



## FAQ – Coach Education – Pilot Second Level Course

### 1. When does this Second Level Course take place?

The pilot Second Level course contains a total of three weeks of in-person education that will be conducted between September 2023 and July 2024.

Week 1: 23-27 September 2023 in Oberhof/GER

Week 2: 5 days, planned for the beginning of April, Lillehammer/NOR

Week 3: 5 days, planned for the end of June/beginning of July, Antholz/ITA

Additional tasks will be assigned via our online learning platform (LearningSuite) throughout the course period (lectures upfront).

### 2. Where does this Second Level Course take place?

The first week of the course will be held in the LOTTO Thüringen ARENA am Rennsteig (Am Grenzdler 2, 98559 Oberhof, Germany). The online part will be held via IBU E-Learning platform ("Learning Suite"), available for enrolled participants.

The second week will be held in Lillehammer, Norway, and the third week in Antholz, Italy.

### 3. Who can apply for the Second Level Course?

Motivated candidates with advanced experience in coaching at the Junior level or higher and coaches with a university education in sport science nominated by the National Federation can apply. The NF needs to apply.

### 4. How can I apply for the Second Level Course?

Each candidate needs to be recommended by its NF. Applications must be submitted using the online form available only. 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 6 February 2023, and the deadline for application will be 30 April 2023. 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 click 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 proceeded 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 Second Level course?

The NF can apply for IBU Development funding to cover the course fee (€ 7 000 per learner), accommodation, and travel costs. In addition, the NFs may apply for the Olympic Solidarity for Coach education support - please contact your NOC to get more details.

11. Does IBU arrange accommodation during the camp?

Yes, IBU will arrange accommodation nearby the biathlon venue where the course is held.

12. What is the difference between First Level and Second Level courses?

The Second Level course is the third stage in the IBU Coach Education program (1. Basic Level, 2. First Level, 3. Second Level, and 4. Third Level) and is concipated for coaches with advanced experience in coaching Junior athletes or higher. The coach already works on an international level and is responsible for season planning.

13. How many coaches can take part in this Second Level 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 the second round of the Second Level Course in 2024/2025.

14. Which lectures are offered?

Theoretical and practical lessons in the fields of skiing, shooting, applied training science, biathlon performance, exercise physiology, coaches' soft skills, nutrition, psychology, recovery & prevention, equipment, rules & competition, and integrity will be provided by well-known experts and coaches in the related fields.