



**HOCKEY CANADA**  
**NATIONAL COACH CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL STREAM CERTIFICATION SEMINAR**  
**Hockey Canada Offices - Calgary, AB**  
**June 21 - 26, 2026**

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**EVENT: NCCP Instructional Stream Certification Seminar – Calgary, AB**

Hockey Canada will be offering an NCCP **Instructional Stream Certification** Seminar in Calgary, AB. Capacity for the seminar is up to a maximum of 16 delegates.

The emphasis for this seminar is for Skills Coaches who specialize in the following areas:

- 1) Skating / Skills / Developing Defencemen / Shooting & Scoring

Upon completion of the seminar and all related post seminar tasks, delegates will be **certified** as a **Hockey Canada Skills Coach** in the areas above. Certification will be maintained over a 5 year period through Hockey Canada and Member (Branch) requirements.

**Virtual presentations will be held prior to the seminar (schedule to be determined)**

**Seminar Composition (Skills Coach Sample)**

-12 on ice sessions ( Combination of Skills Coaches Only and Skills Coaches with Players )  
-8 off ice classroom sessions, daily group work

1. Day 1 – Introduction / Shinny Game / Social
2. Day 2 – Skating
3. Day 3 - Puck Skills
4. Day 4 – Developing Defencemen
5. Day 5 – Shooting and Scoring

**DELEGATES:**

***Up to 16 Instructional Stream Certification delegates will be accepted for this seminar.***

**Instructional Stream Certification** delegates will be selected by Hockey Canada's Development Department (see application procedures and timelines for more information) for applications submitted directly to the Director, Next Gen Development.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

### ***NCCP Instructional Stream Certification delegates:***

*Applicants to the Seminar must meet the following requirements:*

- Currently working with players at an emerging / high performance level (Male or Female players AA / AAA) or
- Currently working with players of any age as a skills specific coach independent of any team affiliation.
- A member in good standing with the Member (Branch), National Hockey League, Canadian Hockey League, U Sports, Canadian Junior Hockey League or the Canadian College Athletic Association

## **SELECTION GUIDELINES:**

***Applicants should consider the following guidelines when finalizing their application:***

1. The quality of past / current coaching and / or instructional experiences.
2. The reasons for applying to attend the seminar.
3. The potential and ability to complete each evaluation component necessary for certification within the 1 year timeframe.
4. The applicant must be working with players / teams that meet the criteria.
5. The potential of the applicant for future involvement as a Skills Coach in High Performance programs at the Member (Branch) and National levels.

The time commitment for Hockey Canada's **Instructional Stream** program is substantial. Successful candidates will most likely require the full year to complete all of the course components.

## **Delegate Expectations**

***The Delegate should expect the following to ensure successful completion of the program.***

1. Understand the selection criteria, process and evaluation requirements.
2. Submit all requirements as part of the application process.
3. Complete all in seminar and post seminar tasks.
4. Commitment to working with their home Member (Branch) on post seminar tasks including instructing clinics for coaches and assisting with player clinics where applicable.

## **DELEGATE EVALUATION PROCEDURE:**

*All Instructional Stream delegates will be evaluated in the following areas:*

### **Group Leader Evaluation:**

During the course of the seminar, all delegates will participate in a series of group tasks, develop and conduct on-ice practices and participate in other group and individual tasks. Completion of these tasks in accordance with the expectations clearly outlined at the seminar will permit the delegate to move to the second stage of the evaluation - the Post Tasks.

### **Post Tasks:**

Each delegate who successfully completes the group leader evaluation will be given the Post Tasks to complete. Successful completion of the post tasks in accordance with the expectations outlined at the seminar will permit the delegate to move to the third stage of the evaluation - the field evaluation.

### **Field Evaluation:**

Each delegate will be evaluated in the field by a qualified evaluator appointed by Hockey Canada. The field evaluation includes 2 components:

1. The evaluation of a standalone skills session or as part of a team practice
2. A Virtual review (Review of yearly plan, objective demonstration of instruction)

These field evaluation components will take place within a relatively short period of time (1 Year from end of seminar). The skills session on ice will be followed by a Video / Virtual call to review and will conclude the field evaluation.

### **Other requirements:**

Each participating delegate must also satisfy the following requirements:

1. Attendance at all sessions of the seminar,
2. Complete and enthusiastic participation in all group activities.



## APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>	<b><u>Responsibility</u></b>
Dec 02, 2025	Distribution of application form to Member Technical Directors.	Hockey Canada
Dec 09, 2025	Distribution of application package to potential candidates.	Hockey Canada / Technical Directors
Feb 20, 2026	Application deadline for submission to Hockey Canada.	Candidates
Mar 06, 2026	Hockey Canada to confirm selections with Members.	Hockey Canada
Mar 13, 2026	Final decision on applicants.	Hockey Canada
Mar 20, 2026	Email notification to successful delegates.	Hockey Canada Director - Next Gen Development
May 09, 2026	Registration fee due to Hockey Canada. (\$1500.00)	Delegate



## REGISTRATION DETAILS

### Instructional Stream delegates

The registration fee of \$1500.00 (**payable to Hockey Canada**) covers all costs associated with the Instructional Stream seminar including meals, accommodation, on-site ground transportation, program materials and post seminar field evaluations. Delegates are responsible for their own travel to the seminar.