

Dear Coaches,

SG-Coach Accreditation Programme for New and Existing Softball Coaches in Singapore

“The Singapore Coach Excellence (SG-Coach) Programme is an enhanced training and development pathway for all coaches in the community, clubs or high performance sport programmes. The aim is to establish a training and development system to develop high quality and professional coaches.”

More information on SG-Coach can be found here.

<https://www.sportsingapore.gov.sg/athletes-coaches/coaches-corner/singapore-coach-excellence-programme-sg-coach>

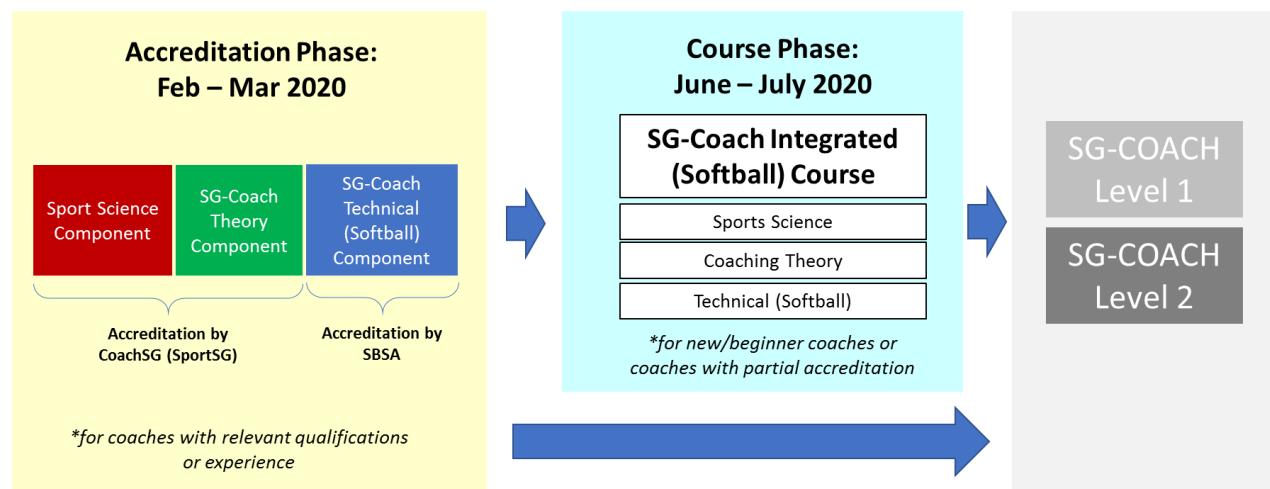
At SBSA, we are targeting to convert all existing NCAP (National Coaching Accreditation Programme) Theory and Technical certifications or any relevant qualifications to SG-Coach by July/August 2020. From December 2020, all coaches under National Registry of Coaches (NROC) will require SG-Coach accreditation. This accreditation is also required for the award of contracts by MOE from 2021.

There are 3 main components required for SG-Coach Accreditation.

- i. Sports Science Component
- ii. SG-Coach Theory Component
- iii. SG-Coach Technical (Softball) Component

All applicants can either choose to be accredited for each component separately by SBSA and CoachSG, or undergo an integrated course conducted by SBSA which covers all 3 components required for SG-Coach Accreditation.

SG-Coach (Softball) Certification Pathway



(1) ACCREDITATION PHASE – For coaches who have relevant qualifications or experience

(A) SG-Coach Sports Science & Theory Accreditation Assessment – by CoachSG

(For coaches who have completed (i)Sports Science and (ii)SG-Coach Theory components)

Coaches who attended Basic Sports Science course and/or SG-Coach Theory Level 1 Course under SportSG are automatically accredited for the two components. This would be reflected on SportSync.

Coaches who have previously attended other courses (including NCAP) which have relevant content relating to the two components will need to get them reviewed for accreditation by CoachSG.

Please e-mail Sport_Coaching@sport.gov.sg with your:

- a. Coaching CV
- b. Relevant academic certificate(s) and official transcript(s) / list of modules
 - Examples(not limited to):
 - Modules/Certificate/Diploma/Degree in Sports Science/PE/Coaching
 - NCAP Theory Levels 1, 2 or 3
- c. Foreign coaching certificate(s) and official transcript(s) / list of modules

If approved, the record will be reflected on the coaches' SportSync profile. Coaches may be accredited Basic to Intermediate Sports Science, Theory Levels 1, 2 or 3 depending on the documents submitted.

(B) SG-Coach Softball Technical Accreditation Assessment – by SBSA

(For existing coaches with prior coaching experience)

Accreditation assessments for SG-Coach Technical (Softball), also known as Recognition of Prior Experience and Current Competency (RPE-RCC) will be done by SBSA. **Recognition of Prior Experience** will be assessed based on submitted online form and documents. **Recognition of Current Competency** will be assessed via a half-day theory and practical assessment.

Please take note that there will be an application fee of SGD \$120 for the accreditation assessments.

The RPE is based on the awareness that people learn and develop competencies in many ways throughout their lifetime – through work experience and life experience as well as through education and training pertaining to baseball and/or softball. The RPE considers a person's coaching skills and experiences.

(i) Recognition of Prior Experience (RPE) - Submission of information/evidence

Existing coaches may apply for accreditation for the SG-Coach Technical(Softball) component through Recognition of Prior Experience (RPE) via an online registration form. Coaches may submit documents as evidence of their prior experiences.

Requirements for Recognition of Experience (RPE)	
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 18 years old Fulfills at least one of the following requisites; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Team representative at Masters/Senior/Junior levels Club Representative in WBSC and/or SBSA sanctioned National Fast-pitch Tournaments School representative at National Inter-School Softball Tournaments AND has achieved at least one of the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held appointment for 3 years as the registered coach of a team that participated in the National School Games (Primary/Secondary/JC) Held appointment for 3 years as the coach of a club that participated in the National Fast-Pitch League
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfills ALL criteria for Level 1 Technical Accreditation Has achieved at least one of the following (within the last 8 years); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Held appointment for 5 years as the registered coach of a team that participated in the National School Games (Primary/Secondary/JC) Held appointment for 5 years as the coach of a club that participated in the National Fast-Pitch League Appointed Head Coach or Assistant Coach of the Singapore National Junior or Men's/Women's Softball Team for at least 1 year. Participated in at least ONE regional/international tournament sanctioned by World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) within the last 10 years as Head Coach or Assistant Coach of the Singapore National Youth or Men's/Women's Softball Team.

(ii) Recognition of Current Competency (RCC) – Practical Assessment

The practical assessment format and content is adapted from the WBSC Technical Course for Coaches in their assessment of coaches who qualify to be exempted from Level 1 Certification.

There are 3 components of the practical assessment:

- 1) Softball Theory – written test MCQ (37.5%)
- 2) Basic Catching and Throwing practical (25%)
- 3) Fungo practical (37.5%)

Coaches will require a score of 75% to pass the RCC component.

(iii) Review of Applications

The Coach Development manager and coach development committee from SBSA would meet to review each application. **Coaches who meet both the requirements of RPE (Level 1 or 2) and RCC (at least 75%) will be accredited SG-COACH Technical (Softball) Level 1 or Level 2 accordingly.**

If there are discrepancies in any of the application procedures and/or information provided by the coach, the coach would be requested to (but not limited to):

- supply further supporting documentation
- complete certain assessment activities
- complete parts of an accreditation program

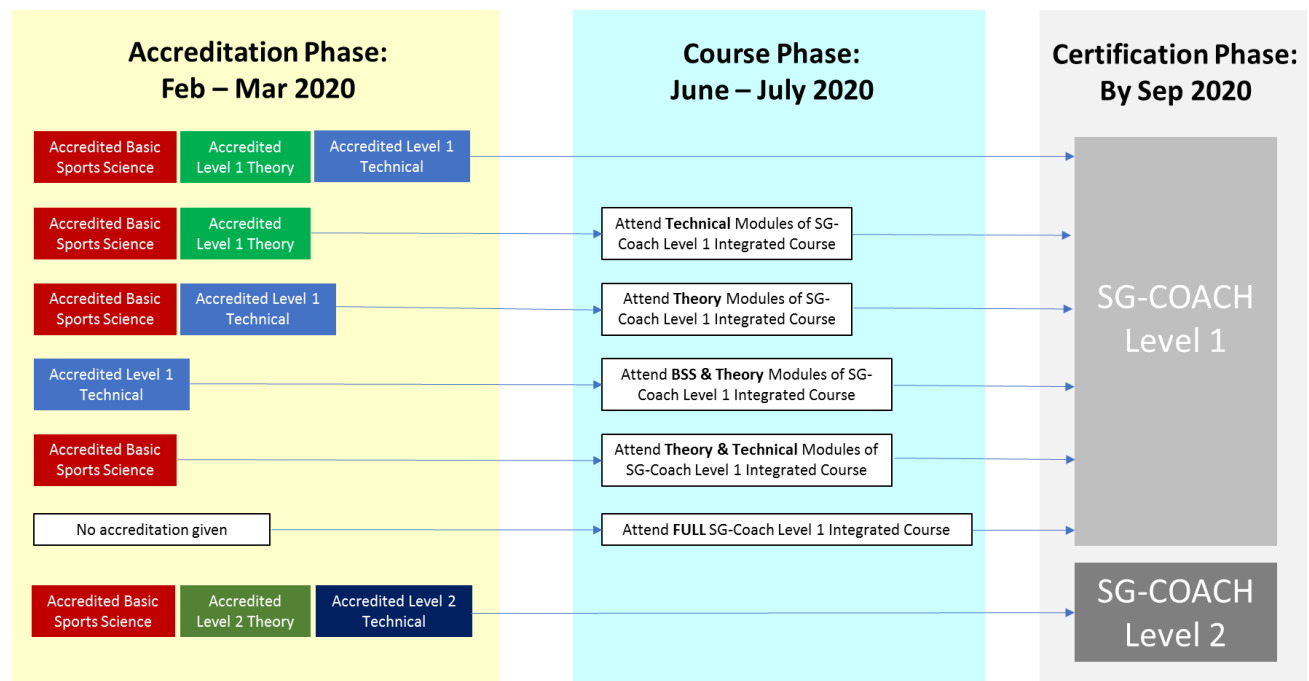
(C) Consolidating Accredited and Unaccredited Components

There are 3 main components required for SG-Coach Accreditation

- I. Basic Sports Science Component
- II. SG-Coach Theory Component
- III. SG-Coach Technical (Softball) Component

At the end of the accreditation phase, a coach may be accredited in one or more of the above components. The flow chart below explains the different options for a coach, depending on which components they have been accredited for.

SG-Coach (Softball) Certification Pathway



For coaches who fulfill all three components, they will be awarded SG-COACH Level 1 or Level 2 accordingly. For coaches, who are lacking certain components, they will have to complete the required components within the SG-COACH Level 1 (Softball) Integrated Course.

(2) COURSE PHASE – For new/beginner coaches or coaches with partial accreditation

To be confirmed