

Minimum Coaching Standards are set by two governing bodies in Canada. The PGA of Canada and Golf Canada through the First Tee Program Coaching standards. Golf Nova Scotia encourages all those involved with coaching at their facility to maintain minimum coaching standards based on their involvement as a volunteer or PGA coach.

**Minimum Coach Standards set by Golf Nova Scotia**  
**Volunteer Coaches - Deliver programs at clubs in Nova Scotia**

1. Completion of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) with a minimum of one context in the appropriate stream. These courses include:
  - PGA Community Golf Coach
  - First Tee Coach
2. Training and certification in Safe Sport Principles to ensure the protection of athletes and participants
  - Clear Enhanced Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector – 3-year eligibility
  - NCCP Understanding Rule of 2
  - NCCP Safe Sport Training - direct athlete contact
  - Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders

Coaches trained in the NCCP PGA Community Golf Coach and First Tee are eligible to coach golfers up to the age of 18.

**PGA Coaches - Deliver programs at clubs in Nova Scotia**

1. Completion of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) with a minimum of one context in the appropriate stream. These courses include:
  - PGA Instructor Beginners
  - PGA Instructor Intermediate
2. Training and certification in Safe Sport Principles to ensure the protection of athletes and participants
  - Clear Enhanced Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector – 3-year eligibility
  - NCCP Understanding Rule of 2
  - NCCP Safe Sport Training - direct athlete contact
  - Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders

Coaches trained in the NCCP Instructor Stream can coach all levels of golfers

**Minimum Coach Standards set by Golf Nova Scotia for Provincial Coaches**

1. Certification in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) with a minimum of one context in the appropriate stream. These courses include:

- PGA Instructor Beginners
- PGA Instructor Intermediate

As well as,

2. Training in one of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) with a minimum of one context in the appropriate stream. These courses include:

- PGA Coach of New Competitors
- PGA Coach of Developing Competitors

3. Training and certification in Safe Sport Principles to ensure the protection of athletes and participants

- Clear Enhanced Criminal Record Check – 3 year eligibility
- NCCP Understanding the Rule of 2
- NCCP Safe Sport Training
- Participation in PGA of Canada's coaching workshops and seminars to maintain and enhance coaching skills.
- Review and agree to the PGA Code of Conduct
- Completion of Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders

Coaches trained in the PGA Coach Stream can develop programs for high performance athletes.

**Minimum Coach Standards set by Sport Nova Scotia for Canada Games Coaches**

1. Certification in the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) with a minimum of one context in the appropriate stream. These courses include:

- PGA Coach of New Competitors
- PGA Coach of Developing Competitors

2. Training and certification in Safe Sport Principles, Criminal Record check set out by the Canada Games Council

**Minimum Coach Standards set by the PGA of Canada**

1. Completion of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) with a minimum of one context in the appropriate stream. These courses include:
    - PGA Instructor Beginners
    - PGA Instructor Intermediate
  2. Training and certification in Safe Sport Principles to ensure the protection of athletes and participants
  3. Completion of Enhanced Criminal Record Check – 3 year eligibility
  4. Participation in PGA of Canada’s coaching workshops and seminars to maintain and enhance coaching skills.
  5. Review and agree to the PGA Code of Conduct
  6. Completion of Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders
- Coaches trained in the NCCP Instructor Stream can coach all levels of golfers

**Minimum Coach Standards set by Golf Canada and First Tee**

1. Completion of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) with a minimum of one context in the appropriate stream. These courses include:
    - PGA Community Golf Coach
    - First Tee Coach
  2. Training and certification in Safe Sport Principles to ensure the protection of athletes and participants
  3. Completion of Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector – 3-year eligibility
- Coaches trained in the NCCP PGA Community Golf Coach and First Tee are eligible to coach golfers up to the age of 18.



**Golf's National Coaching Certification Program**  
NCCP Coach Pathway for Non-PGA Members

