

Level	Level I	Level II	Level III	Level IV	Level V
Title	Youth Coach	Assistant Coach	Coach	Senior Coach	Academy Coach
Duration	10-day Course	14-day Course	14-day Course	14-day Course	3 to 12 months Course
Objective	To develop the skills to organise Kids Athletics: preparation & competition + orientation to athletics for 13-15 year-olds	To provide an opportunity 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	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 21 years of age, interest in athletics	Successful completion of Level II and one year of active coaching certified by MF	Successful completion of Level III and one year of active coaching certified by MF	IAAF Diploma in Coaching or Equivalent Recommendation by MFs
Qualification	IAAF CECS Level I Certificate	IAAF CECS Level II Certificate	IAAF CECS Level III Certificate	IAAF Diploma in Coaching, after 2 years active coaching	IAAF Academy Diploma
Funding	Olympic Solidarity and National	IAAF, Olympic Solidarity and National	IAAF, Olympic Solidarity	IAAF	IAAF, Area, MF, self-funded
Participants' competence after the course	To stage Kids' Athletics and to prepare and motivate these youth (13-15 years) to continue with athletics	To implement appropriate athletics programmes to youth athletes	To coach a selected event group to beginner and developing athletes	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	CECS Level I Lecturer Organised by IAAF and MFs	CECS Level II Lecturer Organised by IAAF	CECS Level III/IV Lecturer Course Organised by IAAF	CECS Level III/IV Lecturer Course Organised by IAAF	No. 'IAAF Academy Lecturer' Nominated - approved by IAAF
Education choices	None – covers Kids' Athletics and Youth athletics	None – covers all events	From six Event Groups	From six Event Groups	Chief Coach, Elite Coach, Coaching Development Director

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

