

Please read: 2023-24 Season – Continuing Education Credits

All coaches must enter USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program at Level 1 and must continue their education with a coaching clinic every year until, at a minimum, they achieve Level 4. Coaches of only 8U players, as well as coaches of disabled hockey, may remain at a Level 1 or other certification level, even if expired, until such time as they are coaching any older age level of play or something other than disabled hockey.

Level 1, 2, 3 will be valid for one season; the Level 3 recerts have been removed; Level 1, 2 or 3 will not be able to earn coaching education credits to bank for future use.

Level 4 Update:

As of the 2021-22 season, coaches who obtained a Level 4 are now part of the Continuing Education Path. Their education will be valid for 3 seasons; coach needs to take 5 credits of continuing education to advance the expiration for another next three-year cycle.

Grandfathered Level 4 & 5 coaches; if the coach had their Level 4 or 5 prior to January 1, 2021 and was not a coach on a category Tier I or Tier II roster since that date, are grandfathered into the system and their expiration remains as 12/31/2099. There is no need to participate in the continuing education path.

Continuing Education courses will be provided by the Coaches Section; these could be virtual or in person courses, online videos or goaltending clinics. Additional information on the credit classes will be coming.

The Registry/Admin will include information on the CEP Level as well as how many earned credits a coach has available. This will show in reports, in personnel and in roster views. A coach who is on the continuing education path is required to earn 5 credits before their expiration date; if they earn more than 5 credits once they hit their expiration date all earned credits will go to zero and the expiration will move out to a new expiration date (3 years for Level 4, four years for Level 5). Extra credits over 5 will not carry over.

If a coach reaches the expiration date and does not have 5 credits, they will be redlined on 1/1/YYYY by the Associate or District Registrar and not eligible for that season until they complete the credit requirement. Once the next season starts, the coach would have until 12/31 to earn 5 credits and advance the expiration date. A coach can be on a roster with an expired CEP as they have until 12/31 to take a course or earn the necessary credits; unless your district or affiliate has rules in place that require the CEP to be valid before being placed on a roster.