Personal Development Credit Program
Sport Leadership – Coaching and Officiating

In partnership with the Department of Education, the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage has developed a **Sport Leadership Personal Development School Credit Program** for Nova Scotia high school students. This program is designed to help students build valuable leadership skills in coaching and officiating, while giving back to their communities and contributing to sport development in the province.

Students who enroll in the program can earn a **full school credit** by completing requirements in either coaching or officiating. To qualify, students must complete a total of **110 hours** that combine sport-specific education with practical experience, such as coaching practices and games or officiating matches.

Below is a summary of the activities, students must complete to be eligible for the full credit in this program.

Summary of Program Requirements

Sport Specific Coach/Officials Education	8-24 hours
Safe Sport Training – e-Learning	2 Hours
Making Ethical Decisions - Virtual in person course	4 Hours
Making Ethical Decisions – Online Evaluation – e-Learning	1 Hour
Coaching Athletes with a disability – e-learning	2 Hours
Anti Racism module – e-Learning	2 Hours
Mental Health in sport - e-learning	1 Hour
Other coach/officiating professional development	Hours Vary
Coaching or officiating experience.	50-85+ Hours

If you would like to learn more about this school credit program please contact mike.hudson@novascotia.ca , or complete the intake form below and more detailed instructions will be e-mailed to you.

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Intake-Form

Full Name:

Grade:

School

Student Number:

Sport: Program

                              Coaching PDCSLC11   Officiating PDC SLO11

Student Email:

Parent/Guardian's Email:

School Region(Please check)

Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education   ( )

Cape Breton–Victoria Regional Centre for Education   ( )

Chignecto–Central RCE   ( )

Halifax Regional Centre for Education   ( )

Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey   ( )

South Shore Regional Centre for Education   ( )

Strait Regional Centre for Education   ( )

Tri-County Regional Centre for Education   ( )

Conseil scolaire acadien provincial   ( )

How do you self identify ?

White

Chinese

Black (e.g., African, African-American, African-Canadian)

Black (e.g., Caribbean, Jamaican, Trinidadian, St. Lucian, etc.) Indigenous peoples

Filipino

Arab

Middle Eastern

Latino/Latina/Latine

South Asian (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan)

Central Asian (e.g., Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan)

Southeast Asian (e.g., Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai) West Asian

Korean

Japanese

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups (Specify in "prefer to self-describe", if you wish)

 Prefer to self-describe

 Prefer not to say

Please e-mail the completed form to Mike Hudson at
Mike.hudson@novascotia.ca

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Does this program have to be completed within a school year?**
   No. The program can be started at any time in Grade 10, 11, or 12 and must be completed before the end of Grade 12.

2. **Can I combine both coaching and officiating?**
   Yes. You may complete both coaching and officiating activities toward the credit, but you can only receive one credit once the 110-hour requirement is met.

3. **Can I complete the program using two different sports?**
   Yes. Hours from two different sports can be combined to reach the 110-hour requirement.

4. **Can I be paid for my coaching or officiating hours?**
   Yes. Both paid and volunteer hours count toward the program.

5. **Can I apply coaching or officiating activities completed before enrolling in the program?**
   Yes. Any official coaching or officiating courses completed before your enrollment date can be applied. **Grade 11 and 12 students** – all coaching and officiating activities recorded in your logbook can now be credited back to **January 1, 2025**. **Grade 10 students** – activities can be credited from the **date of enrolment** in the program.

6. **Can students from schools outside the public school system participate in the program?**
   Yes. You would need permission from your school to have the program recognized as an academic credit.

7. **I have already chosen my courses. Can I change them?**
   No. Only the school can make changes to your courses. Please see your guidance counsellor to discuss how to add the Personal Development Credit for Coaching and Officiating.

8. **Is there a cost for taking the courses?**
   There is usually a fee associated with the sport specific or officiating courses but in coaching these can be covered by the organization. There are no costs for the additional courses required to complete this program.

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Program Overview

In a partnership with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Sport Nova Scotia, the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage has developed the **Sport Leadership Personal Development Credit** for high school students in Nova Scotia. This program is designed to help students build valuable leadership skills in coaching and officiating, while giving back to their communities and contributing to sport development across the province.

The program is open to all Nova Scotia high school students in **Grade 10 or above** who are involved in coaching or officiating with a **community sport club** or **Provincial Sport Organization** that is a member of **Sport Nova Scotia**.

Students enrolled in the program can earn a **full school credit** by completing the requirements in either coaching or officiating. To qualify, students must complete a total of **110 hours**, which include both sport-specific education and hands-on practical experience—such as coaching practices and games or officiating matches.

If you are interested in participating or have questions about the program, please contact **Mike Hudson** at mike.hudson@novascotia.ca and we will provide you with the program intake form.