



# TEAM OFFICIAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

2026-2027

- All qualifications listed are the **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT**
- All Team Officials (Coach, Trainer, & Manager) require:
  - Respect in Sport (RiS) - Activity Leader **or** Speak Out **or** HC 'Shift Forward' (New 2026)
  - Gender Identity & Expression Course
  - Completion of Rowan's Law Resource Review & Acknowledgement
- Beginning the 2026-2027 Season the Hockey Canada Safety Program will be replacing the Hockey Trainer Certification Program in Ontario. Current HTCP Qualifications will remain valid until expiry
- All qualifications must be registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR)

DIVISION	CATEGORY	HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACH	TRAINER
<b>U7   U8   U9</b>	ALL	Coach 1 <sup>1</sup>	Coach 1 <sup>1</sup>	HTCP/HCSP Level 1
<b>U10 - U21</b>	House League (HL) Local League (LL) Minor Development (MD) Select	Coach 2 Trained <sup>2</sup>	Coach 2 Trained <sup>2</sup>	HTCP/HCSP Level 1
<b>U10   U11</b>	Representative	Development 1 Trained <sup>3</sup>	Coach 2 Trained <sup>2</sup>	HTCP/HCSP Level 1
<b>U12   U13 U14   U15 U16   U18 U21</b>	Representative (Below A)	Development 1 Certified <sup>4</sup>	Development 1 Trained <sup>3</sup>	HTCP/HCSP Level 1
<b>U12   U13 U21</b>	AAA/AA/A	Development 1 Certified <sup>4</sup>	Development 1 Trained <sup>3</sup>	HTCP/HCSP Level 1
<b>U14   U15 U16   U18</b>	AA/A	Development 1 Certified <sup>4</sup>	Development 1 Trained <sup>3</sup>	HTCP/HCSP Level 1
<b>U14   U15 U16   U18</b>	AAA	High Performance 1 Certified <sup>5</sup>	Development 1 Trained <sup>3</sup>	HTCP/HCSP Level 2

## COACHING QUALIFICATION LEGEND:

1. Coaches in divisions **U9** and Below **must** hold Coach 1- **No other qualifications are accepted**
2. Coach 2 'Trained' or higher: Coach 2 'Trained' or 'Certified'; Development 1 'Trained' or 'Certified'; High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified'
3. Development 1 'Trained' or higher: Development 1 'Trained' or 'Certified' or; High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified'
4. Development 1 'Certified' or higher: Development 1 'Certified' or; High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified'
5. High Performance 1 'Certified' or higher: High Performance 2 'Certified'

## ACTING IN THE ROLE OF HEAD COACH:

Should a team's Head Coach not be available, an Assistant Coach rostered to that team is eligible to act in the role of Head Coach for that game only. If the Head Coach resigns or is removed and subsequently removed from the team's Roster, the Association is responsible to Roster a new individual as Head Coach holding the qualifications appropriate to the role.

## HOUSE LEAGUE (HL):

- Assistant Coaches at House League require Respect in Sport (RiS)-Activity Leader or Speak Out! or HC 'Shift Forward' (New 2026) and Gender Identity and Expression Course Only. However, they would require the appropriate qualification listed in chart above for participation with teams from outside their House League (i.e. exhibition and/or tournament play).
- In addition, if the Head Coach were not available to start a House League game, an appropriately NCCP qualified Coach would be required to act as the Head Coach.