



FAQ – Basic Course – Coach Education

1. When does the next Basic Course take place?

The basic course will be in person from 20-25 April 2024. However, the online part will be available at least 2 weeks before.

2. Where does this Basic Course take place?

The basic course will be held in the Sports Centre Salzburg-Rif (Hartmannweg 4-6, 5400 Hallein, Austria). The biathlon-specific part will be organized in the biathlon venue of Ruhpolding (Chiemgau Arena, Biathlonzentrum 1, 83324 Ruhpolding, Germany). The online part will be held via the IBU E-Learning platform ("Learning Suite"), available for enrolled participants.

3. Who can apply for the Basic Course?

Motivated candidates with basic biathlon knowledge, PE teachers, and former athletes nominated by the National Federation can apply. The NF needs to apply.

4. How can I apply for the Basic Course?

Each candidate needs to be recommended by the NF. Applications must be submitted using the online form available only in IBU Scope to your NF. In addition, the candidate needs to provide a motivational letter and his/her CV.

5. When can I apply for the Basic Course?

The application process will be open from 27 November 2023, and the deadline for application will be 31 January 2024. NFs/Applicants are encouraged to commence and submit their application as early as possible during the application period, ensuring you will not have any last-minute technical problems.

6. How can I be sure my application has been submitted?

Once your NF has completed your application and clicked on the Submit Application button - a notification will appear advising that your application has successfully been submitted. Furthermore, during the review process, you will be notified by the IBU project leader in case of any additional information requirements. You will have access to your application at any time, and you may monitor the review process of your application.

7. How long will it take to have my application assessed?

The processing time for applications takes between 1-2 weeks and is preceded by the IBU Development Department. All successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified of the outcome of their application.



8. If my application has been unsuccessful, can I be provided with information as to why?

The department does not provide individual feedback to unsuccessful applicants.

9. Should I submit additional documents not listed in the supporting documents of the applicant guidelines?

No. Applicants should not include additional documents not listed in the supporting documents table as they will not be considered.

10. Is there any funding for this basic course?

The NF can apply for IBU Development funding to cover the course fee (€ 1,500 per learner), accommodation, and travel costs. In addition, the IBU will apply for the Olympic Solidarity Coach Education Support.

11. What is the difference between Basic and First-Level Courses?

The Basic Course is an introduction to biathlon coaching with fundamental knowledge. This Coach mainly works as a Club Coach with youth athletes and beginners.

The First Level Course is the second stage in the IBU Coach Education program (1. Basic Level, 2. First Level, 3. Second Level, and 4. Third Level) and is constipated for youth and junior coaches. This Coach mainly works at the regional and national levels and delivers sessions over a season, often as a part of a broader national program.

12. How many coaches can take part in this Basic Course?

The maximum number of coaches will be 20. It needs a minimum of 15 coaches to run the course. In the case of many applications, IBU will consider another round of the Basic course in 2025.

13. Which lectures are offered?

Theoretical and practical lessons in the fields of skiing, shooting, exercise physiology, coaches' soft skills, equipment, applied training science, and the business of sport will be provided by well-known experts and coaches in the fields of winter sports and sports science.