

The Ontario Lacrosse Association Coaching Pathway is established to support the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) goals of standardized coach education, LTAD skill development, athlete safety and inclusion.

**Prior to participating in any Coach Certification course, all coaches must have (1) an NCCP number and (2) have completed the Making Headways Concussion Awareness online module. Links to these resources can be found under the “Coaching” tab of the OLA’s website.**

The certification progression for all OLA coaches is:

<b>BOX DIVISIONS</b>			
<b>Coach Status</b>	<b>Paperweight U9, U11, U13</b>	<b>U15, U17, U22</b>	<b>Junior – Senior</b>
<b>All Coaches Must Have</b>	Community Development	Community Development	Community Development
<b>Second Year Must Have</b>	Community Development	<b>Competitive Introduction</b>	<b>Competitive Introduction</b>

<b>Maximum Bench Staff</b>	4 Coaches + 1 Trainer	4 Coaches + 1 Trainer	5 Coaches + 1 Trainer
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<b>MINOR &amp; MEN’S FIELD DIVISIONS</b>			
<b>Playing Division</b>	<b>U9, U11, U13</b>	<b>U15, U17</b>	<b>Junior – Senior</b>
<b>All Coaches Must Have</b>	Community Development	Community Development	Community Development
<b>Second Year Must Have</b>	Community Development	<b>Competitive Introduction</b>	<b>Competitive Introduction</b>

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<b>WOMEN’S FIELD DIVISIONS</b>			
<b>Playing Division</b>	<b>U9, U11, U13</b>	<b>U15, U17, U19</b>	<b>Junior Elite – Senior</b>
<b>All Coaches Must Have</b>	Community Development	Community Development	Community Development
<b>Second Year Must Have</b>	Community Development	<b>Competitive Introduction</b>	<b>Competitive Introduction</b>

<b>Maximum Bench Staff</b>	4 Coaches + 1 Trainer	4 Coaches + 1 Trainer	5 Coaches + 1 Trainer
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All OLA coaches attending a Lacrosse Canada (LC) National Championship or World Lacrosse (WL) Event must be certified at the Competitive Introduction level in the sector they are participating in, as well as having successfully completed the Make Ethical Decisions online training module.

Questions regarding the OLA Coaching Requirements? Email Rick Phillips ([vpcoaching@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:vpcoaching@ontariolacrosse.com))