

# IRISH FA NATIONAL COACHING COURSES 2019



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# Message from Jim Magilton

**Elite Performance Director - Irish Football Association**

The Irish FA's Elite Performance Programme aims to develop a larger pool of talented youth players capable of playing in the English and Scottish top divisions, as well as supporting the Associations determination to improve performance at International Level.

As part of the Elite Performance Programme, there is a strong focus on ensuring that we produce a stream of talented, enthusiastic coaches who can play their part in raising standards across Northern Ireland. That is why I place great emphasis on our coach education programme.

I would also extend a welcome to coaches on our courses who come from outside Northern Ireland and they will benefit from their experience on our Irish FA course.



# Message from Nigel Best

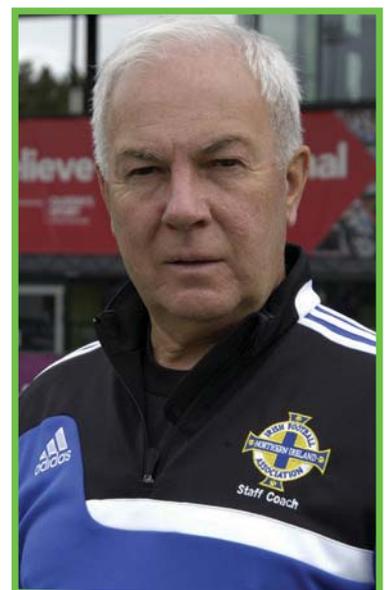
**Coach Education Manager - Irish Football Association**

I believe that the provision of relevant, high quality coach education courses is a key component of the work of the Irish FA's Elite Performance Department.

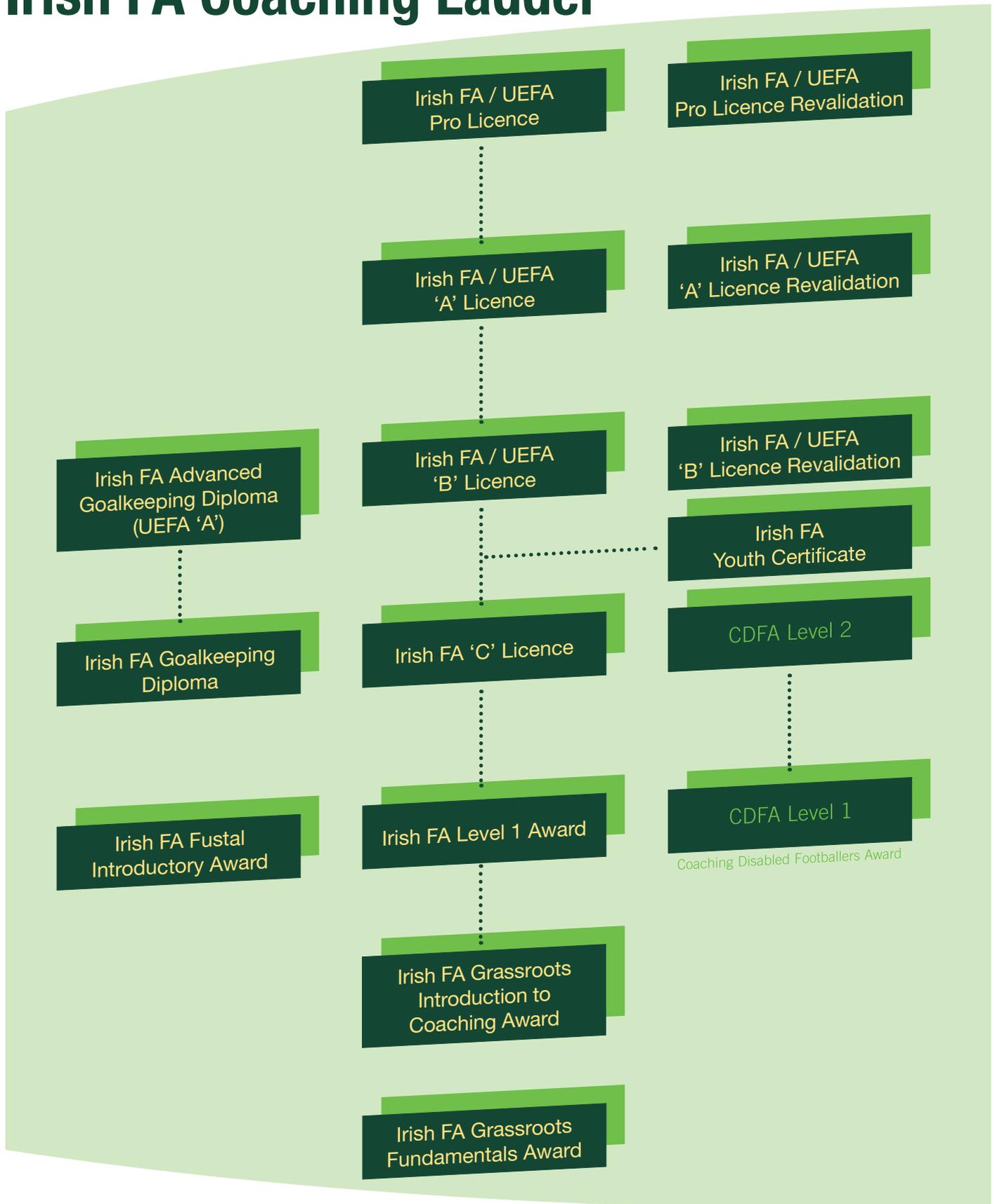
I see it as vitally important that we up-skill our coaches at all levels of the game, from Youth to Senior, so that the players get greater benefit from the contact time spent with their coach. To ensure that the Irish FA's courses embrace modern trends, we have developed an on-line Coach Education Platform in partnership with Academy Soccer Coach, thereby meeting UEFA's requirement to incorporate the use of IT into the training of modern coaches.

Whichever of the Irish FA's courses you enrol on, I know you will have a positive learning experience and consequently will improve as a coach.

I look forward to seeing you at our courses in Belfast.



# Irish FA Coaching Ladder



Irish FA and UEFA coaching awards are valid for a maximum of 3 years. Revalidation can be obtained through Irish FA Continuous Professional Development Courses.

**These courses are NOT available for coaches that do not reside in Northern Ireland**

## Irish FA Grassroots Introduction to Coaching Award

**DATE** Monday 10th June 2019 (10am - 1pm)

**VENUE** Queens Sports, Upper Malone

**FEE** £20

### COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Anyone over 14 years of age may apply.

### COURSE OUTLINE

This attendance based Award is aimed at volunteers, parents, teachers, and aspiring or existing coaches working in the area of Grassroots Football with children between the ages of 5 - 12. The course is 3 hours in duration, with both theoretical and practical content. Participants who complete the course will be awarded with the Irish FA Grassroots Introduction to Coaching Booklet and certificate.

Candidates should bring appropriate clothing and footwear for indoor lectures and indoor practical sessions. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

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## Irish FA Level 1 Coaching Award

**DATE** Wednesday 12th June to Friday 14th June 2019 (9.30am – 5.30pm each day)

**VENUE** Queens Sports, Upper Malone

**FEE** £250 (This includes a buffet lunch on each day)

### COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Anyone over 16 years of age may apply.

### COURSE OUTLINE

The Irish FA Level 1 Award qualifies you to coach children and young people (5 - 12) under the supervision of a more qualified coach. A Level 1 Coaching Award candidate must complete 24 guided learning hours with a tutor – this includes an online Irish FA Safeguarding Children course and an Irish FA Basic First-Aid for Football Leaders course.

In addition to the above, each candidate must prepare two practical sessions, one of which will be their session topic for assessment using the Academy Soccer Session Planner on the Irish FA's online Coach Education Platform

All candidates will be provided with a code allowing three months access to the online Coach Education Platform.

The course is 30 hours (3 days) in duration, with both theoretical and practical content. Participants who complete the course will be sent a Level One ID card

**Candidates should bring appropriate clothing and footwear for indoor lectures and outdoor practical sessions on 3g /grass. Candidates should also bring writing materials.**

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# Irish FA Level 1 Coaching Disabled Footballers Award

**For details of upcoming courses  
please contact: [alan.crooks@irishfa.com](mailto:alan.crooks@irishfa.com)**

## INFORMATION

This coaching award is attendance based and will consist of theoretical and practical sessions. The award is at an introductory level and is designed to provide coaches with information and practical examples of how best to coach players with disabilities. There is no pre-requisite for this course although it is designed for coaches, teachers and volunteers already working or intending to work with disabled footballers.

The disabled groups in focus are learning disability, physical disabilities, visual and hearing impairments. Course content includes safety considerations, communication, session planning, adapting sessions and practical working with players with disability.

The course is four hours in duration. Participants receive a certificate and coaching resources on completion.

Candidates should bring appropriate clothing and footwear for an indoor practical session. Candidates should also bring writing material.



# Irish FA Level 2 Coaching Disabled Footballers Award

**For details of upcoming courses  
please contact: [alan.crooks@irishfa.com](mailto:alan.crooks@irishfa.com)**

## INFORMATION

This course is a mixture of theoretical modules and practical sessions where candidates will gain experience working with elite players from the various disability classifications.

The course looks at adapting coaching techniques when working with players with a learning disability, physical disability or sensory impairment. There is also a module on the benefits of fundamental and movement skill training for the various disability groups.

This is a detailed course that also takes into consideration the playing, competitive and representative opportunities for players with various impairments and how rules are adapted for the benefit of the games in each disability group.

The course is 15 hours in length; however, participants will be required to work for an additional ten hours with disabled players upon completion of the course. A log book of session plans, considerations and evaluation will have to be submitted and assessed before certification.

Guidance for completion of this part of the course will be given by course tutors. Participants receive a certificate and coaching resources on completion.

Candidates should bring appropriate clothing and footwear for indoor and outdoor practical sessions. Candidates should also bring writing material.



# Irish FA Goalkeeping Diploma

**DATE** Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June 2019  
Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June 2019

**VENUE** Crowne Plaza, Belfast  
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

**FEE** Residential - £650  
Non-residential - £450

## COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have an Irish FA Level 1 Coaching Award.

## COURSE OUTLINE

The course will focus on:

- Coaching individual techniques and understanding the role of the goalkeeper within the team.
- Planning and preparing coaching sessions taking into account the goalkeeper's specific needs.

## PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT

A total of TWO practical assessments will be taken as follows:

- Assessment 1 will be arranged on a suitable date after the course
- Assessment 2 will be arranged on a suitable date after successful completion and submission of a coaching log book and post course tasks.

## COACHING LOG BOOK

A minimum of 20 hours of coaching goalkeeper sessions must be recorded and submitted. The Log Book is a record of how the coach planned, conducted and evaluated the sessions. It should display evidence of understanding the principles of goalkeeping within individual and team practices, as well the ability to assess the goalkeeper's performance during matches. Post course tasks will also be assigned during the final day of the course.

**The candidate must achieve a Pass Standard in the two practical assessments.**

If the candidate fails to meet the required standard in the assessments, the candidate will be permitted a maximum of two further re-assessments. There will be a charge for re-assessment.

Candidates have a maximum of two years from commencement of the Course to successfully complete the course requirements.

Candidates must attend all seminars during the 4 day course. Sessions are timetabled from 9.00am to 7.00pm.

**Candidates should bring appropriate clothing and footwear for indoor lectures and outdoor practical sessions on 3G /grass. Candidates should also bring writing materials.**



# UEFA 'B' Licence (Part 1)

## (Leading to Irish FA 'C' Certificate)

**DATE** Monday 17th June - Sunday 23rd June 2019

**VENUE** Crowne Plaza Belfast, Belfast  
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

**FEE** Residential (single) - £1425  
Residential (twin) - £1185  
Non-residential - £950

The above prices include Adidas sportswear consisting of Rain-top, tracksuit, two polo shirts, two T-shirts, two pairs shorts and two pairs socks. It is the responsibility of the candidate to order the correct sizes.

The UEFA 'B' Licence is divided into **TWO PARTS**. All candidates who successfully participate on Part 1 will receive an Irish FA 'C' Certificate at the end, but only these candidates who satisfy the course assessment criteria, outlined below, will be allowed to progress onto Part 2 of the UEFA 'B' Licence.

### COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should have experience of working with young players or schoolchildren. It is essential to have obtained an Irish FA Level 1 Award.

### COURSE OUTLINE

#### Practical Assessment:

Three assessments during the week. **The minimum standard to reach in assessments in order to progress to the UEFA 'B' Licence Part 2 is two Passes, one of which must be the final assessment on a 5v5 session.**

If the candidate fails to meet the required practical standard in the 5v5 assessment, he/she will be permitted to have a maximum of two further re-assessments on a 5v5 topic. **Candidates will be charged for re-assessment.**

Candidates are also required to submit 25 hours of session plans along with other online coursework tasks from the Irish FA's Coach Education Platform.

All candidates who successfully complete the Course will receive an Irish FA 'C' Certificate. Candidates have a maximum of two years to successfully complete all practical work and a maximum of one year to complete all coursework from the date they commence the course.

The course is timetabled from 9.30am to 9.00pm each day (except the last day when the course will finish no later than 5pm). Full attendance at the course is required and only in exceptional circumstances with candidates be permitted time off the course.

Candidates should bring appropriate footwear for indoor lectures and outdoor practical sessions on grass. Candidates are advised to bring some additional clothing to supplement their Adidas course kit as the weather can be unpredictable. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

**THE FOCUS OF THIS COURSE IS PREPARING PLAYERS AND TEAMS UP TO U16 LEVEL.**

### THE IRISH FA'S ONLINE COACH EDUCATION PLATFORM (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASC).

This enables candidates on the Irish FA's UEFA courses to complete coursework tasks in electronic format, as well as session plans that enable candidates to illustrate their coaching sessions with professional, digital diagrams.

Candidates on Irish FA UEFA Courses will receive an 'Activation Code' to allow them to register and have access to the Coach Education Platform for the period of the course (ie 1 Year).



Irish FA and UEFA coaching awards are valid for a maximum of 3 years.

Revalidation can be obtained through Irish FA Continuous Professional Development Courses.

# UEFA 'B' Licence (Part 1) International Course

## (Leading to Irish FA 'C' Certificate)

***This course is for candidates based outside Northern Ireland.***

**DATE** Monday 17th June - Sunday 23rd June 2019

**VENUE** Crowne Plaza Belfast, Belfast  
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

**FEE** Residential (single) - £1775  
Residential (twin) - £1565



The above prices include Adidas sportswear consisting of Rain-top, tracksuit, two polo shirts, two T-shirts, two pairs shorts and two pairs socks. It is the responsibility of the candidate to order the correct sizes.

The fee also includes six nights accommodation and breakfast, lunch and dinner.

(Please note: Additional nights accommodation at Crowne Plaza Belfast will be £100 per extra night.)

The UEFA 'B' Licence is divided into **TWO PARTS**. All candidates who successfully participate on Part one will receive an Irish FA 'C' Certificate at the end, but only these candidates who satisfy the course assessment criteria, outlined below, will be allowed to progress onto Part two of the UEFA 'B' Licence.

## COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Candidates should have experience of working with young players or schoolchildren.

**This course is for candidates based outside Northern Ireland.**

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Practical Assessment:

2 assessments during the week. The minimum standard to reach in assessments in order to progress to the UEFA 'B' Licence Part 2 is **2 Passes, one of which must be the final assessment on a 5v5.**

If the candidate fails to meet the required practical standard in the 5v5 assessment, he/she will be permitted to have a maximum of two further re-assessments on a 5v5 topic.

Candidates are also required to submit 25 hours of session plans along with other online coursework tasks from the Irish FA's Coach Education Platform.

All candidates who successfully complete the Course will receive an Irish FA 'C' Certificate. Candidates have a maximum of two years to successfully complete all practical work and a maximum of 1 year to complete all coursework from the date they commence the course.

The course is timetabled from 9.30am to 9.00pm each day (except the last day when the course will finish no later than 5pm) Full attendance at the course is required and only in exceptional circumstances with candidates be permitted time off the course.

Candidates should bring appropriate footwear for indoor lectures and outdoor practical sessions on grass. Candidates are advised to bring some additional clothing to supplement their Adidas course kit as the weather can be unpredictable. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

**THE FOCUS OF THIS COURSE IS PREPARING PLAYERS AND TEAMS UP TO U16 LEVEL.**

## THE IRISH FA'S ONLINE COACH EDUCATION PLATFORM (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASC).

This enables candidates on the Irish FA's UEFA courses to complete coursework tasks in electronic format, as well as session plans that enable candidates to illustrate their coaching sessions with professional, digital diagrams.

Candidates on Irish FA UEFA Courses will receive an 'Activation Code' to allow them to register and have access to the Coach Education Platform for the period of the course (ie one year).

Irish FA and UEFA coaching awards are valid for a maximum of 3 years.  
Revalidation can be obtained through Irish FA Continuous Professional Development Courses.

## UEFA 'B' Licence (Part 2)

**DATE** Tuesday 25th June – Monday 1st July 2019

**VENUE** Crowne Plaza Belfast, Belfast  
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

**FEE** Residential (single) - £1500  
Residential (twin) - £1260  
Non-residential - £995

The above prices include Adidas sportswear consisting of Rain-top, tracksuit, two polo shirts, two T-shirts, two pairs shorts and two pairs socks. It is the responsibility of the candidate to order the correct sizes.

The residential fee also includes six nights accommodation and breakfast, lunch and dinner.



### COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of 'B' Licence Part 1 Irish FA 'C' Certificate.

### COURSE OUTLINE

**Practical Assessment:** A total of THREE practical assessments will be taken as follows:

- The 2 during the period of the Residential Week will be a Functional Practice, either defensive or attacking; and 9v9 on the Principles of Play.
- The remaining one will be carried out within a 12 month period.
- It will be on a Functional Practice developed into a Phase of Play

**The candidate must achieve a Pass Standard in the three practical assessments.**

If the candidate fails to meet the required practical standards he/she will be permitted to have a maximum of two **further re-assessments**.

**Candidates will be charged for re-assessment.**

Candidates have a maximum of two years to successfully complete all practical work and a maximum of one year to complete all coursework from the date they commence the course.

Candidates are also required to submit 25 hours of session plans along with their online coursework tasks from the Irish FA's online platform.

### ON ATTAINING THE ABOVE CRITERIA THE CANDIDATE WILL RECEIVE AN Irish FA/UEFA 'B' LICENCE

The course is timetabled from 9.30am to 9.00pm each day (except the last day when the course will finish no later than 5pm). Full attendance at the course is required and only in exceptional circumstances with candidates be permitted time off the course.

Candidates should bring appropriate footwear for indoor lectures and outdoor practical sessions on grass. Candidates are advised to bring some additional clothing to supplement their Adidas course kit as the weather can be unpredictable. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

A minimum of one year should have elapsed between successful completion of the 'B' Licence and enrolment on to the 'A' Licence.

### THE FOCUS OF THIS COURSE IS ON PREPARING PLAYERS AND TEAMS FOR YOUTH, AMATEUR AND ADULT LEAGUE TEAMS BELOW SENIOR LEVEL.

The UEFA B Licence is valid for three years, during which period the coach must complete a minimum of 15 hours of Continuous Professional Development in order to re-validate the Licence for a further three year period.

However, the above is not required if the coach enrolls on the UEFA A Licence within this period.

### THE IRISH FA'S ONLINE COACH EDUCATION PLATFORM (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASC).

This enables candidates on the Irish FA's UEFA courses to complete coursework tasks in electronic format, as well as session plans that enable candidates to illustrate their coaching sessions with professional, digital diagrams.

Candidates on Irish FA UEFA Courses will receive an 'Activation Code' to allow them to register and have access to the Coach Education Platform for the period of the course (ie one year).

Irish FA and UEFA coaching awards are valid for a maximum of 3 years. Revalidation can be obtained through Irish FA Continuous Professional Development Courses.

# UEFA 'B' Licence (Part 2) International Course

***This course is reserved for candidates based outside Northern Ireland who have already been awarded and Irish FA 'C' certificate (UEFA B Licence Part 1)***

**DATE** Tuesday 25th June – Monday 1st July 2019

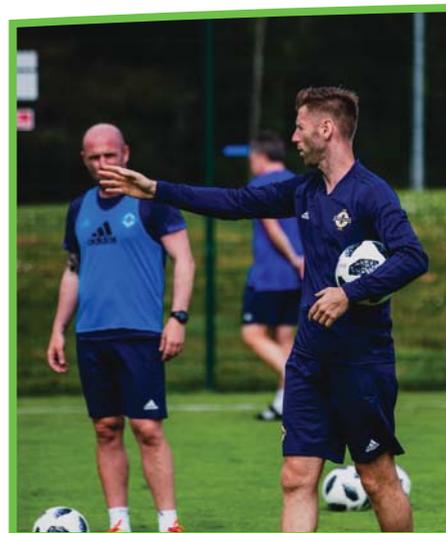
**VENUE** Crowne Plaza Belfast, Belfast  
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

**FEE** Residential (single) - £1950  
Residential (twin) - £1670

The above prices include Adidas sportswear consisting of Rain-top, tracksuit, two polo shirts, two T-shirts, two pairs shorts and two pairs socks. It is the responsibility of the candidate to order the correct sizes.

The fee also includes six nights accommodation and breakfast, lunch and dinner.

(Please note: Additional nights accommodation at Crowne Plaza Belfast will be £100 per extra night.)



## COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of 'B' Licence Part 1. **This course is reserved for candidates based outside Northern Ireland who have already been awarded and Irish FA 'C' certificate (UEFA B Licence Part 1).**

## COURSE OUTLINE

**Practical Assessment:** A total of THREE practical assessments will be taken as follows:

- The first two of the Residential Week will be a Functional Practice, either defensive or attacking; and 9 v 9 on the Principles of Play.
- The remaining one will be a Functional Practice developed into a Phase of Play

**The candidate must achieve a Pass Standard in all three practical assessments.**

If the candidate fails to meet the required practical standards he/she will be permitted to have a maximum of **two further re-assessments.**

**CANDIDATES WILL BE CHARGED FOR RE-ASSESSMENT.**

Candidates have a maximum of two years to successfully complete all practical work and a maximum of one year to complete all coursework from the date they commence the course.

Candidates are also required to submit 25 hours of session plans, an in-season review and other online coursework tasks from the Irish FA's online platform.

**ON ATTAINING THE ABOVE CRITERIA THE CANDIDATE WILL RECEIVE AN Irish FA/UEFA 'B' LICENCE**

The course is timetabled from 9.30am to 9.00pm each day (except the last day when the course will finish no later than 5pm). Full attendance at the course is required and only in exceptional circumstances with candidates be permitted time off the course.

Candidates should bring appropriate footwear for indoor lectures and outdoor practical sessions on grass. Candidates are advised to bring some additional clothing to supplement their Adidas course kit as the weather can be unpredictable. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

**A minimum of one year should have elapsed between successful completion of the 'B' Licence and enrolment on to the 'A' Licence.**

**THE FOCUS OF THIS COURSE IS ON PREPARING PLAYERS AND TEAMS FOR YOUTH, AMATEUR AND ADULT LEAGUE TEAMS BELOW SENIOR LEVEL.**

The UEFA B Licence is valid for three years, during which period the coach must complete a minimum of 15 hours of Continuous Professional Development in order to re-validate the Licence for a further three year period.

However, the above is not required if the coach enrolls on the UEFA A Licence within this period.

## THE IRISH FA'S ONLINE COACH EDUCATION PLATFORM (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASC).

This enables candidates on the Irish FA's UEFA courses to complete coursework tasks in electronic format, as well as session plans that enable candidates to illustrate their coaching sessions with professional, digital diagrams.

Candidates on Irish FA UEFA Courses will receive an activation code to allow them to register and have access to the Coach Education Platform for the period of the course (ie 1 Year).

Irish FA and UEFA coaching awards are valid for a maximum of 3 years.  
Revalidation can be obtained through Irish FA Continuous Professional Development Courses.

# UEFA 'A' Licence (Part 1)

**DATE** Monday 27th May - Monday 3rd June 2019

**VENUE** Crowne Plaza, Belfast  
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

**FEE** **Non Northern Ireland based coaches**

Residential (single) - £2475

Residential (twin) - £2195

Non-residential: £1660

Candidates from outside the UK must agree to return to Belfast (or the UK) for their final assessment, and appropriate arrangements will be made to agree a suitable date and venue.

**Northern Ireland based coaches**

Residential (single) - £1915

Residential (twin) - £1635

Non-residential: £1250



The above prices include Adidas sportswear consisting of Rain-top, tracksuit, two polo shirts, two T-shirts, two pairs shorts and two pairs socks. It is the responsibility of the candidate to order the correct sizes.

The residential fee also includes seven nights accommodation and breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

UEFA 'B' Licence.

**A minimum of one year should have elapsed between successful completion of the 'B' Licence and enrolment for the 'A' Licence.**

(Non-European candidates must hold a UEFA 'B' Licence as a minimum requirement for acceptance onto the UEFA 'A' Licence.

## COURSE OUTLINE

The UEFA 'A' Licence is an advanced Coaching Award and is divided into two annual parts.

Part one of the Course will be conducted between 27th May - 3rd June 2019 and Part two will take place one year later in June 2020.

Part one will include practical and theoretical aspects.

The course is timetabled from 9.30am to 9.00pm each day (except the last day when the course will finish no later than 5pm) Full attendance at the course is required and only in exceptional circumstances with candidates be permitted time off the course.

Candidates are also required to submit 36 hours of session plans along with their online coursework tasks from the Irish FA's online platform

## ASSESSMENT

### Practical Coaching

Candidates will have the opportunity to take one practical coaching session during the Residential Week. This will be a 'Phase of Play', and will be used as a learning opportunity rather than a formal assessment.

Irish FA and UEFA coaching awards are valid for a maximum of 3 years. Revalidation can be obtained through Irish FA Continuous Professional Development Courses.

Candidates will be formally assessed during the subsequent months prior to Part 2 of the course. They will have 2 practical coaching assessments, one of which will be an 11v11 session and the other will be an assessment on a 'Phase of Play'. Candidates must pass both assessments. It is the responsibility of the candidate to organise the venue and the players for their club assessment.

## THEORY

Candidates are required to submit answers to a Theory Question Paper.

In order to progress to Part 2 for completion of the UEFA 'A' Licence, the candidate must pass **both** practical coaching assessments..

**Candidates are permitted up to a maximum of four assessments within a two year period from commencement of the course in order to achieve the required standard for progress to Part 2. Candidates will be charged if they require a third or fourth assessment.**

The focus of this course is on preparing players and teams for professional and semi-professional Leagues or top amateur Leagues.

Course content, tasks and assessments are based upon the following competencies:

- Football knowledge
- Management
- Use of technology
- Psychology
- Personal presentation and media skills

Candidates should bring appropriate footwear for indoor lectures and outdoor practical sessions on grass. Candidates are advised to bring some additional clothing to supplement their Adidas course kit as the weather can be unpredictable. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

## THE IRISH FA'S ONLINE COACH EDUCATION PLATFORM (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASC).

This enables candidates on the Irish FA's UEFA courses to complete coursework tasks in electronic format, as well as session plans that enable candidates to illustrate their coaching sessions with professional, digital diagrams.

Candidates on Irish FA UEFA Courses will receive an 'Activation Code' to allow them to register and have access to the Coach Education Platform for the period of the course (ie 1 year).



## UEFA 'A' Licence (Part 2)

**DATE** Monday 13th May - Sunday 19th May 2019

**VENUE** Crowne Plaza Belfast

**FEE** Residential (single) - £1900  
Residential (twin) - £1660  
Non-residential - £1150

The above prices include Adidas sportswear consisting of Rain-top, tracksuit, two polo shirts, two T-shirts, two pairs shorts and two pairs socks.

The residential fee also includes six nights accommodation and breakfast, lunch and dinner.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to order the correct sizes.

### COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of the UEFA 'A' Licence (Part 1).

### COURSE OUTLINE

The UEFA 'A' Licence is an advanced coaching Award divided into two annual parts. Part 2 consists of a Residential Week during which there are theoretical and practical sessions. Topics covered include fitness and conditioning; media; motivation; sport psychology; game analysis and nutrition. Top European National and Club coaches will conduct both practical and discussion sessions.

The focus of this course is on preparing players and teams for professional and semi-professional Leagues or top amateur Leagues.

The course is timetabled from 9.30am to 9.00pm each day ( except the last day when the course will finish no later than 5pm) Full attendance at the course is required and only in exceptional circumstances with candidates be permitted time off the course.

As for Part 2 of the A Licence, the course is structured around the following competencies:

- Football knowledge
- Management
- Use of technology
- Psychology
- Personal presentation and media skills

Candidates should bring appropriate footwear for indoor lectures and outdoor practical sessions on grass. Candidates are advised to bring some additional clothing to supplement their Adidas course kit as the weather can be unpredictable. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

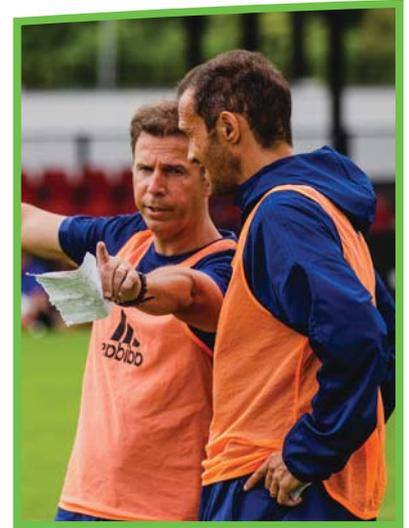
The UEFA A Licence is valid for 3 years, during which period the coach must complete a minimum of 15 hours of Continuous Professional Development in order to re-validate the Licence for a further 3 year period.

However, the above is not required if the coach enrolls on the UEFA Pro Licence within this period.

### THE IRISH FA'S ONLINE COACH EDUCATION PLATFORM (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ASC).

This enables candidates on the Irish FA's UEFA courses to complete coursework tasks in electronic format, as well as session plans that enable candidates to illustrate their coaching sessions with professional, digital diagrams.

Candidates on Irish FA UEFA Courses will receive an 'Activation Code' to allow them to register and have access to the Coach Education Platform for the period of the course.



## UEFA Licences Revalidation (Irish FA Continuous Professional Development Programme)

### UEFA GUIDELINES

The validity of coaching licences is limited in time. The renewal of a licence depends on the number of hours of further education completed within a stipulated timeframe.

## CPD UEFA 'B' Licence and Irish FA 'C' Certificate

**DATE** TBC

**VENUE** Queen's Sport and Crowne Plaza Belfast

**FEE** Residential: £275  
Non-residential: £175

**TO BOOK** [www.ifacoaching.com](http://www.ifacoaching.com)

## CPD UEFA 'A' and 'Pro' Licence

**DATE** Saturday 8th June - Sunday 9th June 2019

**VENUE** Queen's Sport and Crowne Plaza Belfast

**FEE** Residential: £300  
Non-residential: £200

**TO BOOK** [www.ifacoaching.com](http://www.ifacoaching.com)



## Irish FA Futsal Introductory Award

For details of upcoming courses

please contact: [jonathan.michael@irishfa.com](mailto:jonathan.michael@irishfa.com)



### COURSE OUTLINE

The game of Futsal is now part of the Irish FA's new long term Football Development strategy and Futsal coach education is an important step to progressing the game in Northern Ireland. This attendance based award is aimed at volunteers, parents, teachers and aspiring or existing coaches working in the area of Grassroots Football that have a desire and the confidence to start Futsal programmes within their club and community setups.

The course is three hours in duration, with both theoretical and practical content. Participants who complete the course will be presented with an Irish FA Futsal Introductory Award and resource booklet.

Candidates should bring appropriate clothing and footwear for indoor lectures and indoor practical sessions. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

## Irish FA Futsal Level 1 Award

For details of upcoming courses

please contact: [jonathan.michael@irishfa.com](mailto:jonathan.michael@irishfa.com)

### COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

All candidates are required to have completed the Irish FA's Futsal Introductory Award.

### COURSE OUTLINE

The game of Futsal is part of the Irish FA's new long term Football Development Strategy and Futsal Coach Education is an important step to progressing the game in Northern Ireland. The curriculum includes: Technical Instruction, Conditioning, Set Pieces, Goalkeeping and a Referee Award

The course is 3 days in duration (18 hours) with both theoretical and practical content. Participants who complete the course will be presented with an Irish FA Futsal Level 1 Award

Candidates are also required to submit 6 hours of logged coaching session plans and Candidates will be assessed during the course on topics included in the curriculum

Candidates should bring appropriate clothing and footwear for indoor lectures and indoor practical sessions. Candidates should also bring writing materials.

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## Useful Information

### LOCATION

For those participants travelling to the Courses from outside of Northern Ireland Crowne Plaza, Belfast is approximately 15 minutes by taxi from the George Best City Airport in Belfast and approximately 45 minutes from the Belfast International Airport. Queens Sport Complex is situated on the Upper Malone Road, Belfast.

### MEDICAL INFORMATION/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must inform Irish FA staff if they are suffering from any medical condition or injury which could impact upon their ability to participate actively in practical sessions. Candidates who are on a regular course of medication for any condition, should ensure that they bring enough to last the duration of the course.

As many of the courses are physically demanding candidates should be prepared to actively participate in practical sessions by ensuring suitable fitness levels.

### INSURANCE

The completion of Irish FA coaching courses does **NOT** include insurance cover and all coaches are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to investigate options for their own personal insurance cover while involved in coaching.

### RE-VALIDATION OF UEFA COACHING LICENCES AND IRISH FA COACHING AWARDS

Irish FA and UEFA coaching awards are valid for a maximum of 3 years. Coaches will be informed of the revalidation process relating to the specific course they have enrolled on, as the process may vary according to the level of award obtained.



# Club Licensing Regulations (Coaching Qualification)

## IRISH FA

### HEAD COACH / MANAGER OF FIRST TEAM SQUAD

#### (DOMESTIC LICENCE REQUIREMENT)

The Head Coach must as a minimum:

- hold the UEFA Pro coaching diploma or;
- hold the UEFA 'A' coaching diploma or any valid foreign coaching diploma which is equivalent to this one and recognised by the Irish FA as such or;
- have already started and attended the first part of the UEFA 'A' coaching diploma course and be working towards completion in a reasonable timeframe.

The simple inscription to such an education course is not deemed to be in compliance with the criterion.

### HEAD COACH / MANAGER OF FIRST SQUAD

#### (UEFA LICENCE REQUIREMENT)

The Head Coach/Manager must:

- hold the UEFA Pro coaching diploma; or
- have already started and attended the first part of the UEFA Pro coaching diploma course and is working towards completion in a reasonable time frame.

Simple inscription to the UEFA Pro coaching diploma course is not sufficient to meet this criterion.

### HEAD OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

#### (DOMESTIC AND UEFA LICENCE REQUIREMENT)

The Head of the Youth Development Programme must as a minimum:

- hold the UEFA Pro coaching diploma or;
- hold the UEFA 'A' coaching diploma or any valid non-UEFA coaching diploma which is equivalent to the UEFA A coaching diploma and recognised by the Irish FA as such or;
- have already started and attended the first part of the UEFA 'A' coaching diploma course and be working towards completion in a reasonable timeframe.

Simple inscription to the UEFA 'A' coaching diploma course is not sufficient to meet this criterion;

- hold the UEFA Elite Youth A-Diploma, or have already started and attended the first part of the UEFA Elite Youth A-Diploma course and be working towards completion in a reasonable timeframe.

Simple inscription to the UEFA Elite Youth A-Diploma course is not sufficient to meet this criterion.

### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COACHES

#### (DOMESTIC AND UEFA LICENCE REQUIREMENT)

Each development coach must as a minimum hold the relevant qualifications as listed below for the relevant age group:

- Development Teams U-21 to U-15

The UEFA 'B' coaching diploma or any valid non-UEFA coaching diploma which is equivalent to the UEFA 'B' coaching diploma and recognised by the Irish FA as such or;

Have already started and attended the first part of the UEFA 'B' coaching diploma course and be working towards completion in a reasonable timeframe. The simple inscription to the UEFA 'B' coaching diploma course is not deemed to be in compliance with the criterion.

- Development Teams U-14 and younger

The Irish FA Level 1 Coaching Award. The simple inscription to such an education course is not deemed to be in compliance with the criterion.

## NIBFA

**For clubs up to and including Under 12 level** Irish FA Level One Coaching Award

**For Under 13 and upwards** Irish FA Level "C" Coaching Certificate

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