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**ITF/OS COACHING ADVANCED / HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAYERS COURSE IN VALENCIA, SPAIN**

**Course Attendance Criteria and Application Procedures**

* **General Criteria:**
* Be in good standing and endorsed by the National Association (NA); ideally working for the NA.
* Commitment to the Course duration: 6-weeks online and 2-weeks face-to-face.
* Only 1 candidate per country (NOC) can be submitted. Any number of candidates per region can be submitted.
* Priority order:
  + Gender: Female tennis coaches are recommended, if possible.
  + Coaches capable of undertaking the ITF Coaching High Performance Players (Level 3) course
  + ITF Tour Coaches pathway – Coaching Advanced Players (Level 2).
* **Standard** - **Coaching Advanced Players Course - application criteria:**
  + Passed the ITF Coaching Beginner & Intermediate Players course (Level 1) or equivalent (nations with ITF recognised systems) with a minimum average score of 4 out of 5.
* **Tour Coaches pathway** – **Coaching Advanced Players Course - application criteria:**
* Current or former Davis Cup/Billie Jean King Cup players and/or ATP/WTA ranked players (with at least one ranking point).
* Current or former Davis Cup/Billie Jean King captains (who have held the position for at least one year).
* Current or former Junior Davis Cup/Junior Billie Jean King and/or ITF World Junior Tennis captains (who have held the position for at least one year).
* Coaches who have worked with professional players (ATP or WTA ranked players with at least one ranking point) for at least one year.
* Coaches who have worked with top 100 ranked ITF junior players for at least one year.
* **Standard – Coaching High Performance Players Course - application criteria:**
* Passed the ITF Coaching Advanced Players course or equivalent (nations with ITF recognised systems) with a minimum average score of 4 out of 5.
* **Additional criteria for consideration for standard courses:**
* Be a JTI coordinator.
* Work in coach education at minimum national level.
* **Application Procedures:**
* ITF to send DOs initial information email on the 2022 programme.
* DOs to contact NAs and agree a suitable candidate with them and then, email ITF with candidate proposals before the set deadline including a short candidate profile.
* ITF to discuss with DOs each proposed candidate for approval.
* ITF to contact OS with proposed candidate nominations.
* Once OS has agreed the nominations, ITF initiates the administrative process (course application documents, documents for visas, medical checks, insurance, invitations, etc.) for the candidate to attend the course.
* DOs informed so that NAs can contact their NOCs requesting submission of the online application form on the Olympic Solidarity RELAY platform at least 2 months before the start of training.
* NA and nominated coach to return all application documents to ITF and their NOC before the deadline.