



## Competition Coaching Policy

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The ESSA Coaching Coordinator is responsible for ensuring ESSA has coaching in place for competitions where ESSA athletes are competing subject to the following points:

1. ESSA will send a coaching staff to attend competitions under the following circumstances.
  - a. The competition is an AASSA sanctioned event targeting one or more of the T2T, L2T, FUNDamentals, or Active Start groups.
  - b. The event has a minimum of three (3) participating athletes from ESSA.
2. The ESSA Board may approve sending a coach to a competition sanctioned by another provincial branch at the request of the Coaching Coordinator. By default, no coach is sent to these events.
3. If an AASSA sanctioned competition (as per part 1) is attended by two (2) or fewer ESSA athletes:
  - a. The ESSA Coaching Coordinator will first attempt to secure coaching from another club in attendance at the competition.
  - b. If no alternative coaching can be found, the Coaching Coordinator may approach the ESSA Board to approve sending a coach or allow the athletes to attend uncoached.
4. ESSA will send two or more coaches in the following circumstances at the discretion of the Coaching Coordinator.
  - a. If the event has twelve (12) or more registered ESSA skaters.
  - b. If the event is structured such that ESSA skaters may be on multiple ice surfaces simultaneously.
5. The ESSA Coaching Coordinator may approve sending a coach to an SSC sanctioned event held in the province of Alberta which targets Junior level skaters.
6. ESSA does not send coaches to events targeting Senior or Master's level athletes.

ESSA coaches will receive remuneration for attendance at competitions as per the individual's coaching contract. ESSA will cover expenses such as travel, meals, and accommodations as contracted for attendance at competitions more than 100 km from Edmonton City Centre.