USA Triathlon NCAA Coach Mentorship Program

Program Purpose: The goal of the USA Triathlon and NCAA Coach Mentorship Program is to increase coaches’ collegiate triathlon coaching knowledge to advance NCAA triathlon, develop a strong NCAA coaching community, and provide resources to help with coaches’ growth. All coaches (volunteer, assistant, and head) are eligible to participate, but volunteer and assistant coaches need approval from their head coach.

Program Requirements: Participation is voluntary, but highly encouraged. USA Triathlon will do its best to create mentor-mentee matches based on NCAA divisions and mentor-mentees skillsets. Coaches and mentees are encouraged to speak or meet in person once per month via a medium of their choice (phone, Zoom, Skype, etc.). This will be a highly mentee-driven process in which coaches decide what it is they want to learn, and work together with their mentor to achieve these learning and professional development goals. USA Triathlon will offer optional quarterly surveys to ask mentors and mentees for feedback and recommendations on how to maximize the value of the mentorship program.

Though not required, USA Triathlon will offer quarterly calls to discuss coaching-related topics. Ideas may include recruiting, financial management, training progression and periodization, and more. Please complete the following survey to help plan topics and determine the best time for calls. Quarterly calls will occur via Zoom in July, October, and December for 2020. Please read your email for more information in the coming months.

Program Application: Please complete all fields below so that USA Triathlon can best match you to a mentor or mentee. We anticipate being able to begin the matching process in mid-June.

Name and Title: 
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If you are assistant or volunteer coach, signature and email of your program’s Head Coach: 
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University: __________________________________________________________________

Division of Your University: ______________________________________________________

Location of Your University: ______________________________________________________

Number of Years of Coaching Experience: (Please describe any of your coaching experiences—can be prior to your NCAA appointment and in any sport)
Applicable Certifications You Hold:
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Key Strengths You Possess:

Key Areas You Would Like to Improve:

Are You Interested in Serving as a Mentor, a Mentee, or Both (“both” refers to serving as a mentor by sharing your strengths with a coach as well as receiving a mentor to work on areas of desired improvement)? Please describe below:
If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Otterbein, Education Manager: melissa.otterbein@usatriathlon.org. Please complete application and email to Melissa Otterbein no later than June 12.

By submitting this form, I agree to share what I’m learning with coaches on my team to foster learning and program growth.

Signature: ___________________________________________________________________

Date: ________________________________________________________________________