



WHAT LEVEL OF CERTIFIED COACH DO I NEED FOR MY PROGRAM/FACILITY?



TPA Certified Coaches are trained for various roles within the tennis industry. Their training is targeted to be effective when working with players at specific levels and to implement and/or lead programs at different levels of development.

Note: When TPA Certified Coaches fulfill all their requirements, they are granted 'Active' status. All 'active' coaches have signed a declaration of good character and have safe sport education, a police background check, and liability insurance.

Minimum age and experience to be certified at that level?					
INSTRUCTOR	CLUB PRO 1	CLUB PRO 2	CLUB PRO 3	COACH 2	COACH 3
16 years old No previous experience required	17 years old 150 hours of group tennis teaching	20 years old 2 years at year-round facility OR 5 years at a seasonal facility	21 years old 5 years full-time at a year-round facility as a Coach 2 or Club Pro 2	20 years old Experience with developing U12 provincially ranked players	21 years old Current experience working year-round with U14 national players or top U16 and U18 provincial competitive players

Qualified to work with players at?						
	INSTRUCTOR	CLUB PRO 1	CLUB PRO 2	CLUB PRO 3	COACH 2	COACH 3
Introduction level (1.0-2.0)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recreation level (2.5-3.5)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Competitive Regional (3.5-5.0)			✓	✓	✓	✓
Competitive Provincial (5.0+)					✓	✓
Competitive National (5.5+)						✓

Are coaches trained to assist or lead the program or are not trained (N/T) for that program?						
	INSTRUCTOR	CLUB PRO 1	CLUB PRO 2	CLUB PRO 3	COACH 2	COACH 3
Summer Junior Introduction Camps/Programs running an individual court	lead	lead	lead	lead	lead	lead
Summer Junior Recreational Camps/Programs leading multiple courts and coaches	assist	lead	lead	lead	lead	lead
U10 Red-Orange-Green Program (year-round)	assist	assist	lead	lead	lead	lead
U12 Development Program (year-round)	N/T	assist	lead	lead	lead	lead
High Performance Junior Academy (year-round)	N/T	assist	assist	assist	assist	lead
University team	N/T	N/T	lead	lead	lead	lead
Adult introduction programs (year-round)	lead	lead	lead	lead	lead	lead
Adult recreation programs (2.5-3.5)	assist	lead	lead	lead	lead	lead
Private lessons (*according to levels above)	N/T	lead	lead	lead	lead	lead

Off-court skills and abilities coaches are trained for						
	INSTRUCTOR	CLUB PRO 1	CLUB PRO 2	CLUB PRO 3	COACH 2	COACH 3
Planning a session	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Organizing league/tournament play		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Planning a series of sessions			✓	✓	✓	✓
Customer service		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basic tennis facility operations			✓	✓	✓	✓
Recruiting & interviewing				✓		
Financial & budgeting skills for tennis program			✓	✓	✓	✓
Leading a tennis facility				✓		
Facility programming			✓	✓	✓	✓
Conflict resolution		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Staff supervision and development				✓		

Note: Coach 4 and Coach 5 certifications are intended for coaches working with top 100 players on the international junior circuit or top 100 players on the ATP/WTA circuits

