

COACH/INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPER PROCESS



Sport Ireland Coaching have a number of programmes to support the development of Coaches, Instructors and Officials in National Governing Bodies (NGBs).

These programmes are called Developer programmes and include Coach Developer, Instructor Developer and Officials Developer. The programmes are delivered by Sport Ireland Coaching as part of the Coaching Development Programme for Ireland (CDPI). On successful completion of the programmes, learners are deployed by their NGB to train and support coaches, instructors or officials.

Specific details of all programmes are sent to NGBs in an annual calendar

The suite of programmes Sport Ireland Coaching provide for Coach Developers, Instructor Developers and Officials Developers include but are not limited to:

- Certificate in Sports Coach Development (formerly known as Level 2 Coach Developer)
- Coach Developer Assessor
- Officials Developer
- Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Opportunities
- Specialist workshops

Certificate in Sports Coach Development

The Coach Developer programme provides learners with the skills required to deliver effective coach education courses within an NGB and to identify and deliver relevant support to coaches in non-formal contexts.

The Coach Developer programme is recognised by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) and is included on the National Framework of Qualifications as a Level 7 Special Purpose Certificate in Sports Coach Development (PG24650). Learners who complete the qualification will receive 45 credits, which they can use to access Further and Higher Education.

The programme is aimed at experienced sports coaches who want to be involved in the development and support of coaches within their sport. Applicants should

- Hold an NGB coaching qualification CDPI Level 2 or higher (or the highest level NGB coach award) or be a NGB staff member with a specific role in the delivery of coach education
- Be actively coaching for at least five years
- Be nominated by an NGB
- Minimum 18 years of age
- IELTS Level 6 or equivalent (for applicants who English isn't their first language)

Officials Developer Framework

Following requests from NGBs, the training of sports officials was explored. Sports Officials include referees, lines people, umpires, judges, scorekeepers etc.

Officials and anyone with an involvement in officiating or in the training/supporting officials were surveyed on the type of training currently provided to officials and the type of training needed. An Officials Developer programme was developed to train those who have responsibility within an NGB for training officials.

The first part of the programme was piloted in 2021. Following completion of the pilot, the External Programme Review Panel and Sport Ireland's Education and Training Council will review the programme.