

Table 1: The Three-Level IAAF Coaches Education and Certification System

| | | Level I | Level II | Level III | |
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| Title | KA Activator | Youth Coach U16 | Coach U20 | Senior Coach | Academy Coach |
| Duration | 3-day Seminar | 12-day Course | 8-day Course | 8-day Course | 3 to 12 months Course |
| Objective | To develop the skills to organise Kids' Athletics: preparation and competition + orientation to Running, Jumping, Throwing for U 12 years | To provide an opportunity for individual to begin the Coaching pathway | To develop intermediate coaching skills and knowledge | To develop performance coaching skills and knowledge | To develop a professional specialisation in coaching |
| Target Group | Primary School Teachers and Talent Scouts | Teachers and Coaches | Coaches | Performance Coaches | Experienced and active coaches |
| Entry Requirements | Minimum of 18 years of age, interest in athletics | Minimum of 18 years of age, interest in athletics | Successful completion of Level I and one year of active coaching certified by MF | Successful completion of Level II and one year of active coaching certified by MF | IAAF Level III (CC Youth: II) or Equivalent Recommendation by MFs |
| Qualification | IAAF Kid's Athletics Activator Certificate | IAAF CECS Level I Certificate | IAAF CECS Level II Certificate | CECS Level III Certificate | IAAF Academy Diploma |
| Funding | Olympic Solidarity and National | IAAF, Olympic Solidarity and National | IAAF, Olympic Solidarity & National | IAAF / National | IAAF, Area, MF, self-funded |
| Participants' goal after course | To stage Kids' Athletics and to prepare and motivate these kids (U 12) to continue with athletics | To implement appropriate athletics programmes to youth athletes | To coach a selected event group to beginner and developing athletes (U20) | To coach a selected event group to performance athletes | To serve the MF in the chosen area of Academy specialisation |
| Activity Area | Schools, Clubs, Member Federation, Ministry of Education | PE classes in schools, basic training in clubs | Athletics institutions (e.g. clubs), Member Federation | Athletics institutions (e.g. clubs), Member Federation | Member Federation, Universities, Clubs |
| Invitation | by Member Federation, Schools, Clubs | Recommendation by Member Federation | by IAAF, recommended by MFs | by IAAF, recommended by MFs | by IAAF, recommended by MFs |
| Equivalency | None | On request to IAAF and approval | On request to IAAF and approval | On request to IAAF and approval | On request to IAAF and approval |
| Lecturer Education | IAAF KA Activator Organised by IAAF | CECS Level I Lecturer Organised by IAAF and MF | CECS Level II Lecturer Course Organised by IAAF | CECS Level III Lecturer Course Organised by IAAF | No. "IAAF Academy Expert" (nominated) – approved by IAAF |
| Education choices | None – Covers Kids' Athletics | None – covers all events | From 5 Event groups SH; Jumps; Throws; MLD & RW; CE | From 5 Event groups SH; Jumps; Throws; MLD & RW; CE | Chief Coach, Elite Coach (5), Coaching Development Director, Youth Chief Coach |