





Pickleball in Canada has been growing by leaps and bounds over the last few years. As the sport continues to attract new players, the need for high-quality instructors and coaches also grows. That's why *Pickleball Canada* and *Tennis Canada's Tennis Professionals Association* have joined forces to develop and deliver Canada's first ever **National Coach Education Program for Pickleball.**

This comprehensive program offers courses, resources, and professional development opportunities for people who not only love playing pickleball, but who want to help other people enter the sport and to play it better. This includes local ambassadors committed to growing the game, instructors and coaches tasked with refining skills, and even club managers who need to plan and deliver great pickleball programming.

Recognized by Canada's *National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)*, we offer instructor certification courses across Canada in order to benefit pickleball communities in every province and territory. By investing time, effort and resources into coach education, this program actively contributes to the growth of the sport on a national scale while also following important safeguarding best practices as established by the *Coaching Association of Canada*.

The first step along the coach education pathway is the program called ***Instructor 1: Introducing Pickleball***. This 1.5 day course is focused on preparing instructors so that they can ensure that a new player's first experience with pickleball is safe, inclusive and incredibly fun. Participants will learn to manage groups, organize play and focus on key fundamentals so that new players are set up for success and go home sharing a passion for pickleball.

***Instructor 2: Developing Recreational Players*** concentrates on supporting instructors who can help existing pickleball players to play the game better. With an increased focus on intermediate tactics and technique, this multi-day course prepares instructors to develop in their players a wide range of key skills that they will need as they advance.

***Club Pro 1: Introduction to Coaching Competitive Players*** is a multi-day course which emphasizes further developing players who are interested in competition. In addition to understanding more advanced tactics and technical skills, attention is also paid to the specific needs of competitive players in both a doubles and singles context. Beyond these on-court competencies, participants will also develop important skills related to player and program management.

***Club Pro 2*** increases the focus on the management side pickleball. Well-suited for professionals who are, or who aspire to be, involved in the planning, development and execution of a multi-faceted pickleball program, this course provides an extensive look into the elements that contribute to successful, high-quality programs for a wide range of players.



**Coach 1: Coaching Competitive Players** takes a detailed look at advanced coaching principles related to player performance. Participants will use this multi-day course to plan, deliver and refine an extended training program for competitive athletes.

Taken as a whole, this first-of-its-kind program in Canada provides meaningful opportunities and resources for anyone who is interested in the coaching side of pickleball. Whether it is as an instructor who is welcoming new players to the sport, a club professional giving group and private lessons, or a coach who is focused on high performance competition, our coach education program has something for you.

## More info in the Instructor 1: Introducing Pickleball

- 8 hours on-court + 3 hours virtual training
- NCCP MED training included
- Pre-course preparation required
- In-course evaluations
- \$269 + applicable taxes

Structure of the course:

