

IRISH FA NATIONAL COACHING COURSES 2017



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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

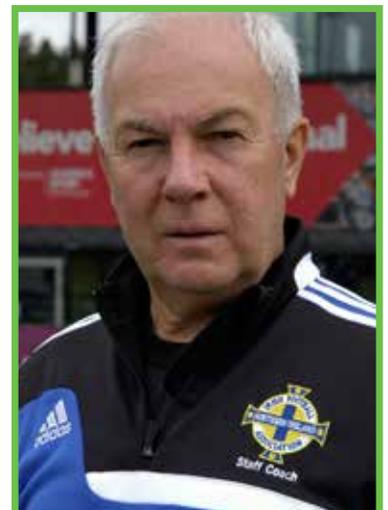
Coach Education Manager - Irish Football Association

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.

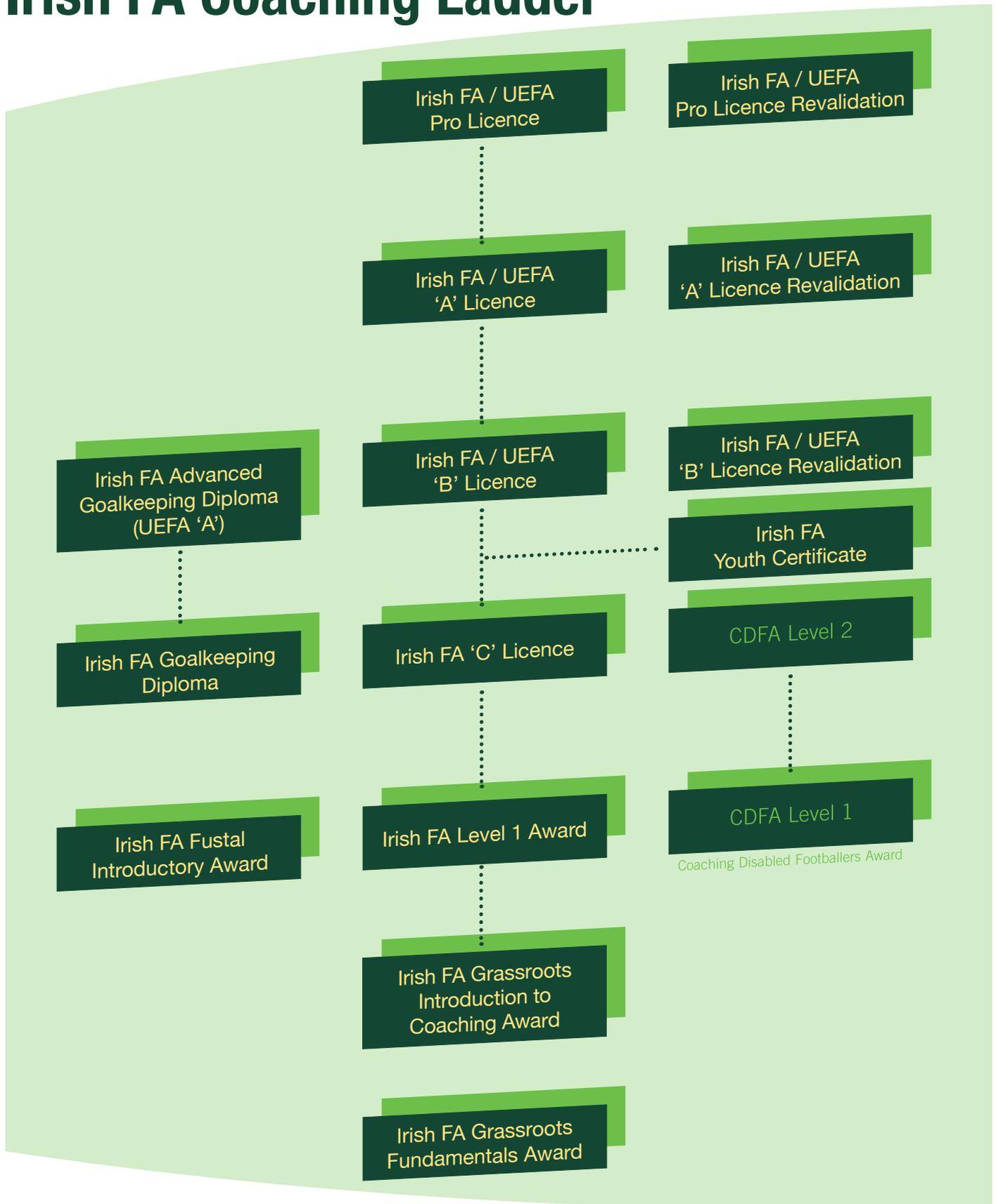
I see it as vitally important that we up-skill our coaches at all levels of the game, from Youth to Senior, so that the players get greater benefit from the contact time spent with their coach. To ensure that the Irish FA's courses embrace modern trends, we have developed an on-line Coach Education Platform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

Irish FA Grassroots Introduction to Coaching Award

DATE	Monday 5th June 2017 (10am - 1pm)
VENUE	Stranmillis University College, Belfast (Orchard Building)
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.

TO BOOK Contact Karen Chambers - karen.chambers@irishfa.com

Irish FA Level 1 Coaching Award

DATE	Tuesday 6th June to Thursday 8th June 2017 (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.

TO BOOK Contact Karen Chambers - karen.chambers@irishfa.com

Irish FA Level 1 Coaching Disabled Footballers Award

DATE	Tuesday 30th May 2017
COURSE LENGTH	4 Hours
COURSE TIMES	9.30am - 1.30pm
VENUE	Stranmillis University College, Belfast (Orchard Building)
FEE	£40

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.

Candidates should be over 16 years of age.



Irish FA Level 2 Coaching Disabled Footballers Award

- DATE:** Friday 2nd June 2017 and Saturday 3rd June 2017
- COURSE LENGTH:** 15 hours tuition time & 10 hours recorded coaching
- COURSE TIMES:** 9.30am - 8.30pm Friday 2nd June 2017
9.30am - 4.30pm Saturday 3rd June 2017
- VENUE:** Stranmillis University College, Belfast (Orchard Building)
- FEE:** £100 (including lunch and dinner on 2nd June and lunch on 3rd June)

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 27th May & Sunday 28th May 2017
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June 2017

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

FEE Residential - £550
Non-Residential - £440

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.

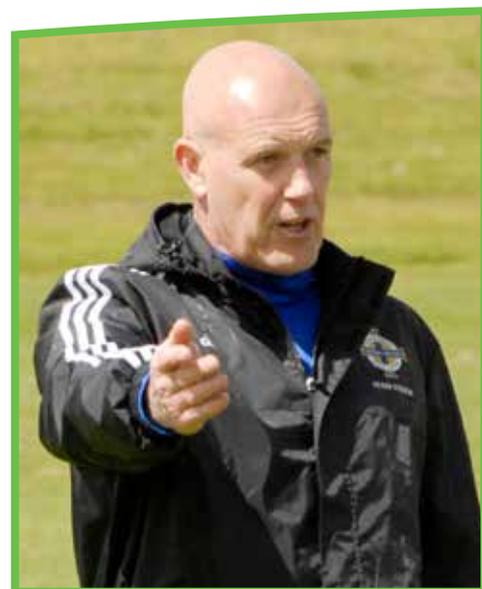
The candidate must achieve a Pass Standard in the two practical assessments.

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 Friday 9th June - Thursday 15th June – 2017

VENUE Stranmillis University College, Belfast
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

FEE Residential - £1175
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 or equivalent.

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 4v4 session.**

If the candidate fails to meet the required practical standard in the 4v4 assessment, he/she will be permitted to have a maximum of two further re-assessments on a 4v4 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 Friday 9th June - Thursday 15th June 2017

VENUE Stranmillis University College, Belfast
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

FEE Residential - £1300

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 from Friday 9th June - Thursday 15th June.

(Please note: Additional nights accommodation at Stranmillis University College will be £40 per extra night.)

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

COURSE OUTLINE

Practical Assessment:

3 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 4v4 session.**

If the candidate fails to meet the required practical standard in the 4v4 assessment, he/she will be permitted to have a maximum of two further re-assessments on a 4v4 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 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 1 Year).



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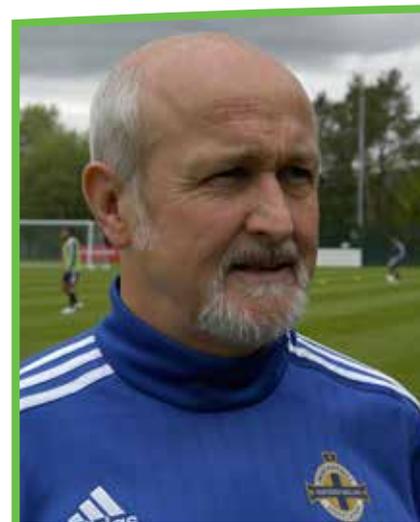
UEFA 'B' Licence (Part 2)

DATE Sunday 25th June – Saturday 1st July 2017

VENUE Stranmillis University College, Belfast
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

FEE Residential - £1175
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.



COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of 'B' Licence Part 1.

COURSE OUTLINE

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

- The two 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 2 years to successfully complete all practical work and a maximum of 1 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 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 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). t

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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 Sunday 25th June – Tuesday 4th July

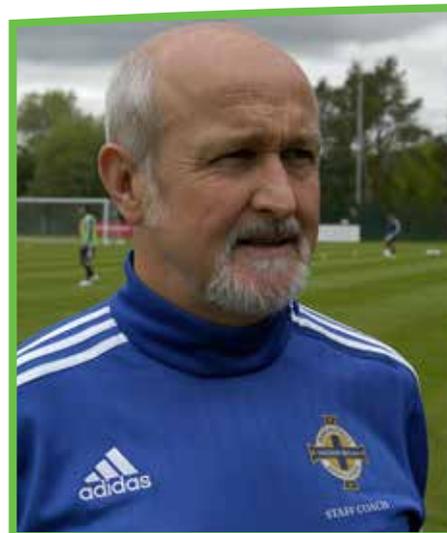
VENUE Stranmillis University College, Belfast
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

FEE Residential - £1750

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 from Sunday 25th June - Thursday 4th July.

(Please note: Additional nights accommodation at Stranmillis University College will be £40 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 two 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 2 years to successfully complete all practical work and a maximum of 1 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 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 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.

Irish FA Youth Certificate

DATE Friday 30th June – Tuesday 4th July 2017

VENUE Stranmillis University College, Belfast
Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast

FEE Residential - £425
Non-Residential - £295



COURSE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entrance requirement is possession of an Irish FA 'C' Certificate.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course is specifically designed to meet the needs of coaches working with youth players ages 6 to 16.

The practical content of the course will include warm ups, age related training, techniques/skills sessions, functional practices, coaching themes.

The theory content of the course will include Long Term Player Development, good practice for youth coaches, dealing with parents, physiological demands of the game for youth players, talent identification process, psychology of development, learning, and nutrition.

PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT

9 v 9 Assessment on the final day of the course.

Candidates will be assessed in a small sided game, this will be a 20 minute assessment.

THEORY ASSESSMENT

Candidates will be expected to submit a short presentation on a specified topic.

Candidates MUST pass the practical coaching session in order to qualify for this award. Candidates will be allowed the maximum of ONE re-assessment, but will be charged for re-assessments.

Candidates MUST attend all sessions during the National Coaching Week course. Sessions are timetabled from 9.30am to 9.00pm each day except on the last day when the course will finish by 5.00pm.

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

UEFA 'A' Licence (Part 1)

DATE Wednesday 31st May – Wednesday 7th June 2017

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

FEE **For Candidates outside Northern Ireland**
Residential - £2200

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.

For residents of Northern Ireland

Residential: £1775

Non-Residential: £1100

The above prices include Adidas sportswear consisting of Rain-top, tracksuit, 2 polo shirts, 2 T-shirts, 2 pairs shorts and 2 pairs socks. It is the responsibility of the candidate to order the correct sizes



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 1 of the Course will be conducted between 31st May - 7th June 2017 and Part 2 will take place one year later in June 2018.

Part 1 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.

Candidates will be formally assessed at their clubs 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, and attain a minimum mark of 65% in the theory paper.

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 Saturday 17th June - Friday 23rd June 2017

VENUE Crowne Plaza, Belfast

FEE Residential: £1695
Non-Residential: £1075

The above prices include Adidas sportswear consisting of Rain-top, tracksuit, 2 polo shirts, 2 T-shirts, 2 pairs shorts and 2 pairs socks

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. The minimum requirement is 15 hours within three years”

CPD UEFA ‘B’ Licence

- DATE** Saturday 3rd June -Sunday 4th June 2017
- VENUE** Queen’s Sport and Stranmillis University College, Belfast
- FEE** Residential: £240
Residential: £200

Please contact lorna.stewart@irishfa.com for further details

CPD UEFA ‘A’ and ‘Pro’ Licence

- DATE** Saturday 10th June -Sunday 11th June 2017
- VENUE** Queen’s Sport and Stranmillis University College, Belfast
- FEE** Residential: £240
Residential: £200

Please contact lorna.stewart@irishfa.com for further details



Other Courses

For updated information on any further coach education courses being developed by the Irish FA in the current year, please check the Irish FA website: www.irishfa.com or contact the relevant administrators detailed on page 19.

Irish FA Futsal Introductory Award

DATE Monday 12th June 2017 10.00am – 1.00pm
VENUE Stranmillis University College, Belfast (Orchard Building)
FEE £30

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 3 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.

To Book Contact Jonathan Michael – jonathan.michael@irishfa.com



Irish FA Futsal Level 1 Award

DATE Tuesday 13th June – Thursday 15th June 2017 (9.30am – 4.30pm)
VENUE Stranmillis University College, Belfast (Orchard Building)
FEE £225 (This includes a buffet lunch on each day)

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

RESIDENTIALS

Accommodation and meals are based either at Stranmillis University College, Stranmillis Road, Belfast, or Crowne Plaza, Belfast. Single room, breakfast, lunch and evening meal.

Please note that you will be charged for any loss of keys, towels, etc, from your room.

NON-RESIDENTIALS

Lunch and evening meals will be served at either at Stranmillis University College, Stranmillis Road, Belfast, or Crowne Plaza, Belfast.

PRACTICAL WORK

All practical work will be carried out at Queens Sport, Upper Malone, Belfast.

THEORETICAL WORK

All lectures, etc. will be carried out at either at Stranmillis University College, Stranmillis Road, Belfast, or Crowne Plaza, Belfast.

UEFA A Licence Part 1 - All lectures, etc. will be carried out at Ramada Plaza, Belfast

LOCATION

Stranmillis University College & Crowne Plaza, Belfast are close to the centre of Belfast. For those participants travelling to the Courses from outside of Northern Ireland, Stranmillis and Crowne Plaza are 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:

- a) hold the UEFA Pro coaching diploma or;
- b) 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;
- c) 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:

- a) hold the UEFA Pro coaching diploma; or
- b) 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:

- a) hold the UEFA Pro coaching diploma or;
- b) 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;
- c) 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;

- d) 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:

- a) 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.

- b) 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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