

FIH High Performance Coaching Course

20th to 25th June 2016 at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London, England

The **FIH High Performance Coaching Course** is a globally recognised education programme for coaches working at the very highest level in hockey. **The course is for coaches who have achieved the top coaching award domestically and who have been working with teams at an international level.** The aim of the course is to provide coaches with an understanding of current high performance coaching theory, together with the opportunity to apply their interpretation of the theory in a practical environment with their peer group.

Applicant Criteria

Application: Applications are invited from coaches **nominated by** their respective National Association, Continental Federation or the FIH.

Knowledge & Qualification: Candidates must hold the FIH Hockey Academy Coach Level 3 award (or equivalent NA award – demonstrable content (all modules) & minimum hours of formal learning). Provide a full Hockey CV with supporting evidence.

Experience: High Performance Coaching is the coaching of high-level adult hockey players and preparing teams for high-level national and international competitions. Ideally* applicants will be a Head Coach of a National Age Group team (Top 16 nations) or National Senior team (Top 24 nations). Minimum of 5 years at an International performance level (in past 10 years). Applicants should also have experience as a lead coach responsible for the development and mentoring of lower level coaches.

*In exceptional circumstances, coaches with international club coaching experience will also be considered

Language: Applicants should be an independent B2+ English speaker (this programme)

Successful Applicant Expectations

Pre-Course Study: Successful applicants will be required to complete pre-course tasks including the Academy Online Programmes.

Course Legacy: Participants should be prepared to share knowledge and information gained from the course with other coaches in their home countries. Where possible this should be a formal process led by the participants home National Association.

Assessment and Certification

Outcome: Coaches attending the FIH High Performance Coaching Course will be assessed for the levels of FIH Academy Coach Level 3 & FIH Academy Coach Level 4. Those receiving the Level 4 award will also be “recommended” or “highly recommended” for a future FIH Final Coaching Course.

Application Process

NA/CF or FIH may personally invite an individual or group of individuals who meet the above criteria. Invitations should include a **copy of this letter** together with the following **link to the course Application Form**. A named NA contact who is recommending the applicant should be included in the invitation.

Applicants should **complete the online application form**, which will automatically be sent to the FIH High Performance and Coaching Panel for consideration.

Applications must be received by 25th March 2016.

Successful applicants will receive **notification, including an invoice for €850** (Euros) within one week of the application closing date.

There are 16 places available on the FIH High Performance Coaching Course of which 8 are reserved specifically for female coaches (as part of the 2016 Women in Hockey Initiative)

Terms and Conditions

Immediately following the acceptance of an application for attendance on a course, the participation fee will be due in FULL. There will be no reimbursement in case of withdrawal from the course for any reason, unless a suitable/eligible replacement is found who pays the full fee.

Included in the Fee:

- 6 nights half board - Bed (in twin shared rooms), breakfast and lunch. (Plus Awards dinner on final night)
- FIH Champions Trophy entrance tickets for the duration of the course
- Transportation between the Accommodation, Training Venue and Lee Valley Hockey Centre Stadium
- Course refreshments
- FIH Hockey Academy coach assessment report
- FIH Hockey Academy course participation certificate

Additional Nights Accommodation:

Booking and payment of additional nights accommodation is the responsibility of the participant.

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High Performance Coaching Course Programme

The High Performance Coaching course will include the following;

- Opening ceremony and introductory meeting
- A programme of relevant & current high performance educational workshops led by expert Educators
- A combination of classroom, practical and match play observation sessions
- Challenge and debating sessions about key topics in elite coaching
- Mentoring from educators and Final Course candidates
- Key note presentations from leading experts
- Match analysis of the matches of FIH Champions Trophy
- Individual assessment and action planning
- Official closing dinner & presentation of certificates of participation

Other Information

The FIH Hockey Academy High Performance Course at the Champions Trophy is being delivered in partnership with the EHF and England Hockey.

Some participants of the Top Coaches Programme (EHF) may participate in this course as part of their wider programme.

FIH Final Coaching Course

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The **FIH Final Coaching Course** is a globally recognised education programme for coaches working at the very highest level in hockey. Graduates of the course who achieve FIH Coach or FIH Senior Coach are generally regarded as hockey coaching Experts worldwide. **The course is for coaches who have demonstrated success over a sustained period in senior international hockey coaching.** The aim of the course is to provide coaches with an understanding of current high performance coaching theory, together with the opportunity to apply their interpretation of the theory in a practical environment with their peer group, as well as to mentor and lead other high performance coaches.

Applicant Criteria

Application: Attendance on the FIH Final Coaching Course is **by invitation only**. Invitations will be sent directly to eligible coaches.

Knowledge & Experience: Candidates must hold the FIH Hockey Academy Coach Level 4* award (awarded at the FIH High Performance Coaching Course). In general, all requirements for the FIH High Performance Course are also required for attendance on the Final Course. Candidates are expected to be “current” (i.e. currently active at a top level).

* Note that previous FIH High Performance Coaching Course attendees who have been assessed as “recommended” or “highly recommended” can receive equivalence to the FIH Hockey Academy Coach Level 4 award

Successful Applicant Expectations

Pre-Course Study: Successful applicants will be required to complete pre-course tasks including the Academy Online Programmes. This will include submission of a written paper on an agreed coaching subject, and will be required to make a presentation and deliver practical sessions on the course. Full details and guidelines for the submission of their written paper and their presentation will be sent following the acceptance of application.

Course Legacy: Participants should be prepared to share knowledge and information gained from the course with other coaches in their home countries. Where possible this should be a formal process led by the participants home National Association. This is a requirement because the FIH wants to ensure that knowledge and best practice is filtered back to wider domestic audiences.

Assessment and Certification

Outcome: Coaches attending the FIH Final Coaching Course will be formally assessed throughout the course for the FIH Coach or FIH Senior Coach awards.

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Final Coaching Course Programme

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- Opening ceremony and introductory meeting
- A programme of relevant & current high performance educational workshops led by expert Educators
- The programme includes significant candidate-led delivery, including mentoring of Level 3 and High Performance Course candidates
- A combination of classroom, practical and match play observation sessions
- Challenge and debating sessions about key topics in elite coaching
- Coach Educator role training
- Mentoring role with High Performance Coaching Course
- Key note presentations from leading experts
- Match analysis of the matches of FIH Champions Trophy
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- Official closing dinner & presentation of certificates of participation

Successful applicants will receive a full course programme, recommended kit and equipment list, CT2016 details, and any other relevant information.

We look forward to receiving your applications.

Best regards

**Mike Joyce – FIH Academy Trainer, CF & NA Services Manager
Secretary of the FIH High Performance and Coaching Panel**

**Tayyab Ikram - FIH Master Coach
Member of FIH High Performance Coaching Panel**

**André Oliveira
FIH Hockey Academy Manager**

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