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The following National Coaching Certification Courses were conducted in 2011.

Sport Coach (Level 1) Courses:

April 1-3 in Nanaimo with 13 participants Ron Bunting instructing

May 13-15 in Yellowknife with 13 participants with Ron Bunting instructing

Sept, 16-18 in Langley with Barb Vida and Ron Bunting isunstructing

Club Coach or Level 2 Courses:

April 1-3 in Nanaimo with Al Johnston; Barb Vida and Nick Stoffberg instructing

May 6-8 in Hay River with Barb Vida instructing

Oct. 14-16 in Langley with Barb Vida, Gerry Dragomir, Elena Voloshin and Ron Parker

Level Three or Competition Development NCCP courses:

These courses are now being conducted by Athletics Canada regionally. There will be courses offered beginning in 2012 across Canada.

In all there were 59 people registered in the NCCP courses conducted over this past year.

The courses have been well received as there is with a transition in the National Coaching and Certification Programs. 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. Also, within the new courses Theory Modules are included in the presentations in both the Sport Coach and Club Coach weekends. Athletics Canada now has new materials available for both Sport Coach and Club Coach courses and soon a new Level Three course or Competition Development will be available and will be presented regionally by Athletics Canada National Coaches and trained Regional Learning Facilitators beginning in 2012.

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 by taking some professional development workshops and courses within a five year time period.

Evaluation (Practical) Component:

In order to be certified at any level one must pass an evaluation of your Coaching Capabilities in the following settings:

Training:

- to include a review of the training plans and competition programs of your athlete group
- Competitions:
- at a meet setting

Alternatively you can remain as a Trained Coach and when you feel ready and want to proceed with certification you can arrange for an evaluation. Evaluations are arranged through the BC Athletics Coaching Education Coordinator.

Course Credits and the CAC Database

Issues still exist with the timely entry of course credits on the CAC Database. The forms must be submitted electronically to Athletics Canada who then forwards to CAC. The challenges with the new CAC Database are a significant issue and we understand are being addressed and will be operational in January 2012.

Courses can be arranged through BC Athletics within your area in the province through the office as well you may contact me at the number below.

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