

NCCP Coordinator Review

In Oct of 2018, a complete review of the NCCP Program was conducted for the past 10 years. A gap analysis was implemented and as a result there were a number of areas were identified that needed to be addressed.

First, the gap analysis indicated the need for new policies and procedures to be enacted that addressed procedures for learning facilitators and evaluators, in regards to record keeping, procedures and the centralization of information and sanctioning of courses.

Secondly, in the last six months, I have been addressing missing courses from the locker. The root causes for this issue have been nullified. New standards for minimum numbers for courses and payment procedures have been enacted. These changes have resulted in all courses covering their expenses and the NCCP Programing running very smoothly.

Thirdly, Sport Canada, our Federal NSO mandated new policies to all NSO and for us Football Canada. The most significant was the implementation of the Community Sport U 14 mandate. Secondly, Football Canada has implemented new standards regarding LF pathways bringing us into compliance with all other sports, including multi-sport. Now all LFS must meet new criteria to facilitate in Canada. New LFs were hired and have been trained so that we can meet all the needs of our members.

Additionally, Sport Canada mandated new standards for Coaches involved in High performance Competitions, including our National Championship Teams. Their gap analysis indicated many coaches did not have the courses to be coaching on the field. This has resulted in the OFA hosting Comp Dev Courses in both multi-sport and Football Specific courses to meet the required standards. This training was completed in May and will occur again in Jan of 2020.

As a result, since Jan of 2019 the OFA has facilitated 49 courses. The breakdown of the courses are;

Community Coach and High School Courses

4 Positional Academy Courses

20 Safe Contact Courses

15 Community Sport U 14 courses

2 Comp Intro Positional Courses

Coach Developer courses

2 Core LF courses

1 Core CE course

3 U 14 LF training Courses

1 Evaluator course

High Performance Courses

2 Multi-Sport Comp Dev Courses

1 Technical and Tactical Course

Positional Coaching Evaluations are still continuing to occur.

Moving Forward for 2019, it is anticipated that there will be a continued demand for safe Contact and Community Sport U14 courses to fulfil the mandates from FC and OPHEA. The OPHEA safety Guidelines have mandated that in Sept 2020, all coaches on the field in High School must be safe contact trained. In Oct and Nov every single Board of Education in Ontario was contacted regarding this mandate and it is anticipated there will be more courses to serve high school sports.

From Oct 4-6 is the COA - Coach Developer Professional Developer weekend. The OFA is looking to offer some courses this weekend in Ottawa.

More PAC courses are hoping to be run.

We will be looking at CD PD in the near future and this includes the certification of LF and CE.

The Athlete Safe Sport Initiative has been interwoven into our NCCP courses as we still await further information from FC, Sport Canada and CAC.

In March of 2019, I was one of three other LFs/MCD that rewrote Safe Contact as required by the NCCP and CAC every 5 years. This resulted in a new Safe Contact Course to be released in Jan 2020. The new course will feature Hawk Tackling, Gator Tackling, Block Shedding, Safe Running amongst other new developments based on research. I have requested that the OFA be involved in piloting one of the new first new courses. In addition, a online, retraining course will be available for the first group of coaches required to retrain in July 2022.

In 2020, I expect that there will be at least two other NCCP courses that will be required to be reviewed and rewritten. I have shared my interest as part of the rewriting team.

Lastly, our partnership with Football Canada continues to be very strong with the National Technical Director. I have been asked to help review existing and new policies as they are being reviewed and rewritten.