USATT New Coaching Education Program

Pre-requisite for all attendees of any Coaching certification course or certified coaches.

- Online Safe sport certified, and Back-ground check completed
- USATT member. USATT Coach member $45 minimum, that includes listing as a coach with profile on USATT website, and free admission to USATT sanctioned events with a coach credential. Each course includes a USATT Coach membership for one year after the completion date of the course.
- All registrations for all coaching courses will be done through Omipong.com with payments to USATT.
- Each certification is valid for four years. Attending a coaching seminar/conference, taking a coaching course, or submitting written documentation of activity will renew the certification for another 4 years.

The Idea behind the new Coaching certification System

The system will have 3 independent paths, Club, High Performance and Para Table Tennis High Performance. Many coaches have different interests and/or skills, and this system will better accommodate a broader range of coaches, and speed up the certification process to get to higher learning in the area of interest for a coach. Each path has pre-requisites and if a coach meets those, the coach can start directly on that path. Each path has 2 levels, and it is possible to cross from one path to another.

A) The Club path: focuses on the coaching of juniors and adults up to a USATT Level of 2,000. It also focuses on the environment for a coach in a USATT member club, which also includes running of USATT tournaments/leagues, and the management of a full-time club.

B) The High Performance path: focuses mostly on coaching juniors with an interest to be professional players in the future, and players up to 2700 in USATT rating. Above 2700 or for coaching of professional players USATT recommends USOPC and ITTF courses.

C) The Para Table Tennis (PTT) High Performance path: focuses mostly on how to coach aspiring or current National PTT team athletes with an impairment either physically or intellectually in any of the 11 ITTF classes.

The following courses will be offered in 2020

The new System will be implemented gradually. The New certifications will gradually replace the old levels. Below are the first levels that are implemented this year. The old levels for USATT Club and, State, if not also an ITTF PTT Level 1 certification level has also been reached, will expire January 1st, 2021. If a coach has an ITTF PTT Level 1 certification, that equivalent certification of USATT Club Level 2, will expire at the same time the ITTF certification expires or 1st January 2024, whichever is first.

1) Club Level 1, replacing previous USATT Club coach
• 2-day course, 12 hours in total.
• Cost $185 Including the course manual
• Online component 3 hours course completed prior to attending the course.
• How to coach any players up to USATT 1500 or the first 2 years of a young players development.
• Open to anyone interested in coaching
• After completed course 20 hours of practical training as a coach for any level of players certified by a USATT certified coach.

2) **Club Level 2, replacing previous USATT State coach**
   • 3-day course, 18 hours in total. Same manual as for Club level 1
   • Cost $210, minimum 6 participants, and maximum 20 (not including the manual).
   • Online component 6 hours course. How to run a USATT tournament and how to run a Professional fulltime Club in USA. Intro and history of PTT players. Online content has to be completed before attending the course.
   • How to coach any players up to USATT 2000 or the first 5 years of a young players development, and how to coach adults in USA. Introduction to how to coach Para Table Tennis players using a wheelchair and standing, as well as intellectually impaired athletes.
   • Open to attend for certified USATT Club Level 1 coaches, or a player who has a documented minimum rating of over 2000 since 1994, or a certified ITTF Club coach or higher.
   • After completed course passing both practical and online tests; 30 hours of practical training in a group of minimum 4 players as a coach with any level of players, including a 5 hours supervised test by a USATT Club Level 2 certified coach or higher. Maximum 10 hours can be private lessons.

3) **Club Level 1 – 2 combined, replacing previous USATT State coach**
   4) 5-day course, 30 hours in total.
   5) Cost $380, minimum 6 participants, and maximum 20.
   6) Online component 6 hours course. How to run a USATT tournament and how to run a Professional fulltime Club in USA. Online content has to be completed before attending the course.
   7) How to coach any players up to USATT 2000 or the first 5 years of a young players development, and how to coach adults in USA.
   8) Open to anyone interested in coaching
   9) After completed course passing both practical and online tests; 30 hours of practical training in a group of minimum 4 players as a coach with any level of players, including 5 hours of a supervised test by a USATT Club Level 2 certified coach or higher. Maximum 10 hours can be private lessons.

4) **High Performance Level 1, replacing previous “USATT Regional coach”**
   1) 5-day course, 30 hours in total.
   2) Cost $415, including the Advanced manual
   3) Minimum 6 participants, and maximum 20.
4) Online component 12 hours course.
5) How to coach any players up to USATT 2400 or the first 10 years of a player’s development.
6) Open to attend for certified USATT Club Level 2 coaches, or a player who has a documented minimum rating over 2400 since 1994 or equivalent international play level, or a certified ITTF PTT Level 1 coach. International coach certifications can also qualify a coach to get direct access to this course.
7) After completed course, 50 hours of practical training as a coach for any level of players, including a 5 hour supervised test with players minimum over USATT 2,200 rating by a USATT High Performance Level 1 certified coach or higher. 20 hours can be private lessons.

**Starting in 2021**

4) High Performance Level 2, replacing USATT National

5) High Performance PTT Level 1. New certification course

**Starting in 2022**

6) High Performance PTT Level 2, New certification course