



SECTION 2.05

COACHING CERTIFICATION IN ONTARIO



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Tennis Canada (TC) is responsible for the course content at all certification levels. Marie-France Mercier , (Director, Coach Education and Services at TC) has this responsibility.

Provincially, the Head and Coach Developers work closely in conjunction with their Provincial

Tennis Associations and are responsible for delivering the coaching certification program content (and providing other professional development opportunities, as required).

Detailed bios of the current Head and Coach Developers can be found on the [OTA website](#) under Coaches > Coach Developer Bios



How Does the Certification System Work?



Most candidates need to start by taking the Tennis Instructor course. After the candidate successfully completes this course, the next course is the Club Pro 1.

Please go to www.tennisonario.com and click Coaches > Coach Certification to view the prerequisites for each course.

Upon completion of the first two levels of certification (the Instructor and Club Professional 1 levels), an individual will then have the opportunity to take the next level course.

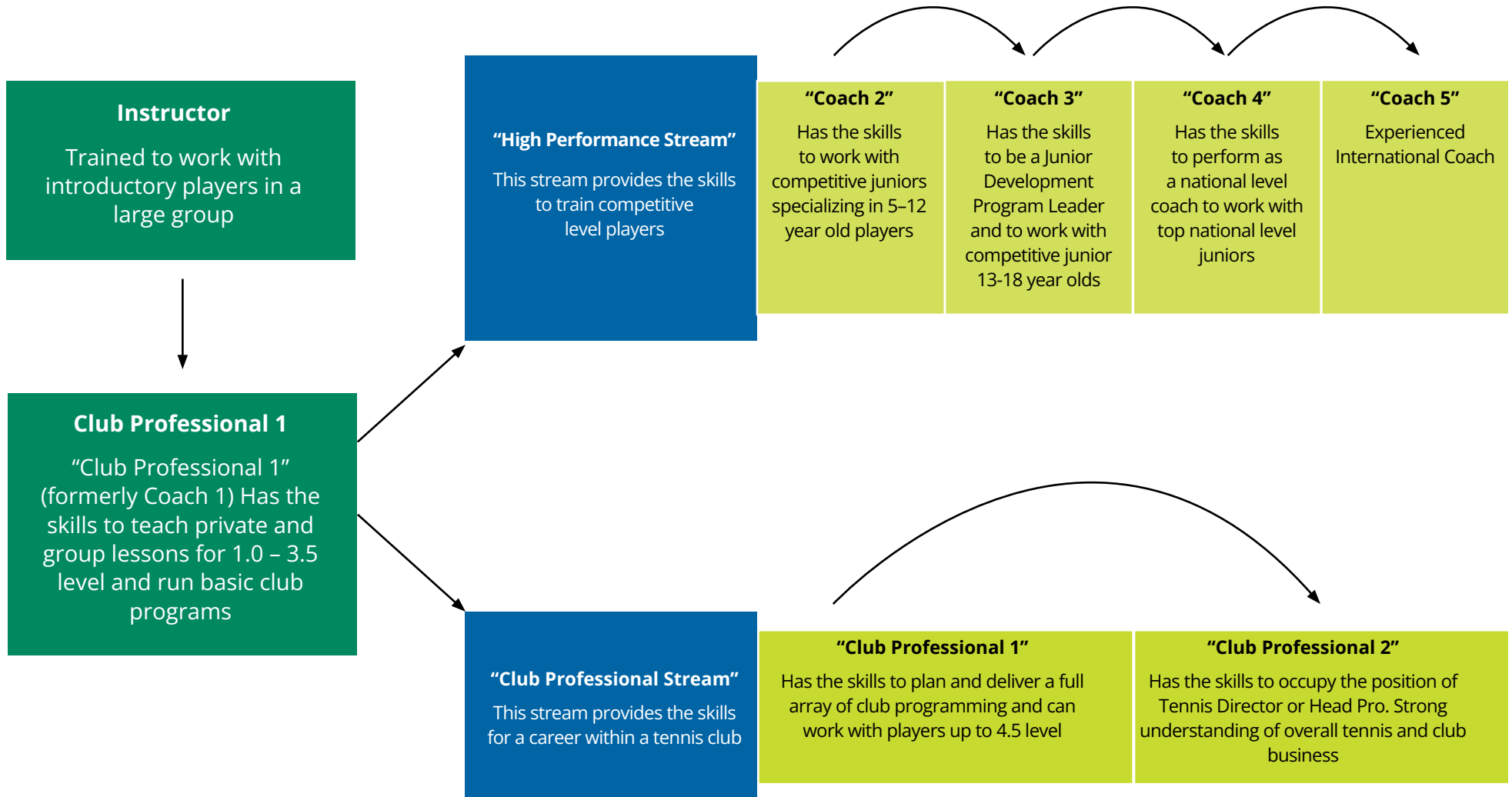
At this time, the individual must take the Club Pro 2 course first before he/she can take the Coach 2 (high performance stream) of coaching education. Both will be recognized as official certifications. However, the certifications will represent completely different skills.

The OTA **strongly encourages all of our tennis clubs to hire only TC certified coaches.**

Please note that experienced Canadian or foreign coaches who may or may not have certification from another country (or players who have competed at a very high level) may be eligible for advanced standing in the TC certification system.

For information on TC's advanced standing policy, please contact either TC or the OTA. The TC process that is in place makes it very simple for them to ensure they get into the system to become TC certified.

The following is a chart explaining the 2 stream approach:



What is Progressive Tennis?

Progressive tennis is a program for 5-9 year olds which allows young players to learn and play the game more quickly, efficiently and successfully. This concept is presented in our Tennis Instructor courses.

It uses a systematic progression of court sizes, balls and racquets to scale the game down to an appropriate level for these players.

It is imported from European countries such as France and Belgium where it was used to successfully develop world class players like Justine Henin and Olivier Rochus.

Simply put, progressive tennis is used as a developmental tool to allow young children to improve their overall tennis skills faster so they can transition to the regular court with more ease.

The OTA carries a number of products used in the teaching of progressive tennis (such as racquets, mini tennis nets, tennis balls, etc.).

Please visit the [OTA website](#), and click [Clubs > Ball & Equipment Program](#) for more information on these products, how to order, etc.



The TPA was developed by Tennis Canada for Canadian certified instructors, coaches and club professionals. As membership is one of the requirements necessary in maintaining an active status of certification, the TPA's main objective is to provide a communication tool through a members' only website. The TPA seeks to deliver up to date information on coaching related material as well as a variety of benefits including:

- \$2 million liability insurance
- Preferred pricing on educational resources
- Jobfind
- Online store
- Discounts on tennis equipment and products

The goal of the TPA is to educate and provide services/benefits for tennis coaches and tennis professionals across Canada. It was formed in 2004 and currently has more than 1000 members in good standing in Ontario!

Specific benefit/partners information can be found by visiting the TPA website (www.tpacanada.com)



You can find the answer to this question by visiting List of Certified Coaches | TPA (tpacanada.com)

All coaches who are currently 'active' will be listed there. In order to be 'active', the coach must have current certification, be a current member of the TPA, have a valid current background check, have completed the Respect in Sport modules, etc.

Because a coach took a certification course several years ago does not mean his certification is now active. Every instructor or coach must do some form of professional development every 2, 3 or 4 years depending on the level of certification. If you look at the certified coaches list and find that your pro is not listed there, then this means he/she has not completed all of the tasks noted above...or a task could now need to be renewed.

Keeping up to date on what is happening in the coaching side of our sport is very important for our professionals. Being 'active' ensures your teaching pro has made the ongoing commitment to be the best he/she can be! When this happens, every stakeholder (the club, the pro, the person taking lessons, etc.) wins!



Please visit
www.tennisontario.com.

On this page, you will find the coach certification schedule.

Please note that the OTA only offers courses at the Tennis Instructor, Club Pro 1, Club Pro 2 and Club Pro 3 levels.

All other courses (such as the Coach 2, Coach 3, etc.) are offered (and run) by TC.

Please contact TC directly if you are looking for information on these courses **bolded** in the paragraph above this one.