

Options for Completing Competition-Introduction, Softball On Field Evaluation for:

Option 1: On Field Evaluation- Individual

Cost: \$100.00 plus HST

1. A Softball Coach will apply to Softball Ontario office by filling out and submitting the Competition-Introduction, Softball On Field Application Form, Evaluation fee, Coach Package (Emergency Action Plan; Practice Plan and Softball Canada Regional Portfolio), plus supplying 3 dates that you will be having a practice that the evaluator can choose from.
2. This submission must be made to the Softball Ontario office in a soft copy/digital form at least 2 weeks prior to first date listed of On Field Evaluation supplied.
3. Softball Ontario Coaches Committee Chair/Program Coordinator will contact an NCCP Evaluator and confirm the date, time and location of the Evaluation. Softball Ontario will ensure Coach Package (EAP, Practice Plan and Portfolio) is complete, then confirm the date with the Coach and give them their Evaluator contact information for future contact regarding the Evaluation. Softball Ontario will then send the Coach Package to the Evaluator for review.
4. The Coach completes the On Field Evaluation by running the practice submitted with their team or group of 9 athletes (U14 and above and all from the same stage of Development). The Coach Developer conducts the evaluation by observing the 45 minutes of a practice and conducting a debriefing afterwards for a total of 2 hours. For a copy of the Softball Observation Kit, please visit: www.softballontario.ca
5. The Evaluator will then submit the necessary paperwork to the Softball Ontario office to be updated in the Coaching Association of Canada's Locker. A copy will be issued to the Coach for their records and a Certificate of completion.
6. The Evaluator may ask for the Coach to resubmit items as it relates to their EAP, Practice Plan and Portfolio. At this time, the Coach's status will be "Incomplete" until the required documents are submitted and meet the NCCP requirements.

Option 2: Video Evaluation

Cost: \$100.00 plus HST

1. A Softball Coach will apply to Softball Ontario by filling out and submitting the Competition-Introduction, Softball On Field Evaluation Application Form, the evaluation fee, the Coach Package (EAP, Practice Plan and Portfolio) and the DVD of their practice. The video submission must follow the guidelines below. This evaluation will cost \$100.00 plus HST.
2. Softball Ontario will ensure Coach Package is complete, then send it out to NCCP Coach Developer.
3. The NCCP Coach Developer will contact the coach within 3 weeks of receiving the Coach Package to do either a Video (GoToMeeting) debrief (preferred) or phone call debrief.
4. The Coach Developer will then submit the necessary paperwork to the Softball Ontario office to be updated in the Coaching Association of Canada's Locker. A copy will be issued to the Coach for their records and a Certificate of completion.

Video Protocol

- Videotaping MUST be done by a third party/assistant

- Focus of the video is on the coaches competency and ability to interact with athletes
- Tripods should be used whenever possible. If not using a tripod, try to keep the camera stable and steady
- Videoing should be done in proximity to where the Coach and athletes can be heard
- Lighting may be an issue, please maximize the amount of light possible for your video by altering your camera's shutter speed setting (see your camera's user manual for instruction)
- Minimize the use of the zoom feature- instead move the camera closer if necessary
- Try to video when there is the least amount of activity on other diamonds
- Videos should be submitted in DVD format
- Video must be 90 to 120 minutes; it must be continuous with no editing

Video Format

- An Introduction to the session with the following components:
 - Introduce yourself
 - Time, date and location
 - Team (name, age, skill level, experience and positions)
 - An explanation that facility check has been completed and all necessary equipment is in place
- You must be seen in the video coaching
- Warm-up
- The Practice (same practice plan you submitted)
- Presentation Skills
- Observation of athletes performance of practice goals/objectives
- Detect and Correct as they relate to the assigned skill
- Cool-down
- Practice Conclusion with athletes
- Coach provides a commentary debriefing about the practice (What went well? What would you do different?)

Option 3: Evaluation at Comp. Introduction, Softball On Field Evaluation Clinic

Cost: \$50.00 plus HST

1. The Softball Coach will apply to Softball Ontario by registering at a clinic location, filling out and submitting the Competition-Introduction, Softball On Field Evaluation Application Form, the evaluation fee, the Coach Package (EAP, Practice Plan and Portfolio), plus indicating which clinic location you will be attending.
2. The NCCP Coach Developer will be given your Coaching Package to review and provide you with feedback.
3. The Softball Ontario office will schedule your gym time to complete your OFE in the following time slots once your Coach Package (EAP, Practice Plan and Portfolio) has met the requirements :

Day 1:

9:00 am
10:00 am
11:00 am
Lunch Break
1:00 pm
2:00 pm
3:00 pm

Day 2:

9:00 am
10:00 am
11:00 am
Lunch Break
1:00 pm
2:00 pm
3:00 pm

4. A Softball Coach will attend the clinic at the scheduled time to complete their On Field Evaluation. The NCCP Coach Developer will complete the OFE as outlined on Softball Ontario's website.

7. The Coach Developer will then submit the necessary paperwork to the Softball Ontario office to be updated in the Coaching Association of Canada's Locker. A copy will be issued to the Coach for their records and a Certificate of completion.