

2025 Hockey Alberta Coach Qualification Matrix

IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
Respect in Sport (RIS) – Activity Leader	Must be completed prior to registration to a team (cannot be on ice without valid RIS). Must renew every 4 years.
November 15	Deadline for coaches to have qualifications complete (except Respect in Sport – please see above). The team is ineligible to compete after this date if Coach requirements are not fulfilled.
Assistant Coach	Highly recommended to obtain training of what is required for Head Coach at the applicable level.
Checking Skills	Highly recommended training for U9 coaches.
Development 1 & High Performance 1	Coaches must be Trained by November 15 of the current season; and then Certified by November 15 of the following season to remain eligible. Example: Coach takes HP1 in 2023 (Trained). They have until November 15, 2024 to become Certified .
	Trained = attended classroom session Certified = passed all post-task evaluations

Intro to Hockey Qualifications by Age Level

	Who requires qualification	Required Online Clinics	Required In-Person Clinics	Safety Clinic	RIS Activity Leader	Other Notes/ Recommendations
U7	1 Coach per 10 Players	Hockey Canada Coach 1 & U7 Player Pathway	Hockey Alberta – Coach 1 – Intro to Hockey	1 Coach per 10 Players	All Team Officials	
U9	1 Coach per 10 Players	Hockey Canada Coach 1 & U9 Player Pathway	Hockey Alberta – Coach 1 – Intro to Hockey	1 Coach per 10 Players	All Team Officials	Hockey Canada Skills – Checking Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking

Minor Leagues Qualifications by Age & Category Level (Including Female)

	Who requires qualification	Required Online Clinics	Required In-Person Clinics	Safety Clinic	RIS Activity Leader	Other Notes/ Recommendations
U11 All Tiers Including U11 AA	Head Coach	1) Hockey Canada Coach 2 & U11 Player Pathway 2) Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Hockey Alberta – Coach 2 – Minor Leagues 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	
U13 All Tiers	Head Coach	1) Hockey Canada Coach 2 & U13 Player Pathway 2) Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Hockey Alberta – Coach 2 – Minor Leagues 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	Development 1 if the following criteria have been met 1) Coaching at the U13 Tier 1 level 2) All required clinics have been completed
U15 All Tiers	Head Coach	1) Hockey Canada Coach 2 & U15/18 Player Pathway 2) Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Hockey Alberta – Coach 2 – Minor Leagues 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	Development 1 if the following criteria have been met 1) Coaching at the U15 Tier 1 level 2) All required clinics have been completed
U18 All Tiers	Head Coach	1) Hockey Canada Coach 2 & U15/18 Player Pathway 2) Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Hockey Alberta – Coach 2 – Minor Leagues 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	

AA Qualifications by Age Level (including Female)

	Who Requires Qualification	Required Online Clinics	Required In-Person Clinics	Safety Clinic	RIS Activity Leader	Other Notes/ Recommendations
U13 Including U13 AAA	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Development 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	If a Coach possesses High Performance 1: eligible and do not need to take Development 1.
U15	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Development 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	If a Coach possesses High Performance 1: eligible and do not need to take Development 1.
U16	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Development 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	If a Coach possesses High Performance 1: eligible and do not need to take Development 1.
U18	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) Development 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	If a Coach possesses High Performance 1: eligible and do not need to take Development 1.

AAA & Accredited Schools Qualifications by Age Level (including Female)

	Who Requires Qualification	Required Online Clinics	Required In-Person Clinics	Safety Clinic	RIS Activity Leader	Other Notes/ Recommendations
U15	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) High Performance 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	
U17	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) High Performance 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	
U18	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) High Performance 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	
Accredited Schools	Head Coach	Hockey Canada Skills - Checking	1) High Performance 1 2) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Principles of Checking	One Team Official	All Team Officials	These requirements are for ALL levels of play in the Accredited Schools system.

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Junior Qualifications by Category Level (including Female)

	Who Requires Qualification	Required Online Clinics	Required In-Person Clinics	Safety Clinic	RIS Activity Leader	Other Notes/ Recommendations
A	Head Coach		High Performance 1	One Team Official	All Team Officials	Respect In Sport required if Minor Aged athlete registered/ affiliated with team. Checking Skills (online and in person) highly recommended
B				One Team Official	All Team Officials	Respect In Sport required if Minor Aged athlete registered/ affiliated with team.
C				One Team Official	All Team Officials	Respect In Sport required if Minor Aged athlete registered/ affiliated with team.
Female				One Team Official	All Team Officials	Respect In Sport required if Minor Aged athlete registered/ affiliated with team.

Senior Qualifications by Category Level

	Who Requires Qualification	Required Online Clinics	Required In-Person Clinics	Safety Clinic	RIS Activity Leader	Other Notes/ Recommendations
Male				One Team Official	All Team Officials	Respect In Sport required if Minor Aged athlete registered/ affiliated with team.
Female				One Team Official	All Team Officials	Respect In Sport required if Minor Aged athlete registered/ affiliated with team.