

National Certification Criteria

National Coach Level 4 is the highest level of coaching education offered by USATT.

Objective:

- The National Coaches should have a comprehensive knowledge of working with junior and senior elite players.
- To train and coach players for conditioning and competition at the highest levels, including the World/Olympic Games.
- To demonstrate strong leadership for the sport of table tennis and represented entities in all coaching experiences.

Requirements:

- a. Certified Regional Coach for a minimum of 3 years.
- b. Pass National Coach written test.
- c. Submit a study project about subject chosen by the candidate and approved by USATT.
- d. Complete Coach Activity Form for National Coach.
- e. USATT member for a minimum of 8 years and have achieved a lifetime high USATT rating or international equivalent of 2300. This specific requirement may be waived in some instances at the discretion of the Technical Director at the National Office.
- f. Submit certification fee of \$50 payable to USATT.
- g. Have submitted at least two table tennis coaching articles to the Coaching Committee Chairman for possible publication in USATT magazine.
- h. Must attend a minimum of two USOC/USATT Coaching Seminars.
- i. Must submit three recommendation letters from coached players or parent/guardian of player.
- j. Must show a history of greater than three years of coaching activity.
- k. Coached player(s) must show participation in a Regional (***) level tournament or higher.
- l. Must submit a study project as indicated for this level of certification.

Testing process:

Each applicant must pass a written test along with a written study about a subject chosen by the candidate and approved by USATT. The candidate must submit their subject for the written study project six months before the written test. USATT will determine if the subject chosen is applicable. The written study project shall be submitted to USATT one month before the test for review. Final step is: USATT must approve the written study for the candidate to take the written test. The written test will be a writing test requiring 80% correct answers for certification.

Curriculum:

- a. All the subjects from Regional Coach.
- b. Sport psychology-goal setting, communication, attributes, and motivation.
- c. Individual performance planning (analysis and evaluation).
- d. Advanced theory and methods of table tennis conditioning and training.
- e. Practical activity in sport departments.
- f. Table tennis philosophy.