

2012 END OF YEAR REPORT

USATT COACHING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A summary of the activities of the USATT National Coaching Advisory Committee for the year 2012. Report created for the USATT Board of Directors Meeting on December 18, 2012.



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1. Committee Members

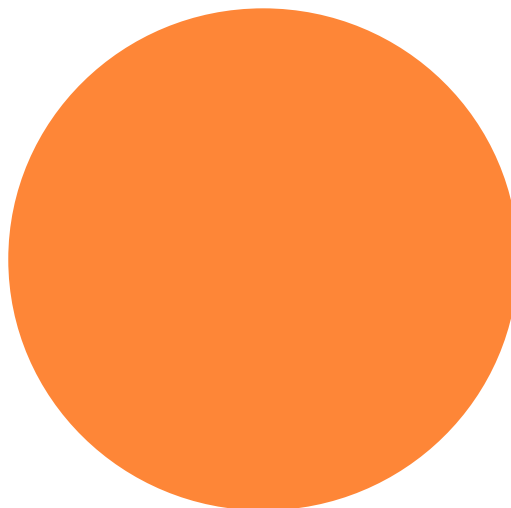
Our committee is currently composed of:

- Richard McAfee, Chairman, USATT National Coach, ITTF Level Trainer
- Larry Hodges, USATT National Coach, ITTF Level 1 Coach, ITTF Course Conductor
- Ernesto Ebeun, USATT National Coach, ITTF Level 1 Coach
- Daniel Rutenberg, USATT National Coach, ITTF Level 1 Coach
- Nan Li, Athlete Rep
- Teodor Gheorghe, Staff Liaison

2. Coaching Education Program Progress

This was the second year of our new ITTF/USATT Coaching Education Program. We held five more regional ITTF-PTT Level 1 Courses. These included:

1. Atlanta, Ga, May 12-16, 2012 – 13 Coaches took part – Richard McAfee conducted the course.
2. Freemont, CA, June 11-16, 2012 – 16 Coaches took part – Christian Lilleroos conducted the course.



3. Champaign, IL, July 17-21, 2012 – 13 Coaches took part – Richard McAfee conducted the course.
4. Westchester, NY, August 4,5,11,12, 2012 – 11 Coaches took part – Sydney Christophe conducted the course.
5. Austin, Tx, August 13-17, 2012 – 22 Coaches took part – Richard McAfee conducted the course.

In total 147 USA Coaches have now taken an ITTF Level 1 Course during our first two years. We currently have 104 ITTF Certified Level 1 Coaches with an additional 43 coaches working on finishing their post-course requirements.

3. First Level 2 Course and Level 2 Course Conductor Courses Held

From October 30 through November 6th, 2012, the USA Table Tennis Association hosted their first ever ITTF Level 2 and Level 2 Course Conductor's Courses. The course was conducted at the outstanding facilities of the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Thirteen Coaches from the USA took part and in addition 3 International ITTF Level 1 Course Conductor's attended. Unfortunately four coaches from the USA could not attend as hurricane Sandy forced the cancellations of all flights from the East Coast of the country.

Conducting the Course was Philippe Molodzoff of France who is the author of the ITTF Advanced Manual. From the very beginning of the course, all the participants quickly learned that much was expected from them to be able to pass the final Level 2 Exams. Enthusiasm for the course ran high and even after long days in the classroom, coaches could be found each evening forming study groups to practice for their practical and verbal exams. Day by day, under the constant feedback and instruction from the "Master Teacher", Philippe, coaches saw their own coaching skills improving. This improvement inspired everyone to work even harder. All this hard work paid off as all the coaches passed the tests, a rarity for a Level 2 Course. Also, even more impressive was that seven of the thirteen USA Coaches scored high enough on the exams to qualify to attend a future Level 3 Course. Polona Cehovin Susin, ITTF Deputy Executive Director of Education and Training joined Philippe for the last few days to assist with the Course Conductor Training. Polona insists that a high standard must be met to qualify to become an ITTF Course Conductor and USA Table Tennis is very proud that all three USA Course Conductors passed the Level 2 Course Conductor Course and are now able to begin to teach the Level 2 Course within the USA.

Christian Lilleroos, Dennis Davis, and Richard McAfee are now certified ITTF Level 2 Course Conductors.

4. New USATT/ITTF Coaches Website Developed

Thanks to ITTF Level 1 Coach Federico Bassetti, USATT/ITTF Coaches will soon have a new website for them to share articles, videos, and "best practices of coaching". It includes discussion forums and a magazine feature. The site is built

and undergoing testing at the moment but will open in a few days. Membership to the site is limited to coaches who are both USATT and ITTF Certified. We hope this will become the “state of the art” for a coaching website. <http://backside.network-maker.com/>

5. Safe Sport Initiative

Our committee is actively involved with USATT Staff in implementing background checks for our coaches. Michael Cavanaugh will be giving a full report on this program. The on-line background system is now in place.

6. For the Future

In 2013, USATT Coaching has the following goals:

- To fully implement background checks for all USATT Coaches
- To hold 4-6 regional ITTF-PPT Level 1 Courses
- To hold 1 ITTF Level 1 Course Conductor Course (We need more Course Conductors)
- To hold 2-3 regional ITTF Level 2 Courses
- To develop a world class coaching website for our ITTF Coaches

7. Special Mention

USATT Coaching would like to recognize the work of our ITTF Course Conductors who are making our Coaching Education Program Possible. These include:

Larry Hodges – Level 1 Course Conductor

Christian Lillieroos – Level 1 + Level 2 Course Conductor

Dennis Davis – Level 1 + Level 2 Course Conductor

Sydney Christophe – Level 1 Course Conductor

Richard McAfee – Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 Course Conductor and ITTF Trainer

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