National Certification Criteria

National Coach is the highest level of coaching certification offered by USATT. This level will be in place until the new certification system is implemented in 2021, and the National coach level will be the equivalent to the new High-Performance level 2. In 2020 no new National coaches will be certified.

Objective:

• The National Coaches should have a comprehensive knowledge of working with junior and senior elite players up to the USA National Team level.

• 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) A coach must have been selected to coach the USA national team at a national training camp and at an ITTF sanctioned tournament after 1994.

b) Or, Pass the ITTF Level 3 certification and have a current ITTF certification.

c) Or, certified to teach ITTF Level 2 courses or higher, and have taught a L2 course or higher since 2015.

d) To stay certified the coach needs to complete a Coach Activity Form for National Coach every 4 years.

e) Minimum USATT coach member, and safesport certified and passed a background check.

f) To stay certified, within a 4 year period must attend a minimum of two USOPC/USATT Coaching Seminars/conferences.

g) If a coach has the highest documented national coaching certification from an ITTF World Championship team Division 1 country, they can get grandfathered into this level. That decision can only be made by the Coaching Education Director in consultation with the USATT Coaching Committee.

h) A playing level as an athlete has no bearing on any coaching certifications.

Curriculum:

a. All the subjects from High Performance Level 1. 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.