

Coaches Education System (CES) Plan



- **What is a certified coach?**
 - *A Coach who has gone through formal training to learn basic and advanced coaching techniques in a particular sport, or a particular area of focus (e.g., Coaching Special Olympics Athletes, Principles of Coaching, etc.).*
- **Who should become certified?**
 - *Any Coach (Head or Assistant) who wants to learn how to coach Special Olympics or expand their knowledge in the sport or area of focus.*
- **Why become certified?**
 - *Increased quality of coaching for athletes*
 - *Expanded knowledge of Special Olympics and coaching*
 - *Recognition – Certificate and Recognition from CEO, Sport Lapel Pin, and other incentives*
 - *Increased privileges at Regional and Championship Competitions and will be required in future years (revised timelines)**

**See following page*

Areas of Focus - Revised December 2017

- Level 2 Courses with an emphasis on the new online **Coaching Special Olympics Athletes (CSOA)** course.
- **New online Unified Sports course.**
- Re-Definition of CES Levels (See Page 3).
- Increased offerings of Online Certification and Re-Certification Courses.
- **2018 Certification Requirements**
- **New Coaches Education website - SONC and SONV**
- Sport-specific courses will still be offered as Level 2 Certifications or Re-Certifications.
- Coaches may re-certify (within one year of a current certification expiring) via several methods (See Page 3).
- Future offerings of Level 3 (advanced) Courses.
- Streamlined Coach and Unified Partner Application Process (online application form and combined online trainings).

Timeline for Recommendations & Requirements for Level 2 or 3 Certification

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	2016-17	2018	2019 & Beyond
Coach at Regional Competitions	<u>Recommended</u> One Coach per Program*	<u>Required</u> One Coach per Team**	<u>Required</u> One Coach per Team**
Coach at Championship Competitions	<u>Recommended</u> One Coach per Program*	<u>Required</u> One Coach for Each Sport per Program*	<u>Required</u> for All Coaches
Submit Protest at Regional Competitions	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Required</u>
Submit Protest at Championship Competitions	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Required</u>
Coach at World Games Competitions	<u>Required</u> (SOI Rule)	<u>Required</u> (SOI Rule)	<u>Required</u> (SOI Rule)
Coach at USA Games Competitions	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Required</u>

**Program* is defined as a Volunteer Area, County, or Group of Teams (i.e., Oakland Lions, Oakland Tigers and Oakland Bears)

***Team* is defined as one roster of athletes at a competition

How to Become Certified or Re-Certified – Revised December 2016

- 1) Do one of the following:
 - Complete the requirements listed on Page 3
 - Coach at College Level or above in a Sport
 - Conduct a CES Clinic (see bit.ly/SONC-SONV-CES-App for Requirements, Job Description and Application)
 - Re-certify within one year of expiration
- 2) Submit [CES Application](#) within 60 Days of Clinic (some online courses and re-certifications do not require an application)
 - *Certifications are valid for three years from the date of the training*
 - *To become or remain certified, must have and maintain current Registered Volunteer status with SONC/SONV and be at least 16 years old*
 - *Approved online courses are reimbursable by SONC/SONV (must show proof of completion)*

Coaches Education System Options

Level 1

- Required of all Coaches, Unified Partners and GMT (Both items are required):
 - 1) Volunteer and Unified Partner Application (www.VolunteerForSONC.org or www.VolunteerForSONV.org)
 - 2) Online General Orientation, Concussion Trainings and Online Protective Behaviors (www.VolunteerForSONC.org or www.VolunteerForSONV.org)

Required in order to receive any higher level certifications or re-certifications

Level 2

- Initial Certification (Any of the following may be completed for certification):
 - 1) [SONC/SONV Coaching Special Olympics Athletes \(CSOA\) Course and Quiz - Online](#)
 - 2) Sport-Specific Clinic – Online (cost reimbursable by SONC/SONV) or In-Person Course
 - 3) [Unified Sports Clinic Course](#) - **NEW!**
 - 4) Proof of current status as a Coach at the College Level or above in a Sport
 - 5) Conduct SONC/SONV Coaches Education In-Person Clinic (see bit.ly/SONC-SONV-CES-App for Clinician Requirements, Job Description and Application)

Level 1 Requirements must be met and kept current

- Re-Certification (Any of the following must be completed within one year of the expiration date):
 - 1) [SONC/SONV CSOA Course Quiz - Online](#)
 - 2) Sport-Specific Course Quiz (must be the same sport as the expiring certification) - Online
 - 3) Any Level 2 Initial Certification option listed above

Level 1 Requirements must be met and kept current

Level 3

- Initial Certification (Any of the following may be completed for certification):
 - 1) Principles of Coaching (POC) Course
 - 2) Games Management Team (GMT) Course
 - 3) Officials Course
 - 4) Additional Courses as Approved by SONA and SONC/SONV
 - *Courses listed above may be offered online (reimbursable) or in-person*
 - *Level 1 and 2 Requirements must be met and kept current*
- Re-Certification (Any of the following may be completed within one year of the expiration date):
 - 1) Principles of Coaching (POC) Course Quiz
 - 2) Games Management Team (GMT) Course Quiz
 - 3) Officials Course Quiz
 - 4) Any Level 3 Initial Certification option listed above

Level 1 and 2 Requirements must be met and kept current

Please visit www.sonc.org/coacheseducation for a full listing of options for Northern California.

Please visit www.sonv.org/coaches-education for a full listing of options for Nevada.