



PAHF ACCREDITATION SYSTEM FOR COACHES IN THE AMERICAS

Introduction

The PAHF is committed to the development and growth of hockey in the Americas. Hockey is a very complex sport from the technical point of view and has to be taught by specialists who should be properly actualised regarding the permanent evolution of the game.

One of the keys to improve the performance of the players and consequently the quality of the game is to have much better coaches (both genders) with the ability to develop players adapted to the modern game. An accreditation System for coaches permits to identify coaches with the capacity to coach and develop much better players.

Objective

The aim of this project is to create the “PAHF Accreditation System for Hockey Coaches in the Americas” to:

- .- Raise the profile of the PAHF and of hockey in the Americas.
- .- Enhance and rationalise the level of the coaches (both genders) in the Americas.
- .- Close the performance gap between top level playing nations and the rest by raising the level of play in the Americas.
- .- Qualify and detect coaches with the ability to run PAHF Coaching Courses, and then to have a much better chance to get an FIH Accreditation.
- .- Motivate and stimulate coaches to attend PAHF Coaching Courses.
- .- Strengthen governance structures for the PAHF and for hockey.

PAHF Preliminary Coaching Courses

The PAHF will run coaching courses within the Americas, in different countries every year.

The courses are classified as follows:

PAHF Development Coaching Courses,
PAHF High Performance Coaching Courses and
PAHF Special Coaching Courses, these last involve both development and high performance aspects of the game.

These PAHF Courses will be conducted by accredited PAHF and/or FIH Coaches, all of them with enough experience in both coaching and running courses.

The participant coaches at these preliminary courses, after completing not less than 75% of the theoretical and practical classes, and their respective performance during the Course, will be assessed by the Course Conductor, who will:

- 1) Recommend the participant to attend a PAHF Final Coaching Seminar (PAHFFCS) to have the chance to get a PAHF accreditation,
- 2) Recommend the participant to gain more experience in coaching and Coaching Courses before attending a PAHFFCS,
- 3) Recommend the participant to gain more knowledge and/or experience in coaching and attend further PAHF Coaching Courses.

PAHF Final Coaching Seminar (PAHFFCS)

After a period of 2-4 years, the PAHF will run a PAHFFCS, preferably in conjunction with the main PAHF Tournaments.

- 1) The coaches that have been recommended by the Course Conductors, as described in the first group (see # 1 above) in previous PAHF Coaching Courses will be specifically invited by PAHF to participate of the PAHFFCS.
- 2) PAHF will run the PAHFFCS where the invited coaches will be able to get a PAHF Grade, or a PAHF Accreditation, only if they are able to cover a range of knowledge and abilities for teaching hockey, and show they are capable of increasing the standard of the game in their own countries and the Americas.
- 3) Coaches will be invited exclusively by PAHF (not by NAs) to attend at the PAHFFCS and consequently to have the chance to get a PAHF Grade if they are able to complete a number of requirements.
- 4) The requirements to complete at the PAHFFCS to have the chance of a PAHF Accreditation are:
 - a) Attend Previous PAHF Coaching Courses and obtain a recommendation from the Course Conductors,
 - b) Same but from FIH Coaching Courses,
 - c) Background and performance in their own countries (not fully necessary),
 - d) Each of the invited coaches must prepare in advance a paper to present at the seminar and to be discussed among the participants. Topics will sent by PAHF to each invited coach with enough time to prepare the paper. Hence, the invited coaches must have the ability to manage basic electronics devices and software to analyse games,
 - e) Run a practical session at the PAHFFCS,
 - f) Demonstrate capacity, ability and potential availability to run PAHF Coaching Courses as course conductor.
 - g) Have the ability to coach a range of players of different ages and qualities.
 - h) Attend not less than 75% of the classes.

After a period of 2-4 years, another PAHFFCS will be run and a new cycle will start.

- 5) The Conductors of the Final Seminar will be FIH or PAHF qualified coaches who have enough experience in coaching and in participating and running PAHF and/or FIH Coaching Courses and with the ability to assess the participants.

7) After a satisfactory completion of the requirements at the PAHFFCS the participant coaches will be assessed by the Seminar Conductors; and the conductor will:

- .- Recommend the participant to be certified as PAHF Trainer (lower level).
- .- Recommend the participant to be certified as PAHF Coach (higher level).
- .- Recommend the participant to gain more experience in coaching before having the chance to get a PAHF Accreditation.

8) Coaches from the Americas who already have a FIH accreditation will be not able to get a PAHF grade because they already have an accreditation that it is supposed to be of a higher level than a PAHF accreditation.

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