

New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation



National Coaching Accreditation Program

Level II Coaching Course

The NZIHF Level II Coaching Course and is the third degree of accreditation a coach can receive from the NZIHF. The course is a more indepth theoretical course designed to expand on the topics discussed in the Level I as well as add more technical skills components, team dynamic components, tactical components both defensively and offensively, goal tending, year planning and athlete self esteem.

In 2012 the Federation intends for all active National Team Coaches to have completed and achieved, at minimum, the Level II Coaching Course. To qualify for the Level II course, coaches will need to have obtained the Level I qualification in a previous calendar year.

This Level II Course is made up of 18 hours of classroom time over three days, and two hours of on-ice time. It will be lead by NZIHF National Coaching Coordinator.

The Level II written exam is aimed at assessing underpinning knowledge regarding roles of the coach, communication with parents, player development, yearly planning, technical and tactical knowledge. A written exam, comprising 8 pages, is given to candidates at the completion of the face-to-face training program. This is a "take home" exam, which is to be returned within four (4) weeks of completion of the Level II course. An 80% pass mark is required. Candidates may re-take the exam as many times as necessary to achieve the mark.

In the classroom, the course covers the basics in coaching as far leadership responsibilities, learning & teaching as well as methods for planning a practice and how practices can be organised, game and bench management. This will include sections on technical skills such as skating, puck control and checking. This will lead onto better meeting the needs of their team.

On-ice, coaches will be taught specific technical and tactical skills and drills. This is aimed at assessing the candidate's practical ability for the progressions of Individual and Team Tactics. An assessment of the coaches skating ability is also assessed in this session.

Coaches will walk away from the course with a better understanding of how to plan a more effective practice session as well as a bank of resources to help them in the daily and yearly coaching practice.