



Becoming a USA Hockey Coach

USA Hockey and the Coaching Education Program require every coach to be certified before stepping on the ice. Make sure to follow the guidelines below to stay up on your certification for the upcoming season.

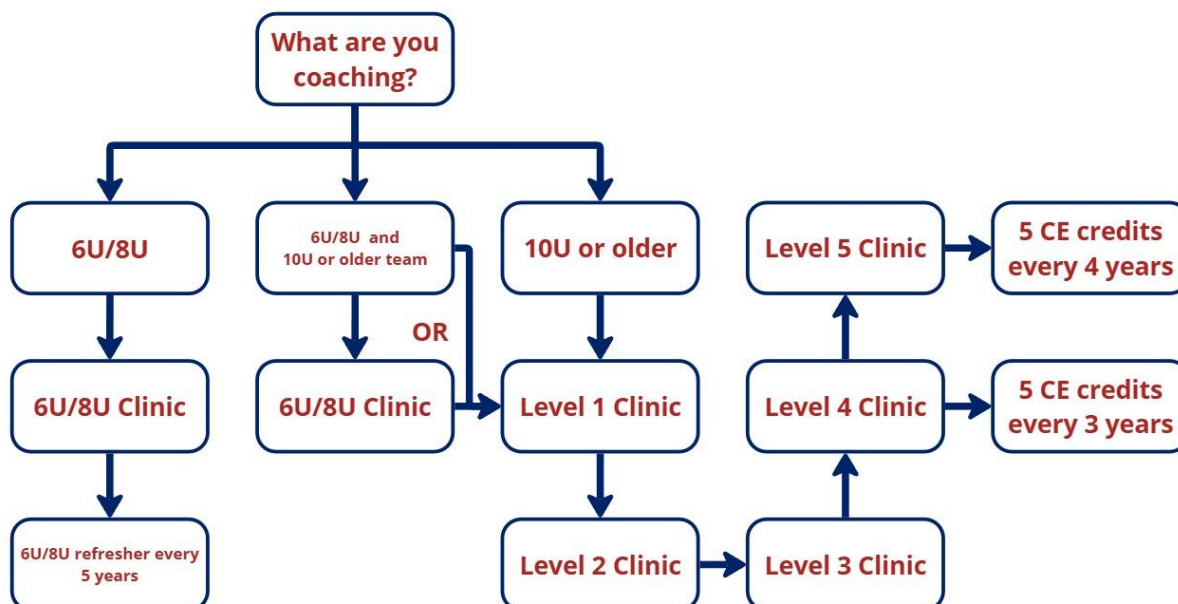
Coaching Requirements

USA Hockey Membership: Must register yearly. [Click here to register](#)

Background Screening: Must be completed every two years.

SafeSport Training: Must be completed annually.

Coaching Certification: Attend an instructor-led training session via Zoom. Use the flow chart below to understand what Coaching Clinic you will need to complete. If you have already completed a course, then you will move down to the following course. Level 1-3 certifications expire after one year. 6U/8U certifications have a 5-year expiration, but do not cover other age groups. If at any time you move on from 6U/8U, you will need to take a level 1 and continue down that path. Once you are a level 4 or 5, your expiration cycle will change to 3 or 4 years. You can only take 1 Coaching Clinic per season.





Age Specific Modules: Age-specific modules are eLearning courses completed at your own pace. These are specific to the age group you are coaching. Once completed, you will not need to retake the module and will retain access to the content. Refer to the flowchart below to determine your required course. This must be completed before you participate with your team. If you are coaching more than one team, you will need to make sure you are covered for all age groups.



Continuing Education: To the Level 4 and 5 coaches that need to take their continuing education, all continuing education is available on the USA Hockey Learning Center. There are course offerings in-person, over Zoom or eLearning Modules. The Continuing Education courses are changing weekly, so make sure to check in to see what is new.

Accessing the USA Hockey Learning Center: To access your courses, learning history and what courses you need to take, please log in to the USA Hockey Learning Center using your Single Sign-On username. The USA Hockey Learning Center is new for the 2025 season and will not house all your learning needs. If you are also an official, you can also access any of your courses and history on the site. [Click here to access](#)

District and Association Information: Each District, Affiliate and Association may have additional rules and requirements to step on the ice. Make sure to reach out to your association or district registrar for more information.

[Click here for District and Affiliate contacts](#)