

Club Coach Certification

Objectives:

- To teach basic skills and techniques of table tennis.
- To plan and carry out training sessions with beginning player groups.
- To coach beginning players on competitive match play.
- To teach beginning players up to a USATT Rating Level of 1700.

Requirements:

- Pass Club Coach written test.
- USATT affiliate member for at least two years and have had a minimum estimated rating (MER*) of 1400.
- **Complete Coach Activity Form for Club Coach.**
- Submit certification fee of \$20, payable to USATT.

Testing process:

It is an open book test, requiring 80% correct answers for certification. Interested USATT members shall apply with USATT for the coaching examination. Once you receive the test you should complete the open book test and submit back to USATT. USATT will process the tests and return a Club Coach Certification for successful exams.

Curriculum:

- A) Basic technique and teaching methods^{1,2,3} (Tepper, p. 30-37; Hodges, p. 10-63; Seemiller & Holowchak, p.3-39)
- B) Coaching Principles¹. (Tepper, p.9-25)
- C) Rules and Equipment for table tennis^{1,3,5,6}. (Tepper, p. 241-244 and 285-298; Seemiller & Holowchak, p.73-78; ITTF Rules Book 2003-2004; ITTF Handbook 2003-2004)
- D) Drills for skill development^{1,3}. (Tepper, p.163-177; Seemiller & Holowchak, p.95-109)
- E) TOPS table tennis program for schools¹ (Tepper, p. 27-53)
- F) Code of Ethics from USATT, USOC and ITTF¹ (Tepper, p.25; also see “Other Web Sites”)
- G) Basics of physical conditioning for table tennis¹. (Tepper, p.54)
- H) First aid for sport injuries¹. (Tepper, p. 19-23)
- I) Basic guidelines for coaching leadership¹. (Tepper, p. 9-12)
- J) How to become a professional table tennis coach⁴. (Hodges, Professional Table Tennis Coaches Primer).