



Modification to Certification Structure

After consulting various coaching development leaders across the country, including provincial staff, course facilitators and the TPA Advisory Committee, Tennis Canada has decided to modify the current coaching development pathway to better meet the demands of our growing industry.

As Tennis Canada continues its mission to lead the growth of the sport across the country, with an increased emphasis nationwide on its covered courts strategy, year-round participation is expected to rise. Given there is already a shortage of qualified club professionals and a cognizance of a steadily ageing population of coaches, the TPA is preparing for the even greater demand for leaders at new facilities by implementing these changes.

The new pathway will require individuals to complete the Club Professional 2 course prior to selecting between the club professional and the coaching stream (competitive/high performance). The Club Professional 2 course will be enhanced to prepare club professionals for their multi-faceted role. To accomplish this goal, there will be five additional days of content added to the current course for a total of 16 days. This additional content will include:

- Red, orange and green curriculum
- Working with parents
- Fundamental volume training
- Intro to coaching at competition
- Program pathway

These additions will augment the current Club Professional 2 content centered around both off-court (club business) and on-court skills. The future Coach 2 course will be reduced by five days and will be delivered over 12 months.

This change will be effective January 1, 2020. Tennis Canada intends to have Club Professional 2 courses offered in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec. Travel subsidies for out-of-province candidates will be available. Tennis Canada will work closely with these three provincial associations to annually deliver this course.

Additional details will follow in early fall.