

Baseball NSW Online Coaching Accreditation

Baseball NSW has launched its online coaching accreditation program, aligning BNSW practices with the BA endorsed USA Baseball Courses.

By taking our accreditation courses online, Baseball NSW is transitioning from its prior manual processes to now be done online; therefore, allowing those interested in acquiring accreditation to do so during the times that work best for them.

Ensuring the safety of the children we work with is a priority for Baseball NSW and an essential credential for participating in any of our coaching activities. With our Online Accreditation Program, you can ensure your WWC is active and up to date by clicking on your profile.

Another key benefit of this program is its ability to acknowledge existing experienced coaches through 'Recognition of Prior Learning' to expedite their accreditation. For anyone who has previously been an accredited coach at any level, your details and level for coaching has been transferred accordingly. Please remember: all coaching accreditations **MUST** be aligned and signed-up with USA Baseball and Baseball Australia to be valid.

As we are amalgamating our systems to the universally acknowledged coaching accreditation set up by Baseball USA, you will also need to create a Baseball USA profile to ensure you are set up and credentialed everywhere.

There are three levels of coaching accreditation – Level A, B and C – which replace the previous levels of 1, 2, 3 & 4. For those of you with prior accreditation, your level of compliance will be transferred as follows:

Level 1 → Level A

Level 2 → Level B

Level 3 → Level C

Level 4 → Level C

With all of our accreditation online, this makes it easy and simple to ensure those wishing to coach your team is appropriately accredited. The process is easy, and the initial levels are free.

To see how it works go to [Online Accreditation](#) on our website. Here you will be asked to sign up with your unique login and password. A verification email is then sent to ensure your safety and that of the program.

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You'll then be directed to the home page of our online learning portal where you'll be able to select what accreditation program you'd like to learn about and become accredited in.

For example: if you are just starting your coaching accreditation journey, you'll want to sign up for the Level A coaching learning, then Level B and C. It is important to note that all coaching levels require an NSW "Working with Children" accreditation, which you can sign up for under the "My Learning" in the main menu.

One of the many benefits of this accreditation process is your ability to learn and become accredited at your own pace. However, if you are already an accredited coach, it is important to check your renewal accreditation status each year.

A renewal reminder will be sent to you (1) one month before your accreditation expires.

Please make note of this in your calendar to ensure you can coach continuously. Our team are committed to helping you along the way with online help to questions during your accreditation learning and tests, as well as any other queries you might have regarding the process.

In summary, here are the key benefits of using our online accreditation system:

- Existing coaches prior accreditation acknowledgement
- New coaches can work at their own pace
- Easy to upload documents
- All existing coaches are already loaded into the system.

[**BNSW Accredited Coach list**](#)

Length of Accreditation: 3 years

Cost: Free

Entry-level baseball coaching– all forms of non-player pitch baseball (T-Ball, machine pitch or coach pitch).

Under the old system, Level 1 is now considered Level A, and those coaches who in previous years have completed and are accredited Level A coaches are already loaded into our accreditation system.

Level A shows you have an understanding and ability to deliver the basic fundamentals of the game. You will do this whilst promoting fun and teaching the kids how to be diverse through the sport of baseball, learning all aspects and positions.

Coaches have been trained to identify and handle misconduct, abuse, and how to create a positive and safe environment.

Topics Covered:

- Health and Safety
- Creating a Positive Environment
- Arm Safety for Pitchers
- Recognizing and Responding to Misconduct.

Length of Accreditation: 3 years

Cost: \$90

Live pitch baseball

- From Little League Minors to open age senior baseball.
- Assistant coaches must also have this level of accreditation.

All coaches must have a valid NSW “Working With Children” certificate.

Under the old system, Levels 2 and 3 are now considered Level B. Those coaches who in previous years who are already accredited coaches in Level 2 and/or 3 are already loaded in our online accreditation system.

Level B shows that the coach has an extended understanding of the game, and how to organize practices, pitching workloads, physical development in young players, as well as more advanced and position-specific drills that encompass a well-rounded team.

Coaches have been trained to identify any misconduct and emotional distress from players, as well as create a coaching philosophy that helps to enable the environment for the players.

Topics Covered:

- Baserunning
- Hitting
- Pitching
- Catching
- Infield
- Outfield
- Fundamentals of the Game
- Practice Planning and Coach Philosophy
- Creating a Positive Team Culture
- Umpiring Basics

Note: To be able to do Level B and above, you need to have completed the Baseball USA Level A Course. This course will also require a practical assessment to be delivered by Baseball NSW.

Note: Baseball NSW can ‘Recognize Prior Learning’ (RPL) for coaches actively supporting Baseball NSW and who are coaching at an elevated level.

Recognition of Prior Learning RPL is at the absolute discretion of the High Performance Manager.

Requests for RPL must be emailed to Grahame@baseballnsw.com.au outlining all previous coaching accreditations and experience.

Go to [Online Accreditation](#) on our website to register.

COACHING ACCREDITATION – LEVEL C

Length of Accreditation: 3 years

Cost: \$150

Coaches involved in Little League, Majors, and up to and including State League and NSW squads.

All coaches must have a valid NSW “Working With Children” certificate.

Under the old system, Level 4 is now considered Level C, and are those coaches who in previous years are already accredited coaches, your credentials will already be loaded into our online accreditation system.

Level C shows that the coach has obtained further coaching education and has become engaged in the active baseball coaching community by attending an online coaching seminar hosted by USA Baseball. It also shows the coach has gained an understanding of game management and strategy that comes with a high level of baseball.

All coaches have been trained in abuse awareness, and how to create a safer and more sustainable environment for all parties including, players, coaches, parents, spectators, umpires, scorers, and officials.

Topics Covered:

- Strategies
- Game Management
- Creating a Positive Experience
- Coaching Philosophy
- Game and Practice Approach
- Management of a Pitching Staff.

Additionally, **Baseball5** coaching accreditation is also available online and is essential for all of their coaching, which is separate from Baseball NSW coaching accreditation.

Note: To complete this course you need to have completed the Baseball USA Level A and B Courses. This course also requires a practical assessment.

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COACHING ACCREDITATION – BASEBALL5

Baseball 5 coaching requires the same (and transferable) NSW “Working With Children” certificate. However, the levels of B5 coaching are as follows:

Level A accreditation benefits: Free

- Allows certificate holders to facilitate/official Baseball5 at club level, social events, and local competitions
- B5NSW technical support for facilitators at club level, social events, and local competition.

Level B (Facilitator) accreditation benefits: \$50

- Allows certificate holders to facilitate Baseball5 at club level, social events, and local competitions.
- Allow certificate holders to facilitate at:
 1. NSW School Programs
 2. High-Performance events
 3. Sanctioned National and International events
 4. Disability Sport Events
 5. National Representative
 6. International Representative
- Allow certificate holder to create a B5NSW club
- B5NSW technical support for facilitators at a higher competitive level
- Access to the latest Baseball5 news and game development updates.

Level B (Official) accreditation benefits: \$50

- Allows certificate holders to official Baseball5 at club level, social events, and local competitions.
- Allow certificate holders to official and manage competitions at:
 1. NSW Official School Competitions
 2. High-Performance events and Showcases
 3. Sanctioned National and International events and competitions
 4. Sanctioned Disability Sports events and competitions
 5. National Representative
 6. International Representative
- B5NSW technical support for officials at a higher competitive level
- Access to the latest news & the game’s development updates.

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