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# **IHF Coaching Education Regulations**

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## ARTICLE 1

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### I. Basic principles

Education is a key element in developing human resources in any organisation. For this reason, the IHF has reviewed its Coaching Education Structure in order to successfully manage ongoing developments in information technology as well as new handball trends resulting from the application of the new Rules of the Game.

The IHF has developed its online education platform [www.ihfeducation.ihf.info](http://www.ihfeducation.ihf.info) with the goal of regularly providing updates to the various target groups (referees, coaches, players, school teachers, delegates, etc.). These updates will support the completion of the education cycle. The new IHF Coaching Education Structure was approved by the IHF Council in July 2016 and details the four main levels as well as the required hours and years needed to complete each level.



## ARTICLE 2

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### II. Objectives of the IHF Coaching Education Structure

The new IHF Coaching Education Structure shall.

- Support the different educational structures, especially in non-European countries,
- Assist the development of educational structures, especially in non-European countries,
- Provide impulses for the structured development of youth and junior training (talent training),
- Increase the quality of coaches in all areas in order to improve the quality of our sport in the future,
- Develop the sport both at grassroots level (for example, children and school handball) and at the top level,
- Provide new impetuses for the promotion of sports science research in handball.

Additionally, there are several **specific objectives**.

- Promoting handball in schools and universities with qualified coaches and teachers,
- Training of multipliers involved in coaching education, especially in non-European countries,
- Supporting talented lecturers.



## ARTICLE 3

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### III. IHF Education Centre

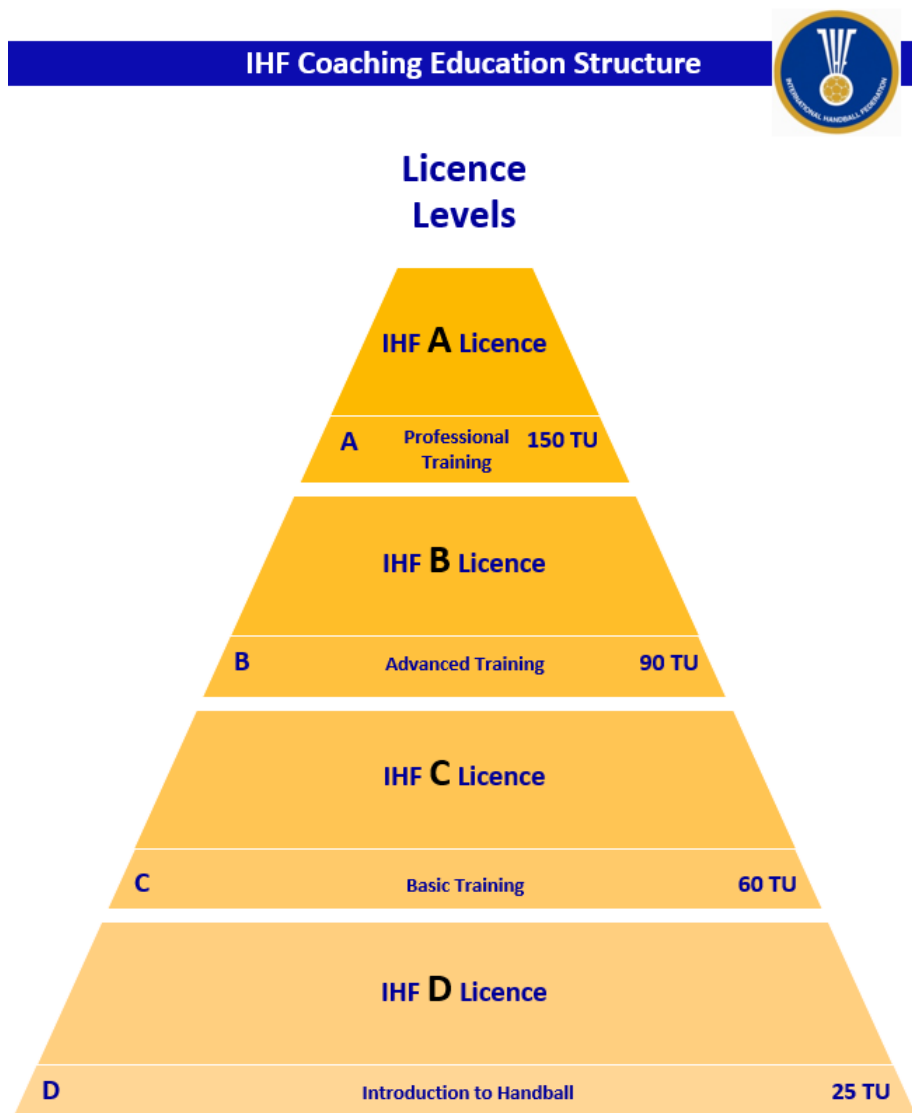
The new IHF Coaching Education Structure is part of a comprehensive IHF education campaign. The new **IHF Education Centre** plays a key role in this campaign. The IHF Education Centre is a modern and innovative digital service platform for the global education of important target groups. It is designed to provide consistent education for different levels (basic, advanced, top level), international knowledge transfer, best practices from all countries, and modern learning tools such as online seminars.



## ARTICLE 4

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### IV. The IHF Coaching Education Structure



#### IHF D Licence

- Main teaching content: **introduction to handball** for beginners
- Coaches for children's handball teams (training of beginners; coaches for mini handball)
- Teachers at primary or middle schools (Handball@School)
- Students at sports universities (special course for handball)

#### IHF C Licence

- Main teaching content: **basic training**
- Youth coaches (players under 19)

#### IHF B Licence

- Main teaching content: **advanced training**
- Junior coaches (players under 21) and senior coaches

#### IHF A Licence

- Main teaching content: **professional training** (trends in modern handball, training methods for top-level training, latest scientific research in handball)
- Top-level coaches (international level)
- Coaches from youth and junior national teams



## ARTICLE 5

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### V. Scope and duration of coaching courses

The following teaching units (1 teaching unit = 45 minutes) are considered the **minimum** requirement. The number of teaching units can be increased according to each level of education.

#### IHF D Licence

- 25 teaching units, minimum of 3 course days

#### IHF C Licence

- 60 teaching units

#### IHF B Licence

- 90 teaching units

#### IHF A Licence

- 150 teaching units



## ARTICLE 6

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### VI. Access to the IHF Coaching Education Licences

#### IHF D Licence

Requirements for admission to coaching courses at the first licensing level are:

- At least 18 years,
- Approved by national federation.

#### IHF C Licence

Requirements for admission to coaching courses at the second licensing level are:

- At least 21 years,
- Approved by national federation,
- Possession of a valid IHF D Licence,
- Evidence of having worked as a handball coach (teacher) after receiving an IHF D Licence for at least 3 years (national level).

#### IHF B Licence

Requirements for admission to coaching courses at the third licensing level are:

- At least 24 years,
- Approved by national federation,
- Possession of a valid IHF C Licence,
- Evidence of having worked as a head handball coach after receiving an IHF C Licence (total experience as a coach: minimum 6 years) for at least 3 years (national and continental level).

**Note:** Former international top players (minimum of 100 international matches for senior national team plus at least one world championship or Olympic Games participation) may start the education programme at the **B Licence level**. In these cases, separate course programmes are required which shall be adapted to the requirements of international top players.

#### IHF A Licence

Requirements for admission to coaching courses at the fourth licensing level are:

- At least 27 years,
- Approved by national federation,
- Possession of a valid IHF B Licence,
- Evidence of having worked as a head handball coach (national and continental top level; head coach of a youth, junior and/or senior national team) after receiving an IHF B Licence (total experience as a coach: minimum 9 years) for at least 3 years.



## VII. IHF Coaching Education provisions

### Responsibility for coaching education

- The International Handball Federation is responsible for all IHF courses required for obtaining an IHF coaching licence.
- The IHF shall determine appropriate guidelines for education and appropriate educational content (curriculum) for each level.
- Some courses may be conducted by other institutions/organisations after approval by the IHF.

**Note:** The curriculum of the IHF is mandatory for the selection of the content in all cases.

The following IHF courses are associated with the respective IHF licence levels.

#### IHF D Licence

- IHF Handball@School course
- IHF special course for emerging national federations/4-year-plan nations
- IHF course for beginners
- Olympic Solidarity level 1 course

#### IHF C Licence

- IHF course for developing national federations
- IHF course for basic training
- Olympic Solidarity level 2 course

#### IHF B Licence

- IHF course for advanced training
- Continental courses under the umbrella of the IHF
- Olympic Solidarity level 3 course

#### IHF A Licence

- IHF Global Coaching Clinic (GCC)



## ARTICLE 8

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### VIII. Qualifications of IHF lecturers

The technical and methodological qualifications of IHF lecturers are of primary importance for the success of the IHF coaching courses. To ensure a high quality of education, the following guidelines should be followed.

#### IHF D Licence

- IHF lecturers (B Licence or higher) with a special extension course

#### IHF C Licence

- IHF lecturers (B Licence or higher) with a special extension course

#### IHF B Licence

- IHF lecturers (A Licence or higher) with a special extension course

#### IHF A Licence

- IHF GCC group is responsible

#### Special extension courses.

Special extension courses are held which will focus on teaching competence. These courses are organised either by the IHF or a continental handball confederation on condition that the continental handball confederation courses are accredited by the IHF.



## ARTICLE 9

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### IX. General provisions governing the IHF Coaching Education levels' tests

#### Learning results examinations

In order to receive a licence, learning results examinations must be successfully completed. Objectives of learning results examinations include.

- Achievement of learning objectives,
- Identification of gaps in knowledge,
- Feedback for learners,
- Demonstration of capability to assume desired profile,
- Feedback for lecturers/coaches.



### Types of successful learning results shall include.

- Active participation during the entire course,
- Evidence of practical demonstration ability,
- Group work (for example, evaluation of observation tasks),
- Planning, implementation and reflection of a practical lesson.

### Forms of the levels' tests

Minimum requirements for licence acquisition at all education levels:

- One practical training session (or part of a training session) must be completed, in which the teaching qualification can be observed,
- Passing a written test,
- For IHF A Licences, an additional written assignment is required.

### Admission to examinations

Admission to examinations can only be granted to participants who have completed all educational hours (maximum absences: 20%; must be compensated for with additional individual tasks). Missed educational hours may be rescheduled within the course period.

### Failed examinations

- In case an examination is failed, it may be repeated once.
- If the repeat test is failed, participants must repeat the entire course of the relevant licence level.
- Failed participants may repeat the same course after one (1) year at the earliest.



## ARTICLE 10

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## X. Licensing provisions

### 1. Validity

The validity period begins on the date the licence is issued and ends on 31 December of the last year of validity.

The IHF Licences are valid for the following periods:

- After obtaining the IHF D Licence level: **four (4)** years
- After obtaining the IHF C Licence level: **four (4)** years
- After obtaining the IHF B Licence level: **four (4)** years
- After obtaining the IHF A Licence level: **four (4)** years

## **2. Licence extension**

Licences are extended for a period of four (4) years.

In general, licence extension requires participation in an IHF extension course which is subject to:

- Proof of activity as a handball coach
- Proof of activity as a handball teacher in schools (for D license level)

**The following courses shall also be considered as extension courses.**

### **IHF D Licence**

- Continental courses organised by continental confederation with accreditation from the IHF
- National courses organised by national federation with accreditation from the IHF or approved by continental confederation with accreditation from the IHF
- Minimum of 8 teaching units

### **IHF C Licence**

- Continental courses organised by continental confederation with accreditation from the IHF
- National courses organised by national federation with accreditation from the IHF or approved by continental confederation with accreditation from the IHF
- Minimum of 16 teaching units

### **IHF B Licence**

- Continental courses organised by continental confederation with accreditation from the IHF
- National courses organised by national federation with accreditation from the IHF or approved by continental confederation with accreditation from the IHF
- Minimum of 24 teaching units

### **IHF A Licence**

- IHF symposium or other courses approved by the IHF
- Minimum of 32 teaching units

## **3. Inactive licences**

A licence which has not been extended according to the specifications will expire.

## **4. Withdrawal of licences**

The IHF reserves the right to withdraw an IHF Licence if the licence holder violates the IHF Statutes and/or any ethical principles.



## **XI. Approval of national and continental education structures**

### **1. IHF approval**

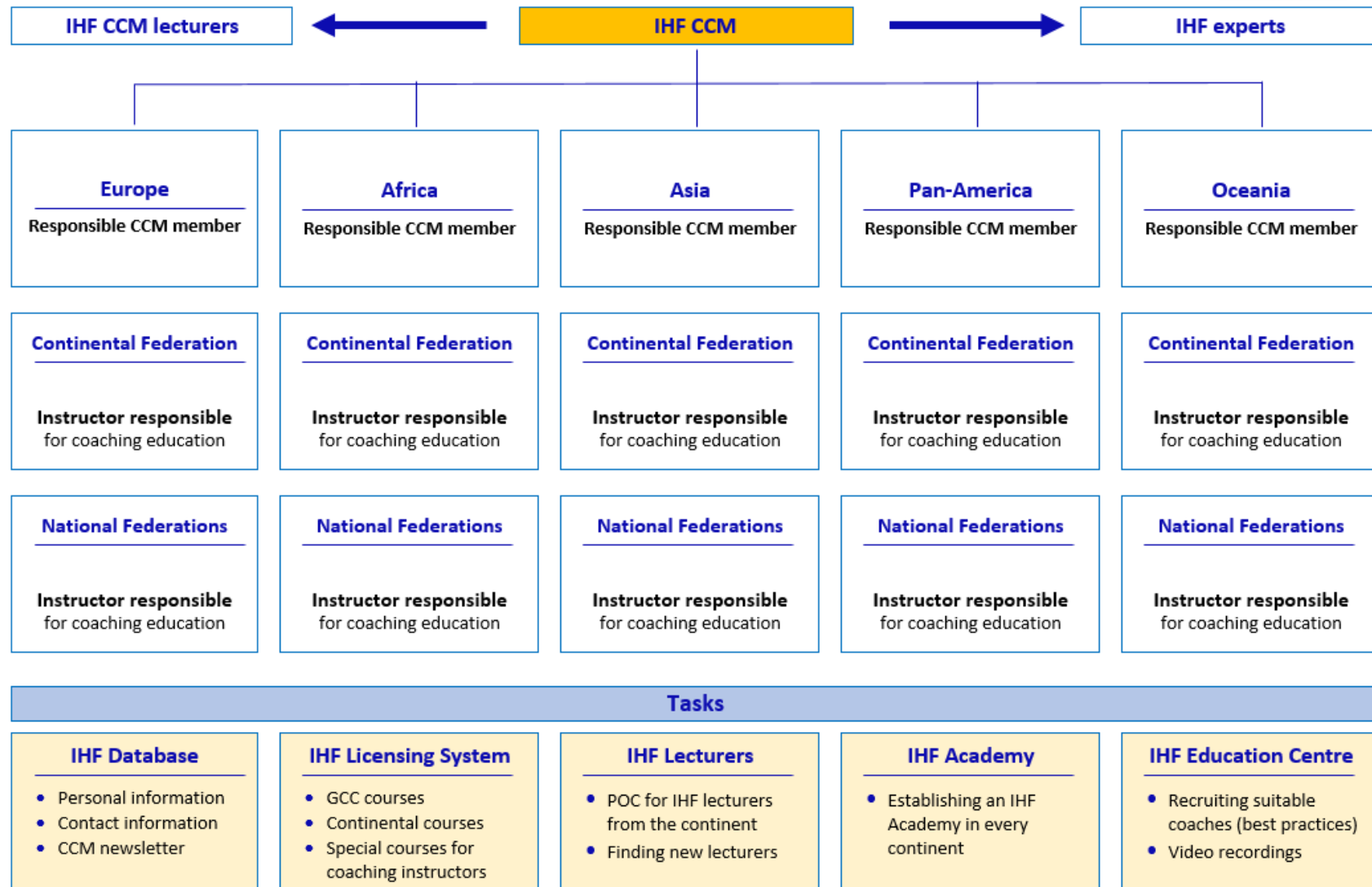
IHF Licences may only be issued to a national or continental federation if the federation's entire coaching education structure (i.e. licensing structure, curriculum of courses, and lecturers) has been approved by the IHF.

### **2. Transitional arrangements**

The IHF shall create conditions to establish the new IHF Coaching Education Structure over a period of two (2) years from the date of the IHF Council decision. The IHF shall.

- Organise extension courses for IHF lecturers,
- Recruit and educate new lecturers/instructors on continents outside Europe,
- Review the educational content (curriculum) for the licence levels D to B,
- Develop the new IHF Education Centre as a content database for coaching education worldwide (for example, e-learning programmes),
- Develop the IHF Academy structure and databases (IHF, continental, national) at the IHF Head Office,
- Develop a coaching database (A level) at the IHF Head Office (B level shall be registered in databases of the continental confederations, C and D levels shall be registered in databases of the national federations),
- Develop a system of extension courses for different levels,
- Provide the option to extend the licence validity through e-learning programmes,
- Determine specific conditions on the education of former international top players.

## Communication Structure for Global Coaching Education



## IHF Coaching Education Structure



Levels	Coaches	Minimum number of teaching units	Admission requirements	Curriculum	IHF courses	Instructors	Validity	Extension courses
<b>IHF A Licence</b>	Top-level coaches	<b>150 teaching units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IHF B Licence</li> <li>Approved by National Federation</li> <li>Coaching experience: 9 years</li> <li>27 years or older</li> </ul>	<b>Professional training</b>	IHF Global Coaching Clinic (GCC)	IHF GCC group	<b>4 years</b>	IHF symposium or other courses approved by IHF
<b>IHF B Licence</b>	Senior/junior coaches	<b>90 teaching units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IHF C Licence</li> <li>Approved by National Federation</li> <li>Coaching experience: 6 years</li> <li>24 years or older</li> </ul>	<b>Advanced training</b>	IHF course for advanced training Continental courses under the umbrella of the IHF Olympic Solidarity level 3 course	IHF lecturers (A licence or higher) with special extension course <sup>1</sup>	<b>4 years</b>	Continental courses organised by CC (accredited by IHF) National courses organised by NF (accredited by IHF) or approved by CC (accredited by IHF)
<b>IHF C Licence</b>	Youth coaches	<b>60 teaching units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IHF D Licence</li> <li>Approved by National Federation</li> <li>Coaching experience: 3 years</li> <li>21 years or older</li> </ul>	<b>Basic training</b>	IHF course for developing national federations IHF course for basic training Olympic Solidarity level 2 course	IHF lecturers (B licence or higher) with special extension course <sup>1</sup>	<b>4 years</b>	Continental courses organised by CC (accredited by IHF) National courses organised by NF (accredited by IHF) or approved by CC (accredited by IHF)
<b>IHF D Licence</b>	Handball@School/mini handball coaches	<b>25 teaching units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved by National Federation</li> <li>18 years or older</li> </ul>	<b>Introduction to handball</b>	IHF Handball@School course IHF special course for emerging national federations/4-year-plan nations IHF course for beginners Olympic Solidarity level 1 course	IHF lecturers (B licence or higher) with special extension course <sup>1</sup>	<b>4 years</b>	Continental courses organised by CC (accredited by IHF) National courses organised by NF (accredited by IHF) or approved by CC (accredited by IHF)

<sup>1</sup> Extension course = course for instructors (focus on teaching competence)