are transferred to Provincial Coach Certified in the new system.

- Coaches that were Level 2 certified in the old NCCP system but have not completed the MED Online Evaluation are transferred to Regional Coach Certified in the new system.

Coaches that were Level 3 certified in the old NCCP system are transferred to Competition Development Certified in the new system.

- Coaches that have completed only Level 3 Technical or Practical in the old NCCP system are transferred to Provincial Coach Certified in the new system.

4) How do I keep track of my PD points?

The Baseball Canada NCCP website (nccp.baseball.ca) will keep track of your PD points. Log in to your account on the website with your username and password. If you are a certified coach and are required to collect PD points there will be a yellow box on the left side of your "Status" page that will show your renewal of certification information. The yellow box will also show your certification date and certification period. Your certification date is the date you completed the requirements to become certified. Your certification period is the 3 year time frame that you have to collect the required number of PD points for renewal of certification.

- If you forget your username or password for the Baseball Canada NCCP website please contact the Baseball Sask office for assistance. DO NOT register for a new account as this will create a new NCCP number and give you two different profiles for your coaching certification.

5) Can I accumulate PD points before the start of my certification period?

No, PD points will only count towards your total points for renewal if they are accumulated during the dates specified for your certification period listed in the yellow box. Any points that occur outside of this time frame will not count towards your total points.

- Please note that there may be a gap in time between your certification date and the start of your certification period. Any points that occur during this gap in time before the start of the certification period will not count towards your total points.

6) Can I earn PD points for non-NCCP activities?

Yes, you can earn points for active coaching and non-NCCP activities. To claim points for active coaching and non-NCCP activities scroll to the Professional Development section at the bottom of your "Status" page.

To claim points for active coaching click on the link that says "Complete Declaration". You will then be asked to enter the details of your active coaching.

To claim points for a coach self-directed activity click on the link that says "Complete Declaration". You will then be asked to enter the details and give an explanation of your coach self-directed activity.

To claim points for non-NCCP Professional Development Clinics/Events click on the link that says "notify Province of completion". The link will take you to a list of events that have been pre-approved by Baseball Canada to be eligible for PD points. Click on the link to register for the event that you attended.

- All non-NCCP clinics and events must be pre-approved by Baseball Canada to be eligible for PD points. Contact Baseball Canada (info@baseball.ca) or Baseball Sask to inquire about an event's PD eligibility if you are planning to attend an event that is not currently on the list.
- Please note that the list of non-NCCP Professional Development Clinics/Events on the Baseball Canada NCCP website is for PD purposes only. This is not a registration for the actual event. You must contact the event organizer to register for the event that you wish to attend.

7) Can I earn PD points by attending NCCP Clinics/Events in another sport?

Yes, all NCCP clinics and events that you attend will count towards your PD points for baseball. Baseball coaches that are required to collect PD points can claim points for NCCP clinics and events in any other sport (hockey, football, basketball, gymnastics, multi-sport, etc.) as long as they are completed within your certification period.

To claim PD points for NCCP clinics in another sport go to the Professional Development section at the bottom of your "Status" page. Click on the link that says "Complete Declaration". You will then be asked to enter the clinic information and date for the NCCP clinic that you attended.

8) What happens if I do not earn the required number of PD points for renewal of certification?

Certified (Renewed) status will be given only to those coaches who accumulate the required number of PD points within the current certification period. Failure to accumulate the required number of PD points within the specified time causes the coach's status to be changed to Certified (Not-Renewed). If you do not collect enough PD points after your certification period has ended your status will remain as Non-Renewed until all points are collected. Once you have collected all required points your certification will be restored for the following calendar year and your certification period will reset.

9) How many PD points do I need to renew my certification?

| Context | Points required (3 years) |
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| Instructor-Beginner Certified | 6 points |
| Regional/Provincial Coach Certified | 12 points |
| Competition-Development Coach Certified | 18 points |

10) How many points do I get for a NCCP clinic or non-NCCP event?

| Activity Category | PD points | Limitations |
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| Active Coaching | 1 point/year for coaching, learning facilitator, or evaluator | Maximum of 3 points per certification period |
| Baseball Specific NCCP Activity | 5 points for all clinics or modules | No maximum or minimum for entire certification period |
| Baseball Specific Non-NCCP Activity | 1 point/hour to a maximum of 3 points per activity | No maximum or minimum for entire certification period |
| Coach Self-Directed Activity | TBD depending on approval of submitted activity | Maximum of 3 points per certification period |
| NCCP Activity in another sport | 5 points for all clinics or modules | No maximum or minimum for entire certification period |
| Non-NCCP PD Activity in another sport | 1 point/hour to a maximum of 3 points per activity | To a maximum of 50% of the PD points required for renewal |

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the NCCP system or Professional Development context contact Nolan Bracken at nolan@baseballsask.ca or 306-780-9222.