

CERTIFICATE IN SPORTS COACH DEVELOPMENT (COACH DEVELOPER PROGRAMME)

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(10 days in person)

Fee: €850

Participants: 30 maximum

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The Certificate in Sports Coach Development will develop the knowledge, skills and competencies needed to develop and support ITF coaches as part of a coach development programme endorsed by the ITF

The programme will:

- Enable learners to deliver coach education courses accredited by the ITF and / or the International Council for Coaching Excellence
- Design and deliver coach support programmes in both formal and non-formal settings
- Enable learners to help coaches reach the level and standard of coaching they aspire to
- Empower learners to take responsibility for their own learning and the learning of others in the sports coaching sector.

On successful completion of the programme, learners are deployed by their National Association / ITF to train and support coaches at a level commensurate with their own coaching experience. They may also be deployed by their National Association to develop and/or review coach education programmes.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The programme is aimed at experienced ITF coaches who want to be involved in the development and support of coaches within their sport.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should:

- Where possible, hold a National coaching qualification or a qualification in coaching, sport science, physical education or similar
- Be actively coaching for at least five years
- Be nominated by a National Association
- Minimum 18 years of age
- IELTS Level 6 or equivalent (for applicants whose first language is not English).

DURATION

The programme involves two stages. Stage 1 is delivered directly by Sport Ireland Coaching over ten contact days with activities to complete before and following the contact period.

Stage 2 takes place within the National Associations where learners apply the knowledge and skills learned in Stage 1 in a sport-specific setting under the guidance of the National Association and the ITF Coach Developer Assessors. The programme can take 12-18 months to complete.



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TOPICS/MODULES

MODULE	DESCRIPTION
1 Introduction to ITF Coach Development	Core philosophies, knowledge and skills required by ITF Coach Developers
2 Coach Developer Practice	Developing the practical skills of an ITF Coach Developer
3 Leadership in Coach Development	Developing the skills to lead the development of coaches and to critically reflect
4 National Association Work Placement	Applying ITF Coach Developer skills in a practical and sport-specific context within the National Association

LEARNING OUTCOMES

On completion of the programme, learners will be able to:

1. Describe the structures and frameworks that support coach development and the role Coach Developers play in developing and supporting coaches at different stages of their development and in a variety of contexts.
2. Utilise a variety of strategies to design and deliver sports coach development opportunities in formal and non-formal environments which are centred on the needs of coaches and the National Association
3. Analyse, interpret and evaluate coach behaviour and practice and provide timely and effective coach-centred feedback that supports coaches during different stages of their development
4. Use a variety of strategies to promote and measure effective learning in a variety of contexts appropriate to sports coaching and sports coach development
5. Reflect and evaluate themselves and others for the advancement of coaches and coaching in their chosen sport
6. Provide a leadership role in the development and delivery of sports coach development within their sport
7. Develop and support coaches in a practical and sports-specific context within their chosen sport.



CONTACT

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ASSESSMENT

Learners must complete a number of assessments during Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the programme. A Learner Information Pack will be provided that contains further information on the assessments.

AWARD

The programme is recognised by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) and is included on the National Framework of Qualifications as a Level 7 Special Purpose Award in Sports Coach Development (PG24650).

Learners who complete the qualification will receive a QQI certificate and 45 credits, which they can use to access Further and Higher Education. Learners will also receive a Sport Ireland Coaching certificate and ITF Coach Developer Certificate.

