



Squash Nova Scotia

Standard for the Licensing of Coaches

Approved by the Squash Nova Scotia Board of Directors on February 11th, 2020

Preamble

Squash Canada is developing a National Coach Licensing policy which will identify the standards that coaches must comply with to be licensed to coach at events under its jurisdictions or Canadian Teams under its control.

Standard

In the interim, Squash NS has created its own Coaching Licensing Standards, which were approved by the BoD in Feb 2020, that coaches are required to meet by 31 Aug 2021 to be licensed to coach squash by Squash NS:

1. Hold a valid Squash Canada coaching certification by undergoing certification via the coach pathway or challenging via the SC Coach Challenge Process¹ and be registered with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC). Visit '[The Locker](#)' database to create your Coach Profile. It is free to sign up. In order to maintain your certification you may need to take additional courses on a regular basis. You may view your status, what is required and more information here: : <https://coach.ca/maintenance-certification>
2. Have a current competitive membership with Squash NS, the provincial sport governing body for squash <https://novascotia.clublocker.com/login>. This membership provides access to screening resources, subsidized professional development opportunities and liability insurance as well as a listing as a coach on the Squash NS Website, for active coaches. Only Squash NS member coaches have the opportunity of being nominated for SC coaching opportunities, and to coach Squash NS athletes and teams in competition.
3. Meet the requirements of the Squash NS Screening Policy available at <https://nssquash.ca/about/policies-and-regulations/>
4. Agree to abide by the tenets of the Responsible Coaching Movement <https://www.coach.ca/3-steps-to-responsible-coaching-p161376>
5. Know and abide by the Squash Nova Scotia Athlete Protection Policy: <http://nssquash.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2020-10-28-Athlete-Protection-Policy.pdf>

Implementation

Coaches have until 31 August 2021 to meet the criteria in this standard to be licensed to coach squash in Nova Scotia.

Uncertified Coaches

Notwithstanding the above, people who are not licensed may still assist other players in improving their game, however they are not endorsed by Squash NS, are not insured and not eligible to offer programs in Squash NS clubs or coach Squash NS teams and the Squash NS website will indicate that people who employ them do so at their own risk.

¹ **Squash Canada Coach Challenge Process (April 3, 2020 — NEW)** Squash Canada encourages coaches to go through the outlined training and certification process. However, Squash Canada has outlined a process to encourage active coaches who have not yet been certified in the NCCP to potentially bypass certain training requirements and be recognized for prior learning and experience. Coaches are required to fully understand the Coach Pathway and associated training components they would like to challenge based on the athletes they work with as outlined in the [Long-Term Development model](#). Coaches are invited to challenge the evaluation in any of the Coach Pathways linked above. Information and Application Form – [CLICK HERE](#)