



Welcome to SO Coaches Corner! Your monthly update highlighting training opportunities for our valued coaches and program volunteers!

Please be sure to check out all the exciting training and professional development opportunities available!

"It's a time to focus on abilities, not disabilities."

Jason Shawndale Steen

This issue includes several upcoming training opportunities for both in class and online opportunities!

The Coaching Association of Canada launches Coaching Athletes with a Disability, an NCCP eLearning module.

(September 21st, 2017) With support from the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and Special Olympics Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) is pleased to launch the latest in its series of National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) eLearning modules; [Coaching Athletes with a Disability](#).

The Coaching Athletes with a Disability eLearning module provides coaches the knowledge and training to deliver quality, positive sport experiences for athletes with behavioral, intellectual, physical, and sensory disabilities. It is beneficial resource for coaches who are new to coaching athletes with a disability. However, coaches who are already working with athletes with a disability may also find it useful.

Lorraine Lafrenière, Chief Executive Officer of the CAC, was pleased to be on-hand this morning at the International Paralympic Committee's VISTA 2017 conference in Toronto to make the announcement.

Coaching Athletes with Disabilities

"At the CAC, our goal is to empower coaches with the right skills and knowledge to positively impact the athlete experience," she said. "We strive to continue to improve our NCCP offerings by providing coaches quality training for the development of all Canadian athletes. Inclusivity is a fundamental principle for the NCCP, and I am proud of this collaboration in its ability to meet this goal."

A Project Task Team comprised of representatives from various Canadian sport organizations have guided the development of the training module. Supporting today's announcement was Karen O'Neill, CEO of the Canadian Paralympic Committee.

"We applaud the leadership and vision of the CAC to enhance the level of coaching for Para sport with the launch of this pioneering resource," said Karen O'Neill, CEO of the Canadian Paralympic Committee. "We are delighted to collaborate on this project as we know that coaches are truly the drivers of quality sport experiences for athletes. We are very encouraged that this resource will be able to train more coaches to mentor and coach Para athlete in the future, helping create positive and inclusive sport experiences on and off the field of play."

For Special Olympics Canada, the Coaching Athletes with a Disability module is a welcome addition to the NCCP.

"Special Olympics Canada congratulates the CAC for spearheading this initiative. We are thrilled to be part of this collaboration and believe the Coaching Athletes with a Disability module is an important resource for advancing more inclusive sport in Canada. It is a welcome addition for all coaches and a terrific entry point to SOC's NCCP workshops for

those coaches interested in additional training specific to working with athletes with an intellectual disability," said Sharon Bollenbach, CEO of Special Olympics Canada.

Coaching Athletes with a Disability training will provide coaches the ability to:

- Explain the benefits of sport participation for persons with a disability;
- Communicate effectively and respectfully with, and regards to, persons with a disability;
- Design positive, safe and inclusive sport experience for persons with a disability; and
- Consider next steps in their professional development related to coaching persons with a disability.

To celebrate Canada's 150th, Coaching Athletes with a Disability training is available free of charge throughout 2017! To learn more about the benefits of taking the Coaching Athletes with a Disability eLearning module, or to enroll today [Click Here!](#)



Your Online Training Portal

www.solearn.ca This site provides training, certification, professional development and learning resources for registered Athlete, Coaches & Volunteers of Special Olympics Canada!

SONL is proud to offer a FREE VOLUNTEER T-SHIRT to individuals who complete the SONL Volunteer Training section (limited supplies)!

Visit www.solearn.ca, click on Volunteers then our province to find our Volunteer Orientation Course. More details on page 4

Thank you  Thursday

#GivingTuesday

Thank You Volunteers

The Special Olympics NL movement would not be possible without our hundreds of volunteers! From the bottom of our hearts! Thank you for your thousands of hours of dedication to our athletes!

Left-Right:

Associate Coach Athletics, Gord Pike, Training Coach, Rod Hynes and Mission Staff Athletics Jim Flight Team NL 2018



NCCP

National Coaching Certification Program

In Class Schedule

FALL 2017

Central and Labrador Dates TBA

Competition-Development

(All courses to take place at Sport NL Building 129A Kenmont Road)

Saturday, Dec 2 9-5pm

Coaching and Leading Effectively

Wednesday, Dec 6 6-10pm

Manage a Sport Program

Sunday, Dec 9 9-5pm

Prevention and Recovery

Registration Info:

<https://thelocker.coach.ca/Account/Logi>
[n](#)

Step 1: If you are already a member of the locker please enter you NCCP # or e-mail and password. If you have forgot your password, or never had one it can be retrieved or created instantly.

Step 2: Once you have successfully entered your username and password - click the "Calendar" tab in the top right corner of the web site. Once you are in

the event calendar you can sort it accordingly to find the course you wish to attend. You can filter the calendar by sport and province.

Step 3: Once you have clicked on the event you wish to take, the details will come up on the right side - click on "Register for this event"

If you never taken an NCCP course in any course on the Locker home page click on the link that says "[Don't have an account? Create one now!](#)"

Once you have received your NCCP password for the Locker you will be able to register for a course by following steps 2 and 3.

www.coachingnl.ca



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Limited offer! The Newfoundland Volunteer Orientation Online Training is mandatory for all SONL Volunteers!! Sign up today!



COMMIT TO KIDS FOR COACHES ONLINE TRAINING

This online training provides coaches with practical information to help them enhance child and youth safety in sport. The goal of the training is to empower coaches and support the great work they are doing with child and youth athletes.

FAST FACTS

700

SONL has over 700 athletes!

1000

SONL has over 1000 volunteers!

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Log in or create an account

Click on [Special Olympics Newfoundland Volunteer Orientation](#)

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Commit to Kids for Coaches Online Training

The Commit to Kids for Coaches online training addresses the importance of understanding boundaries, sexual misconduct and reporting of inappropriate behavior.

Specifically, users will learn about:

- Child sexual abuse
- The grooming process
- How to handle disclosures of child sexual abuse
- The impact of child sexual abuse
- How to create a Child Protection Code of Conduct for your organization
- Policies and procedures to use to protect children in your organization
- The Canadian Centre for Child Protection's Commit to Kids child sexual abuse prevention program for child-serving organizations

How does the training work?

1. The training is delivered through a 2.5 hour online training course divided into 8 separate modules.
2. The training course can be completed in one or multiple sittings from a computer, tablet, or smartphone with access to the internet.
3. Once all 8 modules are completed, users will input their National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) ID number and birthdate prior to starting the multiple choice knowledge validation test to facilitate the awarding of NCCP professional development (PD) points towards maintenance of certification.
4. In addition to the NCCP PD Points, a certificate of completion is made available for download immediately once the user has successfully completed the knowledge validation test.

How much does the training cost?

The cost of the Commit to Kids for Coaches online training is \$12 per individual with a NCCP ID number. (Contact kimm@sonl.ca if you are unsure of your NCCP number).

Access to the training is terminated when the certificate of completion is issued or after 60 days of the training license registration, whichever is

soonest. Clubs with 10 or more individuals can inquire about a group rate, as well as how to

obtain a free copy of the full Commit to Kids program. The training cost is non-refundable and does not include taxes. Notwithstanding, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection reserves the right to refuse or terminate access to anyone at any time, as its sole discretion.

How do I get started?

Individuals and small groups must [purchase a license](#) to access the training. Clubs with 10 or more individuals can contact 1-800-532-9135 to sign-up their team. You will be required to agree to an end-user license agreement before starting the training.

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