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**School Sport Canada launches two new online courses for coaches.**

**Edmonton, February 12, 2015** – The Alberta Schools’ Athletic Association and School Sport Canada are set to launch their latest entries into the realm of online coaching resources. *Coaching Volleyball Fundamentals* and *Coaching Basketball Fundamentals* will launch on [www.SchoolCoach.ca](http://www.SchoolCoach.ca) on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, joining nine other currently available online coaching courses offered through [www.SchoolCoach.ca](http://www.SchoolCoach.ca) – a learning management system made available by School Sport Canada and the Alberta Schools’ Athletic Association.

Developed with funding from grants and the support of Cenovus Energy, these courses are the perfect complement to a coach’s existing knowledge, reinforcing key teaching points and refreshing them on valuable skills in the respective sport; the courses also offer outstanding education for new coaches in high school, junior high, and club sport. John Paton, president of School Sport Canada had this to say about the impending launch, “I am so pleased we are able to offer these excellent online courses for the many thousands of basketball and volleyball coaches at both the school and community level across Canada, and I want to thank Cenovus Energy for their outstanding vision in supporting this initiative”.

*Coaching Basketball Fundamentals* is authored and hosted by Shawnee Harle, Assistant Coach with the Canadian Women’s national Basketball team. This course will take you through the need-to-know aspects of running a basketball team from how to organize your season, how to plan a practice, and how to run a number of skills and drills to help your team achieve success.

*Coaching Volleyball Fundamentals* was authored by the former Assistant Coach of the University of Alberta Pandas, and current Head Coach of the Queens University Golden Gaels, Mike Ling. This course breaks down each of the fundamental volleyball skills and packages them in an easy to understand course for beginner to intermediate coaches.

School Sport Canada (SSC) is made up of the governing bodies for high school sport in each of the provinces and territories. Through the work of their volunteer board they continue to advance the position of educational-based athletics in Canada. In addition to the oversight of [www.SchoolCoach.ca](http://www.SchoolCoach.ca) and its online courses, SSC also offers professional development for Athletic Directors through its work with the Canadian Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (CIAAA; [www.ciaaa.ca](http://www.ciaaa.ca)).

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