

Global Coach Development Framework in the Pipeline

The International Council of Coach Education (ICCE) and Association for Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) have announced a partnership focused on supporting the development and recognition of coaching qualifications and systems.

The two organisations goal is to develop a globally relevant framework that will act as a reference point for sport federations and lead national organisations charged with coach development. The framework will draw on existing networks and platforms to define the core capabilities required by coaches underpinned by a robust model of coach development good practice.

ASOIF Executive Director Andrew Ryan highlighted the potential for this initiative to support key stakeholders in coach development.

“The partnership between ASOIF and ICCE provides a solid platform to support International Federations in the development of high quality and cost effective systems that will dovetail with and support national programmes.”

To support the initiative an experienced and widely represented project group has been established with representatives from International Federations, lead national coaching institutions and other key players in coach development. The ICES network, represented by UK Sport International, has been engaged as an advisory body to the initiative.

The project group met for the first time in Koln, Germany in April to outline terms of reference and plan the initiative. A number of key issues were highlighted in developing a fit for purpose global framework with high priority given to addressing the needs of developing countries as well as facilitating greater interaction between higher education and sport systems.

In announcing the project ICCE President John Bales hailed the piece of work as a key initiative within coach development.

“This (project) will strengthen the position of sport coaching around the globe, recognising the vast numbers of volunteer, part time and paid coaches that make sport a reality for millions of participants on a daily basis.”

The ICES initiative is committed to making a valuable contribution to this project and will keep network members fully updated with progress and developments.

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