

USATT Coaching Newsletter



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Welcome to our fifth edition of the USATT Coaching Newsletter. USATT Coaching is proud to announce our 2012 Schedule of Regional ITTF Coaches Courses. Read on for complete information about the courses and the progress of our USATT/ITTF Coaches Education Program.

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USATT/ITTF COACHES EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE!

Last year, USATT Coaching achieved a milestone with the introduction of regional ITTF Coaches Courses. ITTF Course Conductors, Larry Hodges, Sydney Christophe, and Richard McAfee held four very successful courses. As a result of their hard work, USATT now has 65 ITTF Level 1 Coaches with ten more finishing their post-course work to become certified. All USATT Coaches who have earned ITTF Certification have had their ITTF Certification added to their names on the USATT Coaches database and are now also listed on the ITTF Coaches Registry at: http://www.ittf.com/front_page/ittf1.asp?category=dev_coach_reg

This effort marks the first time in the history of the USATT that coaches around the country have had access to a comprehensive program of coaches education. All of our regional courses are self-funded and do not present any cost to the USATT.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND AN ITTF-PPT LEVEL 1 COURSE?

The short answer is anyone who is coaching children! The ITTF Level 1 Course has at its focus, ***how to coach juniors and how to conduct group trainings***. This also makes the Level 1 Course a perfect first course for anyone wishing to enter the coaching profession. Higher level coaches who wish to take the higher ITTF Level Courses that focus more on elite athletes, need to take the Level 1 Course as well. Many of the USATT National Coaches have taken the Level 1 Course in the last year and even the most experienced coaches have found the material in the Level 1 Course interesting and challenging.

And finally, parents of juniors competing in tournaments will also find this course very useful in helping their own children reach their full potential.

ATLANTA, GA, ITTF-PPT LEVEL 1 COURSE – MAY 12-16

The very active Atlanta Table Tennis Association will host the first ever ITTF-PPT Level 1 Course to be held in Atlanta from May 12-16. The venue for the course will be the Atlanta Contemporary Chinese Academy located at 7094 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Norcross, GA.

The course is being organized by Jon Gustavson (President of AGTTA), and Jie Chang and former ATTA President and ITTF Course Conductor, Richard McAfee, will conduct the course. There is an excellent group of coaches signed up for the course, but there is still room for a few more. Come join us for five days of a great educational experience and some great Southern hospitality.

For more information see: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Coaching/Courses.aspx>

FREMONT, CA, ITTF-PPT LEVEL 1 COURSE – JUNE 11-15

The exciting Fremont Table Tennis Academy will host the first ever West Coast Regional ITTF-PPT Level 1 Course from June 11-15th. The course is being organized by FTFA's head coach, Shashin Shodan.

ITTF Course Conductor Christian Lillieroos will conduct the course. Christian will bring his wealth of experience as the former Men's National Team Coach for both the USATT and Mexico to the course.

For the many coaches in our West Coast Region, USATT invites you to take advantage of this opportunity to work with Christian within the excellent facilities of the Fremont Table Tennis Academy. Become ITTF Certified and show your students your own commitment to excellence.

For more information see: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Coaching/Courses.aspx>

CHAMPAIGN, IL, ITTF-PPT LEVEL 1 COURSE – JULY 17-21

The fast-growing Champaign Table Tennis Club will host the first ever Midwest Regional ITTF Course from July 17-21. The course will be held at Next Generation School located at: 2521 Galen Drive, Champaign, IL.

The course is being organized by J. Bryant Evans, President of CCTTC, and Federico Bassetti, Head Coach. Both Bryant and Federico attended an ITTF-PPT Level 1 Course in Denver in 2011, and are ITTF Certified Level 1 Coaches. They decided to host an ITTF Course so that other coaches in the Midwest would have the opportunity to become ITTF Certified.

ITTF Course Conductor and Trainer, Richard McAfee, will conduct the course. Coach McAfee has conducted ITTF Courses and Projects in many countries around the world.

For more information and to register, please see: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Coaching/Courses.aspx>

AUSTIN, TX, ITTF-PPT LEVEL 1 COURSE – AUGUST 13-17

One of the USATT's finest full-time clubs, the Austin Table Tennis Club/Association will host an ITTF-PPT Level 1 from August 13-17. This will be the first ITTF-PPT Level 1 Course to be held in South-Central region. The club is located at: 8956 Research Blvd, Austin, Texas. The Austin Club features 16 individual courts, proshop/lounge, and much more.

Head Coach of the Austin Table Tennis Association, Kenneth Beauchamp will serve as the local organizer. USATT Coaching Chairman, Richard McAfee, will conduct the course.

Come join us for an exciting week of learning and sharing and become ITTF Certified. For complete information please see: : <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Table-Tennis/Coaching/Courses.aspx>

FOR THE FUTURE!

USATT Coaching plans to double the number of ITTF Level 1 Coaches within the USATT this year to 120+. We also are planning on hosting our first Level 2 and Level 2 Course Conductor Course in October (dates are not yet available). Regional ITTF Level 2 Courses will start in 2013 and Regional ITTF Level 3 Courses will begin in 2014.

Now is the time to get in on the ground floor of the USATT/ITTF Education Program. Attend a regional ITTF Course this year, become ITTF Level 1 Certified and you will be ready for the Level 2 Courses in 2013.

Take an ITTF course and see your name on the ITTF Coaches Registry!