

Coaching Requirements

Coaches can only take ONE clinic in a given year. If a coach has an expired certification they do not have to start from the beginning. They can attend the next LEVEL (e.g. A coach has an expired LEVEL 1 certification. They can take a LEVEL 2 clinic.)

New Coaches to the Coaching Education Program (CEP) must attend and complete a LEVEL 1 clinic. This LEVEL 1 certification will expire on December 31, 2014. In addition a coach must complete an AGE-SPECIFIC MODULE for each team they are coaching.

A coach that has a LEVEL 1 certification that expires December 31, 2013 must attend and complete a LEVEL 2 clinic. This LEVEL 2 certification will expire on December 31, 2014. In addition a coach must complete an AGE SPECIFIC MODULE for each team they are coaching. **EXEMPTION:** If a coach is only coaching an 8U Mite team they may remain at Level 1 until they move up to an older team. A similar coach can remain at their current level of certification (Level 2 or Level 3) even it has expired. It is the coach's Association that is responsible for monitoring this exemption.

A coach that has a LEVEL 2 certification that expires December 31, 2013 must attend and complete a LEVEL 3 clinic. This LEVEL 3 certification is good for two years and will expire on December 31, 2015. In addition a coach must complete an AGE-SPECIFIC MODULE for each team they are coaching.

A coach that has a LEVEL 3 certification that expires December 31, 2013 has two options:

- o Do the on-line recertification Track 1. This would be good for two years and expires on December 31, 2015.
- o Attend and complete a LEVEL 4 clinic.

A coach with a LEVEL 4 certification does not need to attend another clinic. In addition a coach must complete an AGE-SPECIFIC MODULE for each team they are coaching.

If a coach has recertified twice (Track 1 and Track 2) at LEVEL 3 they must attend and complete a LEVEL 4 clinic. A coach with a LEVEL 4 certification does not have to attend another clinic.

A coach that has a LEVEL 4 certification can obtain a Master Level if they attend a LEVEL 5 clinic when available.

IMPORTANT EXEMPTION: If a coach is coaching a Tier 1 or Tier 2 Midget (16U/18U) National Bound team and currently has a LEVEL 3

certification they must attend and complete a LEVEL 4 clinic in their 4th year in the CEP. If a coach is coaching a Tier 1 Bantam (14U) National Bound team and currently has a LEVEL 3 certification they must attend and complete a LEVEL 4 clinic in their 4th year in the CEP. **NOTE:** A Tier 2 Bantam (14U) coach DOES NOT need to have a LEVEL 4 certification in their 4th year in the CEP. They can follow the guidelines outlined above.

NOTE: All coaches, HEAD and ASSISTANTS (anyone helping to coach the team on the bench or in practice), must be properly certified and complete the age-specific module as outlined above.