



FAQ – Coach Education – Pilot Third-Level Course

1. When does the Pilot Third Course take place?

The Pilot Third Level course contains three times 4 days of in-person education that will be conducted between October 2024 and July 2025.

Week 1: Planned in October 2024 in Östersund (SWE)

Week 2: Planned in May 2025 in Antholz (ITA)

Week 3: Planned in July 2025 in Oslo (NOR)

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

2. Where does this Third Level Course take place?

The first course is planned to be held in Östersund (SWE). The online part will be held via the IBU E-Learning platform ("Learning Suite"), available for enrolled participants.

For the second and third weeks, Antholz and Oslo are planned.

3. Who can apply for the Third Level Course?

A maximum of 10 motivated candidates with advanced experience in coaching at the elite level and coaches with a university education in sports science nominated by the National Federation.

4. How can I apply for the Third Level Course?

Each candidate needs to be recommended by his/her 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 Third Level Course?

The application process will be open from 27 November 2023, and the deadline for application will be 31 March 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 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 Third Level course?

The NF can apply for IBU Development funding to cover the course fee (€ 7 500 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 Second and Third Level courses?

The Second Level course is designed for coaches with advanced experience in coaching junior athletes or higher while the Third Level Course is designed for coaches who work with senior athletes on an elite level.

13. How many coaches can take part in this Third Level course?

The maximum number of coaches will be 10. It needs a minimum of 8 coaches to run the course. In the case of many applications, IBU will consider the next round of the Third Level Course in 2025/2026.

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.