

To all European National Basketball Federations

### FIBA Europe Coaching Certificate (FECC) 2025-2027 – Invitation & Application

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to inform you that the FIBA Europe Coaching Certificate (FECC) will start its 10<sup>th</sup> term in 2025.

The purpose of the FECC program 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 program, where the coaches attend three coaching clinics over a period of two years. The clinics are always organised in conjunction with the FIBA Youth EuroBaskets with an examination part as the final element.

The first stage will take place at the FIBA U16 EuroBasket in 2025. The second stage is scheduled for the summer of 2026 at the venue for the FIBA U18 EuroBasket with the third and final stage taking place in the summer of 2027 at the venue for the FIBA U20 EuroBasket.

The clinics will be held during the last 7 days (plus two travel days) of each tournament.

The purpose of organizing the clinics in line with the EuroBaskets for U16, U18 and U20 men is with the view to monitor the development of the young players between the age of 15 and 20 over a period of two years and three major competitions.

There are significant benefits from the program for each individual coaches, their clubs and the National Federations, like:

- ✓ Coaches will gain a competent level of knowledge of European youth basketball (Identification)
- ✓ High quality coaching clinics (Development)
- ✓ 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.



### Nomination requirements:

- ✓ Every National Federation can nominate at least one coach and a maximum of two coaches, male or female, with the help of the National Coaching Association.
- ✓ Each Federation will receive one guaranteed spot with the other candidate put on the waiting list.
- ✓ If a federation nominates more than one coach, one of the two spot has to be a female coach. If you do not have a female candidate, you can still nominate two male coaches, but the second male coach will be first put on the waiting list.
- ✓ The nominations must be put in rank order with a brief description of each candidate.
- ✓ Please be aware that the coaches will be attending three Youth EuroBaskets in the upcoming summers at the U16, U18 and U20 championships. Therefore, you shouldn't nominate current or potential national team coaches who might participate in those championships.
  - The current youth national team coaches of other age categories are welcomed; 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 European coaches per program. After the expiry of the registration deadline, the remaining places will be allocated to coaches from the waiting list by FIBA Europe.
- ✓ Please be aware that this course is only for the nominated coaches. Family, friends or any other persons should not be accompanying the participants.

## Coaches' qualification:

- ✓ All nominees are required to be current 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 spoken.

  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, starting at the FIBA U16 EuroBasket and finishing at the FIBA U20 EuroBasket.
- ✓ To receive the FIBA Europe Coaching Certificate the candidates must pass the exams.

# Application forms:

- ✓ Please use the application form we attached to the E-Mail.
- ✓ Fill out the form electronically (in Microsoft office word)
- ✓ Please send the completed form to the E-Mail address below
- ✓ Attach a current headshot photo (a "Selfie" is sufficient) of each coach to your email. Please use the name of each coach as the title for their .jpg file

## Deadlines & next steps:

- ✓ Application deadline 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- ✓ Announcement of all FECC participants by FIBA Europe is planned in mid-March 2025
- ✓ After that we will send the registration information & -forms with exact prices of hotel, airports, transfers, etc.

We enclose some supplementary information regarding the actual certification program. For further information like the curriculum and examination regulations please check <a href="here">here</a>.

There is no participation fee; however, the cost of travel and accommodation will be covered by the participants, although we suggest, that the National Federations support their nominated coaches. Flights have to be booked by coaches/National Federation. The hotel will be appointed by FIBA Europe.

We sincerely hope that you continue to use this unique project to improve the standard of youth coaching across Europe.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

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