

## EQUIVALENCY AND ACCELERATION CLAUSE

Tennis Canada's Equivalency and Acceleration Clause allows experienced pros, coaches and former players the possibility of accessing our certification programs at more advanced levels. Please read below to see if you are eligible.

### **Equivalency:**

Equivalency allows experienced Pros and Coaches to earn the equivalent of Tennis Canada's entry level Instructor Course if they have at least three years of full time teaching experience. In order to attain that level, they are required to attend a Half-Day Mini Course.

Applicants must:

- 1) Send an application to their Provincial Tennis Association
- 2) Include a letter, resume and complete documentation outlining credentials

The Provincial Association will:

- 1) Advise each applicant as to his or her status
- 2) Notify Tennis Canada where Tennis Instructor equivalency is granted

### **Acceleration:**

Acceleration allows pros, coaches and former high level players to skip to a higher level based on coaching, professional experience and/or playing experience. Upon **successful** completion of the Acceleration Course, the individual will then receive additional credit for the preceding levels. Prior to attending the course to which they are accelerated, all candidates are required to attend a Half-Day Mini Course for **each** level over which they are accelerated. Applicants must:

- 1) Send applications to the Coaching Department:  
Tennis Canada  
c/o Marie-France Mercier  
285 rue Gary-Carter  
Montreal, Quebec  
H2R2W1  
[mfmercier@tenniscanada.com](mailto:mfmercier@tenniscanada.com)
- 2) Include a letter, resume, and complete playing, coaching, professional experience and certification documentation along with application.

**Note:** It is the responsibility of the applicant to supply all relevant information in order to assist Tennis Canada in making their decision.

Upon receipt of the application, Tennis Canada will notify both the individual and the Provincial Tennis Association of his or her status and next steps..

## Equivalency and Acceleration Requirements

Who	Instructor Equivalency	Club Pro 1 Acceleration	Club Pro 2 Acceleration	Coach 2 Acceleration	Coach 3 Acceleration
<b>Former Players</b>		Top-10 Under-18 Year End Ranking*	Men: Top-750 singles or Top-375 doubles  Women: Top-350 singles or Top-175 doubles  <b>or</b>  All American – NCAA*  <b>or</b>  <i>Top-20 Canadian Open Year End Ranking*</i>	Men: Top-750 singles or Top-375 doubles  Women: Top-350 singles or Top-175 doubles  <b>or</b>  All American – NCAA*  <b>or</b>  <i>Top-20 Canadian Open Year End Ranking*</i>	Top-200 singles or Top-100 doubles  Canadian Davis Cup and Fed Cup Squad Members*
<b>Canadian Coaches</b>	Individuals who have been working full-time for three years will be granted Instructor Level equivalency upon attendance of half-day mini course.	An individual who is granted Instructor Level equivalency is eligible to take the Club Pro 1 Level (formerly Coach 1) course immediately	An individual who has 5 years full time at a year round facility or 8 years at seasonal facility <u>and</u> is required to:  - Provide a detailed description on how, through their experience, they have achieved the competencies outlined in the attached document  - Provide a letter from the Club Manager or Tennis Director confirming that the individual has indeed performed the skills/responsibilities outlined in their letter of application  <i>Note: This individual must meet the other pre-requisite for attending the course.</i>	A coach who, for at least 2 years, has been in charge of the development of a Canadian player with a top-8 finish at the Under-16 or Under-18 Nationals  <i>Note: the coach must have been involved during the time the player achieved that ranking</i>	A coach who, for at least 2 years, has been in charge of the development of:  a top-200 singles or top-100 doubles player  <b>or</b>  a Canadian Davis Cup or Fed Cup Squad Member  <i>Note: the coach must have been involved during the time the player achieved that ranking and/or were a part of the Davis/Fed Cup Squads</i>
<b>Foreign Coaches</b>	Individuals who have been working full-time for three years will be granted Instructor Level equivalency upon attendance of half-day mini course.	A coach who has attained Coach Level 1 ITF	An individual who has 5 years full time at a year round facility or 8 years at seasonal facility <u>and</u> is required to:  - Provide a detailed description on how, through their experience, they have achieved the competencies outlined in the attached document  - Provide a letter from the Club Manager or Tennis Director confirming that the individual has indeed performed the skills/responsibilities outlined in their letter of application  <i>Note: This individual must meet the other pre-requisite for attending the course.</i>	A coach who has attained Coach Level 2 ITF	A coach who has been in charge of the development of a top player (top-200 singles or top-100 doubles) for a minimum of 2 years full time.  <i>Note: the coach must have been involved during the time the player achieved that ranking</i>

\*Canadian players only

**Note:** Tennis Canada reserves the right to make the final decision on all applicants

