



# Golf's National Coaching Certification Program



\*Certification is valid for no longer than 5 years and professional development is required to maintain certification.

There are five NCCP core competencies within each of the PGA of Canada's NCCP contexts

## COACH AND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

The National Coaching Certification Program certifies coaches and instructors who have demonstrated their ability to apply critically important competencies to coaching and instructing situations relevant to the stage of athletes they coach. This means that coaches must not only know about coaching but be able to demonstrate their ability to apply this knowledge in the coaching and instructing situation.

### COMMUNITY SPORT

Community Golf Coach (Community Sport – Initiation) has been designed for the community golf coach who is, or would like to, work with children or youth and is introducing the basic skills of golf. The overall goal of this workshop is to help prepare coaches to be competent in the skills required by a community coach. This 2-day workshop, which includes a half day of outdoor activities, is a great opportunity for coaches to reflect on their current understandings of children, junior golf, and the environments children want to participate in.

### COMPETITION

Coach of New Competitors (Competition – Introduction) is designed for coaches working with athletes in the Introduction to Competition and Learn to Compete stages of LTPD and will focus on the differences between instructing and coaching.

Coach of Developing Competitors (Competition Development) is designed for coaches for coaches of athletes ranging from the Learn to Compete and Train Compete stages of long term player development for golf.

Coach of High Performers (Competition – High Performance) context is typically reserved for coaches of athletes in the Compete to Win stage of long-term athlete development although there is the possibility of some phasing in of a Train to Compete athlete into the High Performance level because of the fluidity of the stages of long-term athlete development. Coaches in this context require specific skills and abilities in order to meet the needs of their athletes. *This context is currently under the review.*

### INSTRUCTION

Instructors in the Instructor of Beginner Golfers, Instructor of Intermediate Golfers and Instructor of Advanced Golfers context are usually working with participants who are experiencing the sport for the first time through a series of lessons. Typically there's no formalized competition at this level — it's strictly about skill development and there is a short timeframe of interaction between the instructor and the participant.

Instructors in the Instructor of Intermediate Golfers and Instructor of Advanced Golfers performers contexts are very specialized and are specifically there to assist golfers crossing over from competitive sport to gain enhanced skills, and in some cases, tactical development specific to their sport.