AVOIDING THE COACHING CLIFF

➢ **AGE-SPECIFIC MODULES** must be **COMPLETE** for each age group you are coaching under the new system **before a coach can be put on a roster**. If you are coaching the same age group you do not have to do the modules over again.

  o If a coach has a 10U module and move up to 12U they will need to take the new 10/12U module.
  o If a coach has a 14U module they do not need to do the new 13+ module if the coach is coaching a 14U team.
  o If a coach has a 16/18/19 module and the coach is coaching a 14U team that coach will have to take the 13+ module.
  o A coach does not need to take the 13+ module if the coach has a 16/18/19 module and coaching a 16/18/19 team.
  o **NOTE:** New modules will not be ready until **September 15, 2021**

http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/892966-age-specific-modules

➢ Register as a **COACH** with USA Hockey for the 2021-22 season.

  https://membership.usahockey.com/

➢ Register for a **CLINIC**. The clinic season runs from September to December. Clinics are usually posted by end of July or early August.

  http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/892976-coaching-clinics

➢ **ATTEND** the clinic that you need to stay current by the **December 31 Deadline (Split Season by October 31)**. If you are not sure what clinic you should attend go to the USA Hockey's website Coaches Certification List to check your current certification and the expiration date.

  https://cepsearch.usahockey.com/

➢ Complete the **<u>SAFESPORT CERTIFICATION</u> …** Every year! A coach will start with the SafeSport Core Training which is good for one year. The coach will then take the SafeSport Refresher Training 1 which is good for one year. Then the coach will have to take the SafeSport Refresher Training 2 which is good for one year. At the end of that year the coach will have to take the SafeSport Core Training again and repeat the process.

<p align="center">https://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining</p>

➢ **BACKGROUND CHECK …** Every two years. Check with your Affiliate.