

Dear President, Secretary,

The ITF through the ITF Coaches Committee are working to improve the education, training and supports provided to ITF Coaches across the world. We are now ready to begin a very exciting phase of development with the introduction of the Certificate in Sports Coach Development. This is a professional qualification delivered through Sport Ireland Coaching and recognised on the European Qualifications Framework and is also recognised as world class by the International Council for Coaching Excellence.

What is a Coach Developer?

The simple answer is that a Coach Developer is the coach's coach. They will develop and deliver courses of education for ITF coaches, support them in their progression through mentoring, shadowing, peer groups, delivery of continuous professional development and much more. They are also the keystone in enabling the National Associations to deliver quality coach education and raise the overall standard and professionalism of the coaches with each country.

Where does this lead?

This is the first step in providing the ITF membership with development opportunities, support structures and community driven experiences for all who have an interest in coaching. ITF coaches should know that they will be prepared for their role and supported in a manner that is comparable to the best that is on offer in any sport or physical activity anywhere in the world. For the associations, it means they can take a hand in ensuring their coaches are ready to deliver quality ITF Taekwon-Do more quickly and with greater certainty and that they will be seen as assets to the association.

Benefits to the National Association

Having trained Coach Developers will benefit your Association and ITF Taekwon-Do in your country in several ways, depending on your current Coach Education system.

For countries that have state/sports ministry mandated coach education, Coach Developers are:

- Trained in course delivery in class based and practical contexts
- Capable of designing and delivering programmes for continuous professional development
- Trained mentors and advisors for the purposes of supporting coaches in their development
- Natural leaders in a community of practice
- Facilitators of peer support groups, coach exchanges and shadowing/mentorship arrangements

For countries without existing mandated coach education Coach Developers will, in addition to the above be able to:

- Deliver ITF programmes of coach education at multiple levels, suited to the development of coaches from novice to high performance

The work of the Coach Developer within your country will benefit your organisation technically, strategically and financially, creating opportunities that might not currently exist.

Who do we need?

1. We need experienced and capable coaches (competitive focused or otherwise) who's Taekwon-Do knowledge and coaching acumen is well respected amongst their peers.
2. We are looking for leaders and self starters who will be willing to work to create something new and exciting
3. We are looking for people with experience / knowledge in specialist areas relevant to coaching ITF Taekwon-Do from sport sciences, education, health or a related field.
4. Most of all we're looking for people who are passionate about helping others to improve their coaching
5. If coaching is about sacrificing your own needs in favour of your students, then coach development is about putting the needs of the coaches first

What we're asking?

We need you to commit to supporting your best people on this journey. We need you to find the people who will work to benefit your coaches and your Association for the betterment of Taekwon-Do. They will need your assistance and support financially, logistically and personally to achieve the ambitious goals of this project. We will give all the support they need educationally but you will provide the opportunities to deploy and develop their skills and exert their influence for the benefit of your members.

Details

Attached to this email are three detailed documents:

NA Initial Information Pack	This is for you and your board to familiarise yourselves with the detail of the Course and its requirements
Learner Pre Application Pack	This should be sent to <u>hand-picked</u> candidates who you feel are the right choice for the programme. It informs them of the commitments and the detail of the course they'll be undertaking.
Nomination Form	This is to be completed by the applicants and the NA representatives and sent to Master Adrian Byrne as detailed within.

Questions

As this is an entirely new programme for ITF I'm sure there will be many questions. Please contact Master Adrian Byrne by email at abyrne@itftkd.sport or via WhatsApp +353878259243