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Links between the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) and the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program

Background on the General Principles of Coaching

The “Beginning Coaching General Principles” has been developed as the entry level for coaches within the NCAS (Note: this course replaces the old Level 1 Coaching Principles course during 2005/06). The ASC has a number of agencies that deliver the general principles modules. It should be noted that completion of the general principles alone does not provide a coaching accreditation. Completion of all sport specific requirements stipulated by the National Sporting organisation (NSO) is needed to gain accreditation.

Background on the Community Coach Training Program (CCTP)

In order to ensure the quality of the coaching provided to children within the AASC program, the ASC has developed a training program for all deliverers of the AASC program, entitled “Community Coach Training Program”. All deliverers are required to undertake this program (or demonstrate that they already hold the competencies of the CCTP).

Recognition between the Beginning Coaching General Principles and the Community Coach training program

The Beginning Coaching General Principles and the AASC Community Coach training program are very closely aligned. The modules for each program are as follows:

Beginning Coaching General Principles

Module 1 - Role of the Coach
Module 2 - Planning & Reviewing
Module 3 - Risk Management
Module 4 - The Coach in Action
Module 5 - Athlete Development

Community Coach Training Program

Module 1 - AASC Program Overview
Module 2 - Communication and Behaviour Management
Module 3 - Safe Environments
Module 4 - Nutrition and Well Being
Module 5 - Planning, preparing, delivering and reviewing
Playing for Life activity sessions

Recognition between the two programs:

- Coaches who have completed the AASC Community Coach Training Program will receive automatic recognition for all the modules in the Beginning Coaching General Principles. This is stated on the CCTP certificate.
- Coaches who have completed the Beginning Coaching General Principles will receive recognition for the following modules in the AASC Community Coach Training Program:
 - Module 2 – Communication and Behaviour Management
 - Module 3 – Safe Environments
 - Module 4 – Nutrition and Well BeingCoaches will not receive recognition for Module 1 - AASC Program Overview or Module 5 - Planning, Preparing, Delivering and Reviewing *Playing for Life* Activity Sessions, as they will not have previously covered all of the outcomes required by the AASC CCTP.

The question and answers on the following page provide further information regarding recognition with other aspects of the NCAS

Will AASC Community Coaches receive recognition for a Sport Specific accreditation (eg. a Level 1 basketball accreditation)?

Partially. It is recommended to National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) that coaches who have completed the AASC Community Coach program receive recognition for the general principles component. NSOs will still require them to complete additional sport specific units and assessment in order to be accredited.

Can accredited coaches (eg. a Level 1 basketball coach) receive recognition for the AASC Community Coach program?

Partially. Accredited coaches will receive recognition for the following AASC modules

- Module 2 – Communication and Behaviour Management
- Module 3 – Safe Environments
- Module 4 – Nutrition and Well Being

Coaches will not receive recognition for Module 1 - AASC Program Overview. Coaches *might* receive recognition for Module 5 - Planning, Preparing, Delivering and Reviewing *Playing for Life* Activity Sessions, depending on whether their sport covers the same outcomes as in the AASC program. This would need to be considered by the AASC program on a case by case basis, when compared with the NSOs coach accreditation training programs. The AASC has a 'Recognition of Current Competencies' process in place for those people who wish to apply for credit for this module. Further information can be obtained from

www.ausport.gov.au/aasc/deliverers/competencies.asp

Will the Community Coach program be recognised as an NCAS accreditation on its own?

No, the Community Coach program will not be recognised as a stand alone NCAS accreditation, as the NCAS operates under a sport specific system of accreditation.

Will AASC Community Coaches be entered on to the NCAS database?

No, a separate AASC database will be maintained for Community Coach program records. An AASC Community Coach will only be entered onto the NCAS database if they achieve a sport specific coaching accreditation.

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