

USATT Coaching Newsletter



From the USATT Coaching Advisory Committee

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Welcome to our second edition of the USATT Coaching Newsletter. With this issue we are announcing an exciting new direction for our coaching education program. Starting in September of 2010, USATT Coaches will now have the opportunity to join the world-wide ITTF Coaches Education Program. Please read on for more information about how this new opportunity will benefit you as a coach.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE ITTF COACHES EDUCATION PROGRAM

The ITTF Coaches Education Program began in 2004 and since this time hundreds of courses have been taught worldwide. The program consists of four levels of courses: Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, and High Performance courses. The Level 1 Course is taught from the ITTF Level 1 Coaching Manual (300 pages) and the Level 2+3 Courses from the ITTF Advanced Coaching Manual. These manuals and courses have been prepared by many of the best coaches in the world and have been tested and refined many times.

Each ITTF Course has a class-room requirement, practical testing, and a requirement for post course coaching with an evaluation that must be passed. Coaches must pass all elements to achieve ITTF Certification. Once certified, coaches are listed on the ITTF Website and are eligible to continue to higher levels. ITTF Certification is recognized world-wide. The program has met with great success and has been adapted as the Certification Standard in many countries.

REASONS THE USATT IS OFFERING THE PROGRAM

For many years, the USATT like many other NGBs world-wide has struggled to establish a high-level coaching education program. The ITTF, seeing this worldwide need, has stepped in and using their vast resources has established a high quality program to meet these needs. By adopting their program, the USATT can offer a full range of proven educational courses and we can do it quickly and economically. The design of the ITTF Courses, especially the Level 1 Course, will also allow us to conduct courses at many local venues throughout the U.S. We believe that we can quickly make these courses easily available to most of our coaches wherever they live.

BENEFITS TO YOU, THE COACH

- The program is non-political; it is administered under ITTF Rules. The program will not change due to any change in USATT Leadership.
- Fair opportunity for all coaches – no grandfathering – everyone must go through the training and pass the tests
- ITTF Certification is recognized worldwide.
- ITTF Lists Coaches on their website.
- International Opportunities to attend Advance Courses are Possible
- **COURSE CONDUCTOR POSSIBILITIES – INTERESTED COACHES CAN ATTEND COURSE CONDUCTOR TRAINING AND WHEN CERTIFIED, TEACH ITTF COURSES IN THEIR LOCAL AREAS.**
- ITTF Certification will be listed on the USATT Website
- Coaches that become ITTF Certified will have an additional marketing advantage.

IMPACT ON YOUR USATT CERTIFICATION LEVEL

Our current USATT Certification Program is not going away! We are simply adding the option of ITTF Training and Certification to those coaches looking for a meaningful education program. No coach already certified by the USATT will lose their certification or have their level changed due to this program.

For new coaches coming into the USATT Certification Program, you now have an option of going through either system. If you choose the ITTF System then the USATT will honor the ITTF Certification at the following levels:

Club Level ITTF = Club Level USATT

Level 1 ITTF = State Level USATT

Level 2 ITTF = Regional Level USATT

Level 3 ITTF= National Level USATT

ITTF High Performance + Level 3 = Needed for National Team Coaches

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Our plan is based on creating a core of ITTF Course Conductors within the US. This will begin in September of this year when we hold our first ITTF Level 1 Course and Course Conductor Training. These Conductors will then be asked to hold a minimum of one Level 1 Course in their local area each year. It is our goal to make the ITTF Level 1 Course available to every interested coach within a one year period. We will need a core of Level 1 Certified Coaches to proceed with implementing Level 2 and Level 3 Courses.

FIRST ITTF COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The USATT will hold an ITTF Level 1 Course and Course Conductor Training from September 5-11, 2010 at the USOC Training Center in Colorado Springs. This course will include: 4-days for ITTF Level 1 Course, 1 day for ITTF IPC Course, and 2 days of Course Conductor Training. Coaches will need to arrive on 9/4 and depart on 9/12. Coaches will receive room and meals at the USOTC.

The ITTF will select and send the expert to conduct this training.

To pass the ITTF Level 1 Course – participants must attend all training sessions, pass the practical exam, complete an additional 30 of practical coaching (after the course) and receive a positive evaluation on the practical coaching.

To become ITTF Course Conductors – Coaches must successfully pass all the Level I requirements and also complete the additional two days of training on teaching the course and successfully complete the practical exam.

The goal of this course is to create as many Course Conductors as Possible.

If you would like to be part of this historic first ITTF Course in the U.S.:

Fill out the application- found on USATT Website – Only 15 spots available!!

We are looking for active coaches with excellent Presentation Skills.

Anyone applying for this course must agree to hold at least one Level 1 course in the next calendar year.

Benefits:

Listed as ITTF Course Conductor (if passed)

Right to hold ITTF Courses and Certify Coaches

Right to charge fees (set by USATT) for the courses

Courses listed on USATT web and write-ups in USATT Magazine

Applications accepted until deadline of July 15, 2010. Coaches will be selected based on level of activity, level of certification, presentation skills, and regional separation.

Announcement of the selected Coaches will be made on July 30, 2010.

Coaches are responsible for their own transportation to and from Colorado.

FOR THE FUTURE

The offering of ITTF Coaching Education Courses is a major milestone in the USATT's continuing efforts to raise the level of the sport in this country. Simply put, better coaches make better players. The USATT Coaching Advisory Committee would strongly like to encourage all coaches to take advantage of this educational opportunity.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please see the ITTF Website for more information:

http://www.ittf.com/front_page/ittf_full_story1.asp?id=7207&category=development

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