



FAQ – Regional Basic Course – Coach Education

1. When does the next Regional Basic Course take place?

The course can take place in one of the following time slots: 20-25 July 2025, 24-29 August 2025, or 1-6 September 2025. The NFs can apply for a preferred slot. However, the online part will be available at least 2 weeks before.

2. Where does this Regional Basic Course take place?

The course will be held in one of the venues of the applying NFs (Host NF) and must have a shooting range, a ski roller track, a strength room, a lecture room, and a hotel nearby. 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 can be nominated by the National Federation. The NF needs to apply. At least three (3) NFs must apply together to run the course. If an application includes fewer than three NFs, the applicant is kindly requested to provide an explanation. The IBU will carefully review each case and make a decision accordingly.

4. How can I apply for the Basic Course?

All applications must be submitted through the IBU SCOPE online application system using a two-step process:

Step 1: One National Federation (NF) applies as a "Host NF" and specifies at least two "Partner NFs." (In case of no or just one "Partner NF" - please specify the reasons for this).

Step 2: If the application is approved, the "Host NF" must complete a separate registration for all participants, including those from the Host and Partner NFs, in IBU SCOPE.

5. When can I apply for the Basic Course?

The application process will be open from 20 November 2024, and the deadline for application will be 31 January 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 basic course?

The IBU will apply for the Olympic Solidarity Coach Education Support for the Host NF which has to cover the costs up to the Olympic Solidarity requirements.

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 24. It needs a minimum of 15 coaches to run the course. At least 3 different NFs must apply together. Each NF Member may nominate up to eight (8) candidates, with at least 40% of them being female. If an NF Member submits fewer than eight candidates, the remaining slots may be allocated to other NFs.

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.

14. In which language will the course be held?

The course can be simultaneously translated into a maximum of 2 different languages. The NFs must provide an online translation service which is agreed with the IBU. IBU covers the costs.