

OVA Criteria for PD Point Approval

The Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) may approve club coach development activities for NCCP Maintenance of Certification when they are designed with coaches as the primary learners and delivered by qualified facilitators.

1. Eligibility for OVA-Approved PD Events

OVA will only approve events when:

- The hosting club is in good standing with the OVA (signed Club MOU).
- The session is delivered by an eligible facilitator:
 - OVA coach members who meet eligibility requirements.
 - Active Canadian post-secondary coaches
 - International coaches with a letter of good standing from their federation.
 - NCCP Learning Facilitators or Master Coach Developers.
 - Performance services practitioners who meet CSIO qualification standards.
 - Representatives of recognized provincial or national sport organizations (e.g., Volleyball Canada, other P/TSOs, Multi-Sport Ontario).

If a presenter does not meet the above, OVA reserves the right to review their credentials and determine relevance to advancing coaching in Ontario.

2. Characteristics of OVA-Approved PD Events (Coach-Focused)

- Coach-focused first: the primary audience is coaches, not athletes.
- Educational design: clear objectives, structured agenda, or curriculum.
- Direct instruction for coaches: facilitator addresses coaches directly, even if athletes are used for demonstrations.
- Active engagement: includes discussion, Q&A, group work, or practical application.
- Attendance records are maintained so OVA can verify participation.

Examples: Coach conferences, club-hosted workshops, clinics with guest speakers, or sessions where athletes participate only to support coach learning.

3. Self-Directed PD Activities (Athlete-Focused or Third-Party)

Activities that are primarily designed for athlete training or delivered outside of OVA's approved structure fall under self-directed PD and must be logged individually by coaches in the CAC Locker.

This includes:

- Coach observation/shadowing of team practices.
- First aid / CPR courses.
- Third-party courses (e.g., online or in-person not delivered by an OVA club).
- Other sport-related certifications or professional learning outside the OVA pathway.

Examples: Observing a university practice, taking a first aid course, completing an online coaching webinar from another sport organization.

Coaches may only log a maximum of 3 self-directed PD points per maintenance cycle. Coaches should keep documentation of date, duration, and key learnings or certification achieved.

4. Final Note

- OVA cannot assign points for self-directed activities; these must be logged by coaches themselves.
- Clubs wishing to have an activity pre-approved must ensure
 - The club is in good standing.
 - The presenter is eligible and qualified.
 - The design is coach-focused first