

## Coaching Certification

There are different levels of coaching certification required, depending on the age group and competitive level of the team. Before you take any course, you'll need to visit the [BC Hockey Website](#) for general information. Once you wish to select a clinic, you'll be redirected to [EHockey](#), a subsection of Hockey Canada that ensures all Canadian coaches meet the same requirements. Delegates create an E-Hockey account, and then register for their desired clinic. E-Hockey accounts are a one-time setup and will recognize each member only by their email address (note: family members will need to use separate email accounts).

Click [here](#) for a comprehensive breakdown of coaching requirements, mandatory throughout Hockey Canada.

The 4 common coaching courses for minor hockey are as follows:

- 1) **Hockey University (HU) ONLINE Coach 1/2 program.** This is a pre-task to taking any coaching course. If you intend to take any of the coaching clinics and have never coached before, this must be completed beforehand. Since it's completely online, it can be taken anytime.
- 2) **COACH 1- INTRO TO COACH-** Classroom Clinic

The intention of the face-to face clinic is to meet the following objectives:

- To learn the basic skills required to play the game of hockey.
- To develop an understanding of basic teamwork through participation in a variety of activities and game situations.
- To create and refine basic motor patterns.
- To develop self-confidence and experience personal achievement within a positive team atmosphere.

Upon completion of this course, you may coach anywhere below the Atom level of hockey. This is helpful for parents who wish to help out in a coaching capacity, but may not be interested in going beyond the early years of hockey.

### 3) **COACH 2- COACH LEVEL-** Classroom Clinic

The intention of the face-to-face clinic is to enhance the delegate's on-line training experience with Hockey University. The four main components are:

- On Ice Safety and Teaching Tips
- Skating
- Puck Control
- Small Area Games

Upon completion of this course, you may qualify for either Head or Assistant coach at any "house" level of minor hockey. Many parents who are keen to coach beyond the Initiation/Novice years take COACH 2 **instead of** COACH 1 as it is more comprehensive.

**4) DEVELOPMENT 1-** Classroom Clinic with written assignment, Field Evaluation (on-ice) practice, and Online Evaluation of “Making Ethical Decisions”

Coaches in Development 1 get an in-depth practical look into:

- \* Team Building
- \* Skill Development Pyramid
- \* Drill Design
- \* Developing Drill Progressions
- \* Practice Planning
- \* Developing Athletic Abilities
- \* Individual Skills and Tactics
- \* Make Ethical Decisions

Upon completion of this course, coaches are cleared for “Head Coach” position at the carded or “Rep” level at Pee wee and above. It is strongly recommended that Assistant coaches at the “Rep” level also complete the Development 1 course.

**Helpful tips:**

Check in with your divisional manager about coaching delegation before the season starts to ensure this will be a right fit for you and your child.

If brand new to coaching, do the HU Online Coach 1-2 program right away so you are eligible to take a COACH1 or COACH2 course.

Check the EHockey website frequently for upcoming classroom clinics and sign up early as these fill up.

If you have previously coached years ago (particularly before 2013), contact the Volunteer Director, who can view your existing qualifications through the BC Hockey registry.