



MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD) POINTS



Certified coaches need to accumulate a certain amount of Professional Development points within a **5-year cycle** to maintain their **CERTIFIED** status. At this time, PD does not apply to Levels 4 or 5.

The number of points required is context specific.

AquaGo! Instructor:	TBA
Competition Introduction:	20 PD points
Competition Development:	30 PD points

The 5-year cycle begins on January 1st after a coach achieves certified status. Coaches who are not certified are not eligible to earn points.

Recording Points:

- Points earned for attending synchro-specific events hosted by Synchro Canada (example: Conventions, summits, etc.) will be recorded by Canada Artistic Swimming.
- Points earned for attending events through the CAC or through other sport partners, such as the Alberta Sport Connection, will be recorded by the respective organizations.
- All other learning opportunities are to be self-reported on your profile in The Locker.

Points Eligibility:

- Each year of active coaching is worth one point.
- NCCP events are worth 5 PD Points each (examples: eLearning modules such as Making Head Way, Multi-sport workshops such as Fundamental Movement Skills). Certified coaches are automatically credited with these points in The Locker when they take an NCCP Workshop.
- Partner-delivered non-NCCP events (ie. Synchro-specific events) are worth 1 to 3 points, depending on length of time (ie. 1hr = 1 point, 2hrs = 2 points, 3+hrs = 3 points.)
- Synchro-specific events **hosted by the provinces** (ie. provincial conferences, coaching seminars, etc.).
- Events hosted by other organizations such as Sport Councils, Educational Institutions or Club may also be eligible for PD points.

EARNING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PD) POINTS

Coaches can earn a maximum of 50% of their required points via multi-sport opportunities and the remaining points via sport specific opportunities. The following is how earning your points breaks down:

	Breakdown over five years		Breakdown per year	
	Multi-Sport points/5 years	Multi-Sport points/5 years	Multi-Sport average/year	Multi-Sport average/year
AquaGo! (TBA)	Max of 5 points/5 years	5 points/5 years	1 point/year	1 point/year
Comp. Intro. (20)	10 points/5 years	10 points/5 years	2 points/year	2 points/year
Comp. Dev. (30)	15 points/5 years	15 points/5 years	3 points/year	3 points/year

If you have not earned your points by your respective deadline then your status will change to “not-renewed”.

Coaches can earn one point per year just for actively coaching. In addition to that they will have to seek outside education to receive the rest of their points. See above for where these breakdown of points can come from.

Earning Multi-Sport Points:

Check out the Professional Development Points page under the Coach Training/Certification page on the Synchro Alberta website for links to multi-sport opportunities.

It is the coach’s responsibility to inform Synchro Alberta of their participation in a multi-sport (or non-sport specific) session. Synchro Alberta has specific timelines and information for coaches to follow in order to get approval to earn points as outlined above.

For more information on Maintenance of Certification and a list of FAQ’s for coaches, please visit <http://coach.ca/maintenance-of-certification-s16745>.