



FAQ – Coach Education – Second Level Course

1. When does this Second Level Course take place?

The Second Level course contains a total of three weeks of in-person education that will be conducted between September 2025 and June 2026.

Week 1: 5 days, 15 - 19 September 2025 in Oberhof (GER)

Week 2: 5 days, planned for the beginning of April 2026 in Lillehammer (NOR)

Week 3: 5 days, planned for June 2026

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 is planned to be held in the LOTTO Thüringen ARENA am Rennsteig (Am Grenzdler 2, 98559 Oberhof, 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 Second Level Course?

Motivated candidates with advanced experience in coaching at the Junior level or higher and coaches with a university education in sports 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 their 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 Second Level Course?

The application process will be open from 20 November 2024, and the deadline for application will be 31 March 2025. 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 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 IBU will apply for the Olympic Solidarity Coach Education Support.

11. Does IBU arrange accommodation during the camp?

Yes, IBU will arrange accommodation near 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 designed 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.

The First Level Course is the second stage in the IBU Coach Education program and is designed 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.

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 next round of the Second Level Course in 2026/2027.

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, the business of sport, and integrity will be provided by well-known experts and coaches in the related fields.