

The Ontario Lacrosse Association Coaching Pathway is designed in conjunction with the OLA's Minimum Coaching Guidelines to illustrate the progression requirements for coaches. Questions regarding the Coaching Pathway can be directed to the OLA VP Coaching, Rick Phillips, by email at vpcoaching@ontariolacrosse.com.

Level 1: Community Development Coaching Certification

Required for:

- All coaches who have never attended an NCCP Clinic (regardless of their division)
 - Box: U13 and Below
 - Field: U13 and Below
 - Women's Field: U13 and Below

Requirements for Completion:

1. Attend a discipline-specific box (either box or field, or a combined box+field) Community Development certification clinic
2. Complete the **"Making Headways"** Concussion Awareness Module (required)
3. Complete the **Ethical Decision-Making** online training module (recommended)

Level 2 Trained: Competitive Introduction Coaching Clinic (Trained)

Required for:

- Only coaches who have successfully completed their Community Development Coaching Certification (box or field)
 - Box: U15 and Above
 - Field: U15 and Above
 - Women's Field: U15 and Above

Requirements for Completion:

1. Attend a discipline-specific box (either box or field, or a combined box+field) Competitive Introduction certification clinic

Level 2 Certified: Competitive Introduction Coaching Clinic (Certified)

Required for:

- All OLA coaches attending a Lacrosse Canada (LC) National or World Lacrosse (WL) International Championship Event

Requirements for Completion:

1. Receive a successful practice evaluation (either in-person or submitted video) by a certified coaching supervision through the OLA or an equivalent Member Association
2. Complete the **Ethical Decision-Making** online training module (required)
3. Submit a "Coaching Portfolio" which outlines history of involvement in NCCP-recognized roles

Requirements to Maintain Certification:

Accumulate at least 20 Professional Development Points every 5 years from the date of certification