

# National Coach Accreditation Policy.

TYPE OF POLICY	Participation
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POLICY OWNER	Participation and Game Development
POLICY CONTACT	NRL General Manager – Game Development and Education

## A. REASON FOR POLICY

The intent of this policy is for coaches to develop the theoretical and practical skills required to deliver optimal outcomes in the coaching of players in the game of Rugby League.

## B. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is designed to ensure all coaches have a current coaching accreditation for the season in which they are coaching.

## C. SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all persons intending to fulfil any function of coaching a team in the game of Rugby League or League Tag within an affiliated club.

## D. DEFINITIONS

NATIONAL COACH ACCREDITATION COURSE	Coach Accreditation courses provided by the NRL that are the minimum requirement to coach Rugby League teams in Australia.
COMMUNITY COACH ELEARNING	eLearning modules that are required for coaches to begin coaching at their respective age groups

COMMUNITY COACH WORKSHOPS	Face to Face Workshop that is the second step to receiving a 4 year community coach accreditation for an age group
LEAGUE TAG COACHING	an additional eLearning module for League Tag coaches after completing the required age group specific courses.

## E. POLICY HISTORY

PARTICIPATION POLICY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	VERSION	RELEASE DATE	AUTHOR
P010	1.0	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	National Participation Policy Committee
P010	2.0	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2019	National Participation Policy Committee
P010	3.0	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	NRL General Manager – Game Development and Education

### 1.0. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the courses that are required to be completed under the Australian Rugby League Commission for those who intend to coach a Rugby League or League Tag team.

### 2.0. SCOPE

- i. All coaches are required to complete the relevant entry-level coaching course to coach a Rugby League team. Those coaches whose accreditation has expired, but who have previously completed a recognised course, will be required to complete the relevant reaccreditation process.
- ii. All Coaches must have appropriate Child Safety clearances and provide proof of such to their local club and relevant governing body.

### 3.0. COACHING COURSES

An entry-level coach must complete the course that directly relates to the age group they are coaching.

These courses are:

- I. Community Coach (6-7s) designed for coaches of players aged 6-7
- II. Community Coach (8-9s) designed for coaches of players aged 8-9
- III. Community Coach (10-12s) designed for coaches of players aged 10-12
- IV. Community Coach (13-15s) designed for coaches of players aged 13-15
- V. Community Coach (16-18s) designed for coaches of players aged 16-18
- VI. Community Coach (19s+) designed for coaches of players aged 19s and above

If a coach wishes to coach multiple age groups, they must obtain the accreditation that is relevant to each age. For example, if a coach is coaching an under 7s team and an under 15s team, they require the following accreditations

- Community Coach (6-7s)
- Community Coach (13-15s)

\*League Tag coaches are required to complete the Coaching League Tag module in addition to the relevant age group specific course.

#### 4.0. OLD ACCREDITATION

Any coach who holds a current qualification under the previous course structure will continue to have that accreditation recognised until it expires.

Modified Games Coaches (MGC) can still coach any age group between under **6's and under 12's**. International Games Coaches (IGC) can still coach any age groups from under 13's and above. Club Coaches (CC), Senior Club Coaches (SCC), or High Performance Coaches (HPC) can still coach all age groups.

#### 5.0. COURSE STRUCTURE

The Community Coach courses require the participant to complete the following:

- a. Complete the relevant age-specific online modules and assessment questions. The online modules have been designed to equip Coaches with the necessary knowledge to begin working with the players in training and games.
- b. Full accreditation is attained by attending the relevant age category Face-to-Face Workshop.

#### 6.0. NON-COMPLIANCE

District, Divisions, Groups, Leagues and State specific rules around non-compliance are enforceable.

Coach's must have gained full accreditation prior to the close of business on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June for that year.

## 7.0. RE-ACCREDITATION

Any coach who holds one of the following accreditations may complete a re-accreditation to transfer to a new community coach accreditation.

- Modified Games Coaches will be able to complete a re-accreditation for the following age groups (6-**7's**, **8-9's** and/or 10-**12's**). After completion of the age specific course, they will receive the Community Coach accreditation for a period of 4 years.
- International Games Coaches will be able to complete a re-accreditation for the following age groups (13-**15's**, **16-18's**, and/or 19s+). After completion of the age specific course, they will receive that Community Coach accreditation for a period of 4 years.
- Club Coaches will be able to complete a re-accreditation for the following age groups (6-**7's**, **8-9's**, **10-12's**, **13-15's**, **16-18's**, and/or 19s+). After completion of any age specific course, they will receive a Community Coach accreditation for that exact qualification, valid for a period of 4 years.

**For example: If a Club Coach is coaching under 9's, they** are required to complete the re-accreditation of the 8-**9's** and they will become a Community Coach (8-**9's**) valid for a period of 4 years.