

To all
European National Basketball Federations

FIBA Europe Coaching Certificate - Invitation

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to inform you that the next FIBA Europe Coaching Certificate will start in 2013.

The third group who started their FECC in the summer of 2011 will complete the programme with their final exams next summer.

The purpose of the FECC programme is to focus on the coaches who are working with young players.

In order to address the issues mentioned and to support the coaching education across Europe, we introduced this coaching development programme, where the coaches attend three coaching clinics over a period of two years. The clinics are always organised in conjunction with the European Youth Championships with an examination part as the final element.

The first clinic will take place on the 11th – 19th August 2013 in Kyiv, Ukraine at the U16 European Championship Men Division A. The second clinic is scheduled for the summer of 2014 at the venue for the U18 European Championship Men Division A with the third and final clinic taking place in the summer of 2015 at the venue for the U20 European Championship Men Division A.

The clinics will be held during the last 7 days (plus two travel days) of each tournament. Sundays and Mondays are planned as traveling days.

The purpose of organizing the clinics in line with the European Championships for U16, U18 and U20 men is with the view to monitor the development of the young players over a period of two years and three major competitions.



There are significant benefits from the programme for the individual coaches, their clubs and the National Federations. They are as follows:

- Nominated coaches will gain a competent level of knowledge of European youth basketball (Identification)
- High quality coaching clinics (Development)
- Certified coaches will bring their knowledge back home and in turn raise national coaching standards
- Gain a reputable coaching qualification with great references
- Secure top level education for young talents

The curriculum for the FIBA Europe Coaching Certificate has been developed by some of the best known coaching experts in youth basketball. The mentor of this programme is Svetislav Pesic, widely recognised as one of the most successful basketball coaches in Europe and the world.

Nomination requirements:

- Every National Federation can nominate at least one coach and a maximum of three coaches, male or female, with the help of the National Coaching Association.
- The nominations have to be put in rank order with a brief description of each candidate (see attached application form).
- Each Federation will receive one guaranteed spot with the other two candidates put on the waiting list.
- The current youth national team coaches are welcome; however please note that many of them will be in active preparation for their own championships or competing at the same time and therefore won't be able to attend the complete course as required.
- There is a limit of 60 participants per programme. After the expiry of the registration deadline, the remaining places will be allocated to coaches from the waiting list by FIBA Europe.

Coaches' qualification:

- **All nominees are required to be youth coaches or are participating in the development of youth basketball in their respective countries.**
- All nominees are required to have good command of the English language, both written and oral. All clinics, resources and the actual examinations (including the paper assignments) will be in English and therefore knowledge of English is essential.
- Other qualifications can be set by each National Federation.
- All nominations will have to be approved by FIBA Europe.

Participation conditions:

- The nominated coaches must attend all three clinics in full
- To receive the FIBA Europe Coaching Certificate the participants must pass the exam.

Application forms:

- Please use the application form we sent you via E-Mail.
- Fill out the form electronically (in microsoft office word)
- Please send the completed form to the E-Mail address below
- Attach a digital passport size photograph of each nominee to your email. Please use the name of each nominee as the title for their .jpg file. If you are experiencing any problems sending the photo via E-Mail, please send a colour passport size photograph to the FIBA Europe address below.

Deadlines:

- Registration deadline - **25th March 2013** (to be sent to the E-Mail address below)
- Announcement of all FECC participants by FIBA Europe – 22nd April 2013

We enclose some supplementary information regarding the actual certification programme. For further information like the curriculum, examination regulations and video footage please check on www.fibaeurope.com in the coaching section.

There is **no participation fee**; however the cost of travel and accommodation will be covered by the participants, although we kindly suggest that the National Federations support their nominated coaches. Flights have to be booked by participants / National Federation. The hotel will be appointed by FIBA Europe. We will confirm the exact prices as soon as we receive them. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

We sincerely hope that this unique project will find your support and will contribute greatly to the improvement of standard of youth coaching across Europe.

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Attachments: Annex, application form

