
EXTERNAL SPORT CREDITS (ESC)

The External Sport Credentials Program (ESCP) gives students the opportunity to earn graduation credits for approved levels of competition as an athlete, coach and/or official.

Students can obtain External Sport Credits in these categories:

- Athlete (10, 11, 12)
- Coach (11, 12)
- Official (10, 11, 12)

The Ministry of Education is responsible for the External Credentials program and the Sport Credits Portion of this program is administered and monitored by the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport.

EXTERNAL SPORT CREDITS INFORMATION

- Check to see if your sport program is approved to receive credit in the External Sport Credentials Program.
- External Sport Credentials are elective credits and cannot be used for required courses.
- Students can get credit for past performance in the current approved course credits. Once a student has received credit for a particular level, they cannot receive additional credits for duplicate participation.
- Students do not have to be in a specific grade to receive that grade's credit.
- Students seeking credits for a sport course or program are required to present specific documentation as proof of participation or completion.
 - Obtain written documentation from the appropriate organizations:
 - Athlete Category programs - provincial or national sport organization.
 - Official Category programs - provincial sport organization.
 - Coach Category programs - submit the required documentation to the Sport and Recreation Branch of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport who will review the documentation and if all requirements are met they will issue a verification letter.
- Submit the letter of verification of participation for External Sport Credentials to the high school counselor. Students who have participated in approved programs before they reach grade 10 can receive credit for their past participation. For students who earn External Sport Credentials prior to entering Grade 10, they will need to file this documentation and present it once they have entered Grade 10 and are earning graduation credits.

For more information see the **Course Information for the Graduation Program** link at the Ministry of Education's website <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/courseinfo/> select Chapter 3 : "External Credentials - External Credentials Web Site". To see which sports are involved in the program, under "Key Resources" choose "External Credential Sports Program" and select "Recognized Athlete Programs".

HOW TO EARN CREDITS

Currently, BC Taekwondo offers approved ESC for Athlete 10, Athlete 11, Athlete 12 and Coach 11. In an effort to assist Provincial athletes in determining whether they meet the Criteria, review the External Sport Credits Athlete 10, Athlete 11, Athlete 12 and Coach 11 links on the BC Taekwondo Government Programs website.