



AASC coaches can now learn online!

The Australian Sports Commission has just released a new online course for beginner coaches. The *Beginning Coaching General Principles* online course has been developed for both the general community coach, and for those coaches involved in the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program.

The online course will be available free of charge to Australian coaches (coaches must have an Australian postal address). This is due to a subsidy provided by the Australian Sports Commission, as an initiative to encourage beginner coaches to undertake training. Learners have six months to complete the course after they register.

About the course

The course contains five modules, which cover a range of general coaching topics, including the role and responsibilities expected of a coach, planning, safety, working with parents, communication, group management and inclusive coaching practices when working with people with a disability or special population groups.

The course takes approximately six hours to complete, and there is assessment included at the end of each module.



How does this course link to the AASC Community Coach Training Program?

Coaches can use the online course as part of the process of gaining their Community Coach Training Program (CCTP) certificate for the Active After-school Communities Program. Completion of the course will provide automatic credit for the General Principles component of the CCTP.

Coaches who complete the online course will need to print off their course certificate and present it to the coordinator of their CCTP course. They will then only be required to complete the specific practical components of the CCTP in a face to face course.

How to access the course

The *Beginning Coaching General Principles* course is available from the Australian Sports Commission's new online learning portal.

Go to: <https://learning.ausport.gov.au> for more information on the course, and to enrol.

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