



BADMINTON AUSTRALIA POLICY

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1. OBJECTIVE

To provide clear and consistent guidelines regarding integrity requirements, qualification levels, professional development, annual registration, and expected conduct of badminton coaches in Australia.

2. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- National Integrity Framework
- National Member Protection Policy
- Child Safeguarding Policy
- Competition Manipulation and Sport Wagering Policy
- Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy
- Complaints Resolution Policy
- Coach / Participant Codes of Conduct
- Professional Development Policy (In Progress)

3. INTEGRITY REQUIREMENT

3.1. CHILD PROTECTION

Badminton Australia (BA) is a child-safe organisation. All registered coaches must hold a Working with Children Check (WWCC) or their state/territory equivalent and submit proof of this check each year as part of BA's annual coach registration process. Where a state or territory does not have a photo ID WWCC (or equivalent), that person must also upload a photo ID along with their WWCC details.

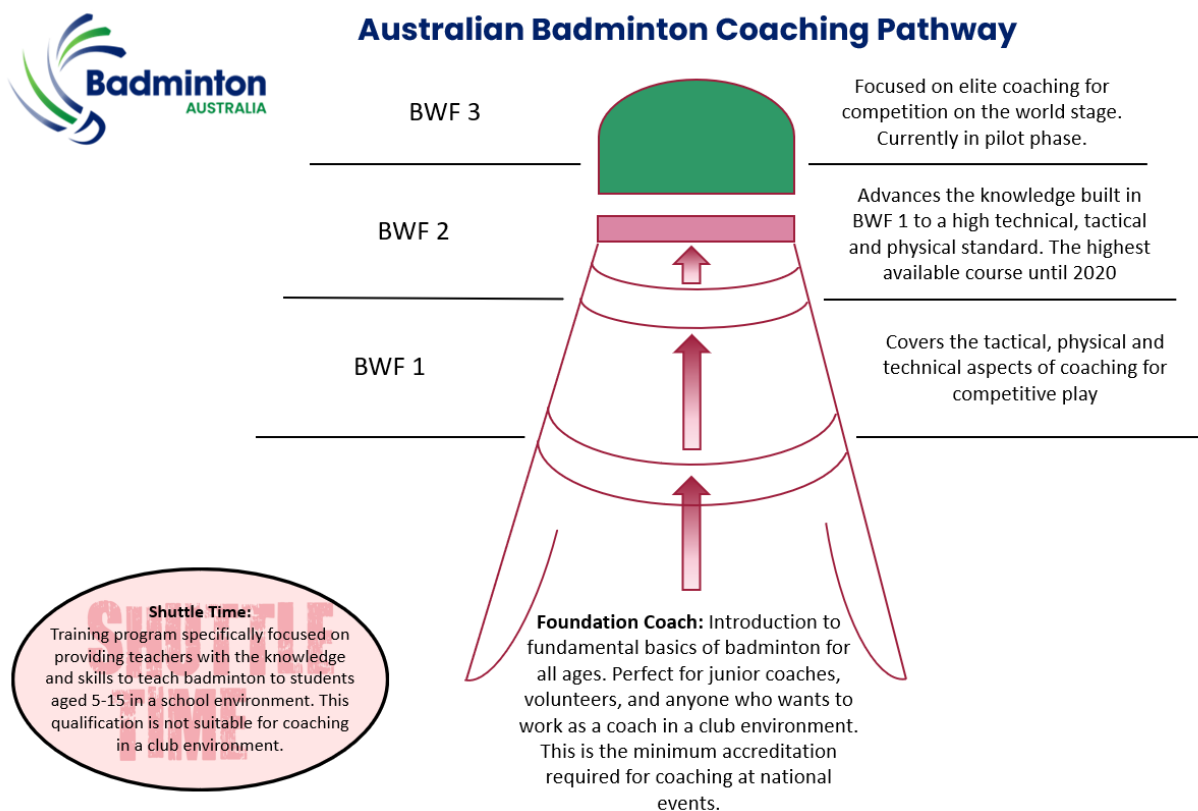
Coaches must carry their WWCC or equivalent with them at all times when engaged in national activities and show their card whenever required.

3.2. BADMINTON AUSTRALIA AND SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA POLICY

As part of the annual registration process, all coaches must agree to abide by all of BA's Sport Integrity Australia approved policies. These include, but are not limited to, all items listed under Section 2 – Related Documents.

4. COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

The qualification pathway for coaching badminton in Australia is outlined in the Coaching Pathway diagram below:



The Foundation Coach Course is the first step toward coaching in a club environment. Prospective coaches must be at least 14 years of age in order to complete the Foundation Coach course. Any coaches who are coaching in a club should hold at least a Foundation Coach level of accreditation, and must also meet the minimum age requirements for working in their state or territory.



The Foundation Coach Course consists of:

- An Online component available through the Badminton Australia website
- A Face-to-Face component organised and delivered by a State/Territory organisation or Badminton Australia

In order to run a face-to-face course, Foundation Coach Course Tutors must:

- Complete a 2-hour online workshop with Badminton Australia, including assessment
- Be endorsed by their state/territory organisation
- Be approved by Badminton Australia

Information on specific coaching requirements for National Competition events can be found in Section 6 – National Events.

The Shuttle Time course is specifically designed for teachers with minimal knowledge of badminton and is therefore targeted toward individuals coaching in school environments. This course is not considered sufficient for coaching within badminton clubs or associations, or at national events.

Coaches who hold international coaching qualifications can undergo a Recognition of Prior Learning process to gain an Australian badminton coaching accreditation. Current BWF Coaches will need to provide their current BWF accreditation to BA and complete the registration process as outlined in this document, which includes obtaining the relevant Working with Children Check (or equivalent) for their state or territory. If coaches hold a non-BWF coaching accreditation, they will be required to complete the online Foundation Coach course, and depending on their accreditation may also be required to attend the face-to-face Foundation Coach course before they will be able to register as a badminton coach in Australia.

Note: The BA Foundation Coach qualification replaces the previous BA Level qualifications. People who hold these qualifications can continue to register annually with BA. Coaches with a BA Level qualification can also transition to a Foundation qualification by completing the online Foundation Coaching Course (there is no requirement for these coaches to complete the face-to-face component unless their registration has lapsed). Foundation Coach Courses will be run throughout the year and can be organised by the state or territory bodies. Badminton Australia may also support the delivery of some of these courses. Badminton Australia may also run courses from time to time linked to national events. BWF Level 1, 2, and 3 Coach courses are organised by the Badminton World Federation through Badminton Oceania, and are delivered by Badminton Oceania with support from Badminton Australia and/or the State/Territory organisation. Information on these upcoming courses will be available on the BA and relevant state or territory websites.



5. REGISTRATION

Coaches must register annually by 31 March each year through the Coach Registration Form available on the BA website. This national registration program will be managed by Badminton Australia.

Benefits of coach registration:

- Coach insurance through the national insurance program in line with the policy wording
- Authorisation to purchase and wear official BA Coach uniform
- Ability to coach at National Championship events and activities (current coach registration is required for these events and activities from 1st January 2023)
- Access to exclusive Coach Resources available on the BA website
- Discounts for designated programs and services provided for by BA
- Other items as specified by BA

Coaches who have completed both online and face-to-face components of either a Shuttle Time course or BA Foundation Course will receive free registration in the year of completion (valid until 31 March the following year). New Coaches can contact BA for their discount code.

If a BA Level or Foundation coach has missed three (3) annual registration renewals, their registration will be considered lapsed, and they will need to re-qualify before they can re-register. To re-qualify, the coach will need to complete both the online and face-to-face components of the Foundation Course before they can renew their registration.

6. NATIONAL EVENTS

From the start of 2023, anyone attending in a coaching capacity at any National event, including National Championships, must meet the below criteria:

- Coach must hold at least a Foundation Course level coaching qualification
- Coach must be registered in the year of competition
- Coach must have their WWCC or equivalent with them at all time during the competition, and produce it upon request by any event staff
- Coach must be registered in the year of competition
- Coach must be a member in good standing with their state and national associations

As part of the transition process to the new system, in 2023 players competing in an event will be able to coach other players in that event without being required to hold a coach registration.



7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All registered coaches are required to complete at least five (5) hours of professional development relevant to their coaching accreditation each year. Further information on these requirements can be found in the Professional Development Policy.

Professional development may include, but is not limited to, the below activities:

- Completing a First Aid certification
- Completing online courses, such as:
 - o Child Protection
 - o Positive Sports Coaching
 - o Sport Integrity Australia courses
 - o Play by the Rules courses
- Completing state/territory-based coaching workshops
- Completing Foundation Coach or BWF Level 1, 2 or 3 coaching courses
- Takes part in mentoring session as either the mentor or mentee
- Formal observation sessions of coaches of an equal or higher level, including reflection piece

Coaches may also occasionally be required to undertake specific training, such as online courses, as instructed by Badminton Australia. This training will count toward professional development hours.

For more information about coaching visit the Badminton Australia website at www.badminton.org.au