

BC Athletics Coaching Education Report to the AGM

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The following National Coaching Certification Courses were conducted in 2008.

Level One or Sport Coach Courses:

March – Port Alberni with 16 participants
 March – Penticton with 12 participants
 June - Prince George with 10 participants
 October – Langley with 14 participants
 December – Kamloops with 9 participants

Level Two or Club Coach courses:

June – Prince George with 2 participants
 September – Victoria with 26 participants
 November – Langley with 12 participants

Level Three NCCP courses:

April – Langley with 11 participants

In all there were 112 people registered in the NCCP courses conducted over this past year.

The courses have been well received and as there is a transition in the National Coaching Certification Program now being implemented there are some changes in the title of the courses with the old Level One becoming known as SPORT COACH and the old Level Two now being named CLUB COACH. Basically the format has changed from being a didactic format to a more interactive one where the participants share their knowledge and experience with the group and the person leading the course acts more as a facilitator rather than a course conductor. Athletics Canada now has new materials available for both Sport Coach and Club Coach courses and soon a new Level Three course will be available.

A question often asked is will the people who previously took the Old NCCP courses still be recognized and the answer is yes. One of the changes that is now expected of coaches is to maintain their certification through some professional development which can occur within a five year time period.

Courses that are coming up will include:

Level 2 or Club Coach in Kamloops
 Level 3 in Langley
 Level one or Sport Coach in Kelowna

All of the course dates will be announced shortly once the Learning Facilitators for each of these courses has been confirmed.