



# 2023 Volleyball Alberta Premier & Provincials Coach Eligibility Requirements

Volleyball Alberta’s Coach Eligibility Requirements (aligned with [Volleyball Canada’s Nationals Coach Eligibility Requirements](#)) are to ensure that all coaches participating in Premier events have the knowledge and training necessary to provide every athlete with a safe, inclusive, and responsible sport experience. PIA Checks should be completed before working with youth.

## Guiding Principles:

All athletes have the right to a NCCP Certified coach.

All coaches have the responsibility to:

- Have the required training to provide an environment that is physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially safe for all athletes and participants.
- Have the required training to be able to provide a responsible learning environment that incorporates VC’s teaching methodologies, technical guidelines, and long-term athlete development principles.
- Ensure that all training is current and updated as required, to be able to provide a safe and responsible sport experience for all.

## Mandatory Eligibility Requirements for Head Coaches in 2023:

Head Coaches listed on any roster must complete the requirements in Section A (below) to be eligible to participate in any Premier series tournament. These requirements are mandatory for all Head Coaches regardless of certification status. For more information on completing these requirements, go [HERE](#).

**DEADLINE:** Roster lock date, as per [the tournament schedule](#)

**SANCTIONS:** Head Coaches who are missing any or all of the requirements in Section A (below) will be ineligible to participate on the bench with their team in a Head Coach capacity and will not be listed on the team roster.

<b>A</b>	<a href="#">Enhanced Police Information Check (EPIC)</a>	\$25	<i>EPIC completed within the last 3 years</i>
	<a href="#">Screening Process</a>	Free	<i>Screening Process completed annually</i>
	<a href="#">Coaches Association of Canada (CAC) Safe Sport Training</a>	Free	<i>Credit will also be given for equivalent programs recognized by Sport Canada, ie Respect in Sport, Activity Leader.</i>
	<a href="#">Making Head Way in Sport eLearning</a>	Free	<i>The Making Head Way eLearning provides coaches with the latest information specific to Concussion Management</i>
	<a href="#">Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation</a>	\$85 or Free	<i>Credit for the Make Ethical Decisions (MED) Online Evaluation is required. Coaches can choose to take the MED NCCP Multi Sport Module and then complete the MED Online Evaluation for free or they can proceed directly to the MED Online Evaluation (without taking the module) for \$85.</i>
	<a href="#">Foundations of Volleyball eLearning</a>	\$89	<i>Foundations of Volleyball eLearning introduces coaches to VC’s teaching methodologies and long-term athlete development principles.</i>

### Mandatory Eligibility Requirements for all Additional Persons in Authority (PIA) in 2023:

All additional Persons in Authority listed on any roster must complete the requirements in Section B (below) to be eligible. In addition to the Head Coach, a Person in Authority includes, but is not limited to, all assistant coaches, team trainers and team managers who are listed on the roster. These requirements are mandatory for all Persons in Authority regardless of certification status. For more information on completing these requirements, go [HERE](#).

**DEADLINE:** Roster lock date, as per [the tournament schedule](#)

**SANCTIONS:** Any Persons in Authority who are missing any or all of the requirements in Section B (below) will be ineligible to participate with their team as a Persons in Authority at that event and will not be listed on the team roster.

<b>B</b>	<a href="#">Enhanced Police Information Check (EPIC)</a>	\$25	<i>EPIC completed within the last 3 years</i>
	<a href="#">Screening Process</a>	Free	<i>Screening Process completed annually</i>
	<a href="#">Coaches Association of Canada (CAC) Safe Sport Training</a>	Free	<i>Credit will also be given for equivalent programs recognized by the CAC, including Respect in Sport, Activity Leader</i>

### Minimum Certification Requirements for 14U-18U Head Coaches at Provincials in 2023:

All Head Coaches listed on any Provincials roster must meet the requirements below for the age category that they are coaching.

**DEADLINE:** March 30, 2023

**SANCTIONS:** For teams attending VC Nationals, Head Coaches who do not meet the requirements outlined below will be subject to the Volleyball Canada \$250 fine, payable prior to participation in that year's Nationals.

For teams not attending VC Nationals, Head Coaches who do not meet the requirements outlined below, will be fined \$250, payable prior to participation in that year's Provincials.

<b>14U 15U 16U</b>	<p>In addition to complete the Mandatory Requirements, all coaches participating as a Head Coach at a 14U, 15U or 16U Provincials for the <b>first time</b> are required to have successfully completed a <a href="#">DEVELOPMENT COACH WORKSHOP</a>.</p> <p>In addition to complete the Mandatory Requirements, all coaches participating as a Head Coach at a 14U, 15U or 16U Provincials for the <b>second time or more</b> (does not need to be consecutive years) are required to have <a href="#">CERTIFIED DEVELOPMENT COACH</a> status.</p>
<b>17U 18U</b>	<p>In addition to complete the Mandatory Requirements, all coaches participating as a Head Coach at a 17U or 18U Provincials for the <b>first time</b> are required to have successfully completed an <a href="#">ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT COACH (INDOOR) WORKSHOP</a>.</p> <p>In addition to complete the Mandatory Requirements, all coaches participating as a Head Coach at a 17U or 18U Provincials for the <b>second time or more</b> (does not need to be consecutive years) are required to have <a href="#">CERTIFIED ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT COACH</a> status.</p>
<p><b>IMPORTANT NOTE:</b> Head Coaches who have achieved <i>Certified</i> status in their appropriate context are still required to complete the mandatory requirements in Section A (above) and maintain <i>Active</i> status in the NCCP Locker. Please refer to <i>Volleyball Canada's NCCP Certification Maintenance Guide</i> on how to remain <i>Active</i>.</p>	

### **Process for Persons in Authority with Incomplete Mandatory Requirements:**

At each tournament roster lock deadline, any leader on a roster who has incomplete Mandatory Requirements will be notified of their status, removed from the roster, and sanctioned accordingly. Volleyball Alberta will not accept submissions for mandatory requirements after the roster lock deadline if the team has at least one eligible leader on the roster. Eligible leaders will not be notified of their status. A team must have one eligible leader on the roster to compete in Premiers and Provincials.

### **Contingency Planning**

Volleyball Alberta recommends that teams have at least two leaders in attendance at events in order to maintain the [Rule of Two Safe Sport](#) principle. Teams with only 1-2 leaders on a roster should also consider a contingency plan should those leaders be unable to participate in an event for any reason (illness, eligibility, etc.) such as:

1. Identify and connect with another coach within your club who could be added to the roster.
2. Identify a parent who could register with Volleyball Alberta as a Person in Authority (2023 Leader: Assistant Coach, Manager, or Trainer) and complete the Mandatory Requirements (Section B).

**In a case where a team does not have any eligible leaders at the roster lock deadline**, a Person in Authority on the roster (not the Head Coach) will have the first opportunity to accept a deadline extension to complete their Mandatory Requirements (Section B). If this is not possible, the head coach will be offered an extension to complete their Mandatory Requirements (Section A). If this is also not possible, the team is required to submit a late roster addition of an eligible coach or other leader who has completed their Mandatory Requirements (Section B).