

## **NCCP Transition: Critical Dates and Wrestling Certification Requirements** *What does it mean for wrestling?*

### **What information will this document tell me?**

1. *Identifies the coach certification required under the new NCCP for new coaches who wish to be on the mat at the Juvenile/Cadet, Junior and/or Senior National Championships, as well as events, such as the Canada Games.*

Wrestling Canada has now fully implemented the new Competition-Introduction Part A and Part B wrestling courses for wrestling coaches.

This new coach education course is in place of the old NCCP Level 1 and 2 for wrestling. Given that wrestling has moved to training and certifying coaches under the new NCCP the CAWA Board of Directors has approved new coaching certification requirements for national events under the new NCCP.

Coach certification requirements for regional/provincial events are under the jurisdiction of provincial/territorial associations.

2. *Identifies what would be considered the equivalent coach certification under the old NCCP compared with the new NCCP.*

The document allows coaches to find out what the new NCCP equivalent is to their current old NCCP certification and how long their certification under the old NCCP will be in effect.

The second page of the document also provides answers to some common scenarios that coaches are now facing during the transition between the old NCCP and the new NCCP.

3. *Provides an estimated timeline for CAWA's entire transition from the old NCCP 5-level coach certification system to the new NCCP competency-based coach certification system.*

The timeline (month and year) provided on the far left hand side of the chart on page one indicates key transition dates for the CAWA replacing old coach certification courses with new ones under the new NCCP.

It should be noted that these timelines are ESTIMATES and are subject to change based on available support and funds from the Coaching Association of Canada.

### **Why is this document important?**

Coaches are inevitably faced with confusion, uncertainty and possibly a fear of the unknown as we make this transition to the new NCCP. It is important that we try to communicate as much as we can in terms of what the transition will mean to coaches in our sport. We have attempted, through this document, to communicate coach certification requirements for new coaches operating under the new NCCP, predicted transition timelines and hopefully information that will help coaches decipher what the new NCCP means to them as a wrestling coach.

### **How did this document get to the Board of Directors?**

The information contained in the document was determined by CAWA's Coaching Education and Certification Committee in October, 2005. The Coaching Certification Committee is the expert committee providing guidance for CAWA's transition to the new NCCP. As communicated in this document, the committee has determined what would be fair coach certification requirements under the new NCCP and what the timeline for NCCP development should be.

The Coaching Association of Canada has provided input into this document and has approved the information contained within it.

The document was then approved by CAWA's Technical Committee on November 13, 2005 and then approved by CAWA's Executive Committee on December 3, 2005 leading up to the Board approval.

### **How do I read the chart on page one?**

The first row of the chart identifies the '**contexts**' under the new NCCP that wrestling intends to integrate and make sport-specific.

The second row of the chart identifies the '**participant group**' (i.e. age or category of athlete) that fits into each context as per CAWA's Participant Development Model.

The third row identifies the '**level of competition**' that would fit into each context identified. For example, Competition-Introduction coaches would be coaching at provincial events or age group national events, while Competition-Development coaches would be working at Canada Games or senior national events.

The rows that follow, where a date is indicated in the left hand column, contain the '**proposed coach certification requirements**' for new coaches and what the '**equivalent coach certification requirements**' under the old NCCP for experienced coaches is.

If you are having difficulty reading the chart, below is a summary of the coach certification requirements and the equivalencies...

- As of Sept, 2005 onward the following coach certification requirements are in place for the Cadet/Juvenile National Championships (applicable to head & assistant coaches):  
Competition – Introduction Wrestling Trained  
OR  
Full certification at NCCP Level 1 until 2008
- As of Sept, 2005 to Sept, 2007 the following coach certification requirements are in place for the Junior National Championships (applicable to head & assistant coaches):  
Competition – Introduction Wrestling Certified  
OR  
Full certification at NCCP Level 2 until 2008
- As of Sept, 2007 onward the following coach certification requirements are in place for the Junior National Championships (applicable to head & assistant coaches):  
Competition – Development Wrestling In Training  
OR  
Full certification at NCCP Level 3 until 2008
- As of Sept, 2006 onward the following coach certification requirements are in place for the Senior National Championships (applicable to head & assistant coaches):  
Competition – Development Wrestling Certified  
OR  
Full certification at NCCP Level 3 until 2008

Coaches who are currently certified under the old NCCP will maintain and continue to have their certification recognized for national events until the year 2008. As of 2008, the previous education and experience of these coaches will still be taken into account, however, these coaches will be required, as per the minimum standards of the Coaching Association of Canada, to complete some form of professional development in order to be brought over into the new NCCP system. The professional development requirements are yet to be determined by CAWA's

Coaching Education and Certification Committee and yet to be approved by the Coaching Association of Canada.

It is important to note that the new NCCP allows any individual to bypass the coach education training and to move directly into the evaluation phase for Competition-Introduction if they choose. Some individuals may feel that they already have the technical and theoretical knowledge and/or experience required to successfully complete the Competition-Introduction evaluation without taking the Competition-Introduction Part A or Part B courses.

Bypassing the education training and moving straight to evaluation is called 'challenging the evaluation'. Challenging the evaluation is an option for any individual wishing to become a certified Competition-Introduction coach, however it is done at the individual's own risk and successful completion of the evaluation is not guaranteed. The Competition-Introduction Part A and Part B courses are intended to prepare individuals for successful completion of the evaluation.