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COACH ACCREDITATION

Coaches are central to success in British Tennis - whether encouraging people to start out, return to the game, or helping them to improve and reach their potential.

As a sport we want to build links with coaches of all levels nationwide and provide whatever support we can to help coaches run their business.

Likewise, with so many coaches in Britain having different skills and experience, it can be hard for players and their parents to choose the right coach. How do they know that the coach they choose has undertaken basic First Aid training and completed a CRB check?

Accreditation can help players, parents and clubs to understand the standards and checks that a coach has agreed to.

Two levels of accreditation

- Registration
- Coach Licence

Until 2009, the coach licence was the only accreditation option. Only available to NVQ Level 2 coaches or above, this did not suit the needs of all tennis coaches and coaching assistants in Britain.

So from mid-2009 we are extending accreditation to cover coaches at all levels through a new Registration scheme. Both levels of accreditation will offer coaches a new range of benefits and features.



REGISTRATION

What is it?

The Registration Scheme is the entry-level accreditation scheme, providing support to Level 1, Level 2 and entry-level coaches who are interested in maintaining an accreditation that will allow them to coach at a basic level.

Who's it for?

Registration is for any coach with an assessed qualification or that has attended a tennis coaching workshop (1 day minimum) who would like to receive basic benefits to help with their business. It provides reassurance to players and their parents that a coach has undergone basic training, a CRB check and first aid training.

What are the benefits?

- **Public liability insurance**
- **Access to great deals on racquets, balls and equipment**
- **British Tennis Membership**
- **Access to free legal and tax advice through BASELINE (the LTA's business advice support line)**
- **Regular and relevant communication from the LTA Coaches team**

How much will it cost?

Registration will be renewed annually and will cost £30.

When can I join?

The new Registration Scheme will be available from June 2009. But you can pre-register your interest now, at <http://www2.lta.org.uk/coachregistration/>

Other useful information

In order to register applicants require a CRB Disclosure (processed via the LTA in the past 12 months) and a valid First Aid certificate (minimum 1 day course).



COACH LICENSING

What is a coach licence?

The Coach Licensing Scheme shows that a coach has reached a minimum standard or qualification, has undergone relevant checks and is committed to Continuous Professional Development (CPD). This is seen as very desirable by many clubs, players and their parents. The scheme also offers coaches an enhanced range of benefits.

Who's it for?

The Licensing Scheme is open to all coaches with a NVQ Level 2 Qualification in Tennis Coaching and above. With its emphasis on CPD, a coach licence clearly demonstrates that a coach is a skilled and up-to-date professional.

How much does it cost?

In 2009, the benefits for licensed coaches will be significantly enhanced and the cost will be £65 per year.

What are the benefits?

In 2009, licensed coaches will get access to a new comprehensive package of benefits designed to suit the needs of their businesses. These will include:

- **Public liability insurance**
- £10m worldwide
- **Employer's liability insurance**
- **Income protection**
- **Physiotherapy cover**
- **British Tennis Membership**
- **Wimbledon ticket ballot**
- **Access to free legal and tax advice through BASELINE (the LTA's business advice support line)**
- **Tennisplayer.net – An on-line coaching resource video library**
- **Partners Club (Discounted rates on various suppliers)**

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Please visit www.lta.org.uk/coaches

All coaches can now access a dedicated area of the LTA website. Log in from the home page and then click on the coach icon. Coaches who have not registered on the website will need to do this before accessing the coaches' area.



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