Continuing Education Framework

In order to keep coaching certification status current, a continuing education requirement must be fulfilled prior to the expiration date of a coach's certification. **It is the coach’s responsibility to maintain and submit their Continuing Education requirements to the Sport Education office before their certification expires.**

Continuing Education Requirements By Certification Level:

- **Level 100** 8 Credits 2 years
- **Level 200** 8 Credits 2 Years
- **Level 300** 8 Credits 2 years
- **Level 400** 8 Credits 2 years

One Hour of engagement is equivalent to one credit.

**The countdown for continuing education credit submission begins on May 1st after the year that certification was accomplished. From this date, coaches have two years (Until May 1st two years later) to complete their continuing education requirements.**

For example: If a coach receives certification in February of 2020, their certification is valid until May 1st of 2023. A minimum of eight continuing education credits must be completed by this time.

The Sport Education Department will only accept eight continuing education credits in a two year cycle. Coaches are commended for completing more than eight credits, but the department will only accept proof of eight credits per cycle.

Continuing Education Opportunities:

**Available to All Coaches**

- Attend a US Ski & Snowboard Coaching Conference (Minimum One Day) 8 Credits
- Attend US Ski & Snowboard Club Excellence Conference (Minimum One Day) 8 Credits
- Attend your Sport Committee meeting at US Ski and Snowboard Spring Congress 2 Credits
- Complete PSIA/AASI clinics, certification, accreditation or educational event 1 Hour equals 1 Credit
- Complete a PSIA/AASI Children's Specialist clinic and exam 8 Credits
- Complete the Sport Specific Online Modules in a different US Ski & Snowboard Sport 4 Credits

**Available to Level 100 Coaches or Above Only**

- Complete a Sport Specific US Ski and Snowboard eLearning Continuing Education Course 4 Credits
- Complete a General US Ski and Snowboard eLearning Continuing Education Module 1 Credit per Topic
- Complete US Ski & Snowboard Officials Certification 4 Credits
Available to Level 200 Coaches or Above Only
● Attendance at a National Coaches Academy 8 Credits
● Coach at a US Ski and Snowboard Development Camp- Regional or National level (Pending Evaluation) 8 Credits
● Complete SkillsQuest Evaluator Accreditation training 4-8 Credits
● Complete a pre-approved coach certification in a sport outside of US Ski & Snowboard (Soccer, IMBA, Gymnastics, PSIA etc.) 4 Credits

Available to Level 300 and 400 Coaches Only
● Lead a L100 or L200 Clinic (Approved Coach Developers only) 8 Credits
● Coach Forum Moderator (Approved Coach Developers only) (Pending evaluation of interaction and quality of responses) 8 Credits
● Coach at Junior World Championships, YOG or EYOF 8 Credits
● Coach at World Cup of other elite level international competition 8 Credits
● Assist the Sport Education Department in creating curriculum (Contact Coach Development Manager - Chris Packert) 4-8 Credits
● Presenting at a Sport Education sanctioned event (See Addendum) Varies
● Complete a sports management, sport science, sport medicine, biomechanics, or coaching course pre-approved by US Ski & Snowboard Sport Education 1 Hour Per Credit
● Participation in educational clinics or events hosted by the following organizations specifically for the purpose of coach education generally count as continuing education:
  ● US Ski and Snowboard regions
  ● PSIA/AASI
  ● USOPC
  ● Partner organizations- USASA, CXC, NENSA, etc.

In a few cases the organizer will send attendees’ names directly to US Ski & Snowboard for credit, but it is the responsibility of the coach to confirm or report their activity to US Ski & Snowboard Sport Education using the request form below.

Events not counting toward continuing education credits include First Aid/CPR re-certifications or updates and US Ski & Snowboard officials training and continuing education. Coaching continuing education is in addition to the requirements to keep these current. Internal club training generally does not count toward continuing education unless pre-approved by US Ski and Snowboard Sport Education.

Once a coach has completed their continuing education requirements for the period, their certification will become active again at the previous level attained.

For approval of Continuing Education credit, please fill out this Continuing Education Request Form email sporteducation@usskiandsnowboard.org for any questions.