

USA Hockey Coaching Education Program

USA Hockey's new coaching education program goes into effect for the coming season. Here is a brief synopsis of the changes.

The coaching curriculum has been redesigned so that the material that is presented is a progression- overlap has been minimized.

1. Throw out the old chart that required coaches to attain a certain level of certification in order to coach a certain age group. That chart no longer exists!
2. A coach now must simply have a coaching card that is current (not expired). Ex.- A coach with a current Level 1 certification may coach any youth age group.
3. A coach must meet 4 criteria- member of USA Hockey, current certification, age-specific online module, and screened.
4. Online age-specific online module must be completed by Dec. 31st. Coaches on more than one roster must complete more than 1 module. A coach will not be allowed to register for an online module unless he or she has registered as a member of USA Hockey. These modules will not have to be repeated on an annual basis.
5. A Level 3 coach **never** renews his or her certification in the classroom. They must renew online at the following address: http://www.usahockey.com//Template_Usahockey.aspx?NAV=C0_02&ID=19518
6. Once a coach is a Level 3 coach for 6 years, he or she must move on to Level 4
7. A Level 1 or 2 coach may **never** recertify at the same level. He or she must move to the next level in the progression.
8. All certification clinics will now include an on-ice session.
9. Certification cards will no longer exist- a coach may print a virtual card if he or she so desires

Costs involved with the coaching education program

1. All certification clinics will cost \$40 (Levels 1, 2, and 3)
2. Online age-specific modules will cost \$10

Coaching Education Progression

Year 1- Attend Level 1 clinic

Year 2- Attend Level 2 clinic

Year 3- Attend Level 3 clinic

Year 4- Attend no clinic or attend a Level 4 clinic

Year 5- Complete Track 1 online Level 3 recertification

Year 6- No recertification required or attend a Level 4 clinic

Year 7- Complete Track 2 online Level 3 recertification

Year 8- No recertification required or attend a Level 4 clinic

Year 9- Attend a Level 4 certification clinic

Other Certification Details-

1. All certification registration should be done online. The days of registering as a walk-up should be done. Clinics now have a maximum and walk-up spots will not be guaranteed. Online registration saves our instructors a lot of work.
2. Other than the Fargo area- ND will offer Level 1, 2, and 3 clinics on the same day in each location

Tentative Certification Clinic Dates

Grand Forks- Levels 1-3 on Oct. 23rd at Howard Johnson

Mandan- Levels 1-3 on Nov. 20th at Seven Seas

Minot- Levels 1-3 on Oct. 30th or Dec. 4th- TBA

Fargo- Looking at Nov. 11-13- Location and date not final

Moorhead- Dec. 2 (Level 1), Dec. 3 (Level 2), Dec. 4 (Level 3)

Special Clinics

Oct. 15-16- High School Clinic in Grand Forks (Maine series)

Oct. 16- Special goatending clinic with Karl Goehring in GF

Clinics that are available to ND Affiliates

ADM sessions- practice and/or presentation for parents, coaches, and players

On-ice skills clinics for all coaches in a local association

I am willing to come to any community for an evening of skills and/or ADM. These clinics will be free or may cost the affiliate mileage. I would encourage associations to get all of their youth coaches together on a night- spend an hour in the classroom and an hour on the ice- the clinic would last about 2.5 hours

If you have any questions regarding the coaching education program and/or have an interest in the specialty clinics, please contact me:

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