



DEGREE IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT AND COACHING

An Honours Degree Course in Sports Management and Coaching has been developed by the Institute of Technology in Blanchardstown.

The inaugural course commenced in September 2008 and the full 4-year programme can be viewed at <http://www.itb.ie/site/courses/sportscourses.htm>

Tennis Ireland and ITB have agreed the following for a small selection of Tennis Players each year:

- ITB will reserve places subject to the students making it through the CAO and the college entry requirements
- Tennis Ireland will sponsor the students to take Level 1 and Level 2 of our coaches training programme. This involves 100 and 120 contact hours of training at fees of €1500 and €2500 respectively.
- The selected tennis students at ITB will take our Level 1 & Level 2 coaching courses over the 4 years they are studying the degree subjects.

Our courses are delivered at weekends and during school holiday periods and students on the degree course would have to make themselves available at these times.

We will waive both fees for the selected ITB students. This will amount to a sponsorship of €4,000 for each student over the 4 year period.

ITB Sporting Prowess and Scholarship Programme

In developing the new suite of Sports Management courses, ITB are providing opportunity to students who display particular sporting prowess to participate on the Sports Management and Coaching degree course. It is planned to reserve up to 10% of available places for such students. Students must apply through the CAO in the usual manner and then make a separate application to ITB through the relevant sporting body. Applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements for the course but there will be up to 50 points available at interview that will be added to the applicants Leaving Certificate points total.

In addition, once the player is accepted on the course he/she can apply for a sports scholarship involving a good financial package and support services.

The potential work for graduates achieving the BA in Sports Management and Coaching and the Tennis Ireland Level 2 Coaches Certification is the following:

Tennis

- Director of Tennis with a Tennis Club
- Rackets Manager in a Commercial Club
- Head or Assistant Club Professional
- Regional Coach with Tennis Ireland
- Tennis Ireland Coach Educator (Tutor)
- Regional Development Officer with Tennis Ireland
- Local Sports Partnership Development Officer
- Sports Council Development Officer
- ITF Development Officer
- Davis/Fed Cup Captain
- Traveling Coach with Irish Junior Teams
- Sports equipment Industry
- A choice of a variety of jobs in the Business World

All Sports

- Management in commercial leisure enterprises
- Management of public leisure and sporting enterprises
- Management in national governing bodies
- Management of field sport clubs
- Careers in local authorities
- Coaching Ireland
- Sports development officers
- Games promotion officers
- Coaching officers
- High performance coaching positions
- Speed coaches
- Conditioning specialists

Tennis Links for students not achieving the required points

For those students who are not highly academic or for whatever reason don't achieve enough points to advance first time round to a 3rd level Institution, The FAS Tennis Coaches training course is a programme that young tennis players might be interested in pursuing.

The FAS Tennis Coaches training course is recognized by Tennis Ireland and is a full time training programme for approximately 3 College semesters.

Successful graduates from the programmes may be able to advance to the ITB Sports Management and Coaching Degree Course.

The FAS Tennis Coaches Course

Duration: Full time for 52 weeks

Entry requirements: Leaving Certificate or Junior Certificate

Allowance: FAS provide a weekly training allowance (€211).

Qualifications: Level 1 Tennis Ireland Coaches Certificate and FETAC Level 5

Subjects Covered:

Level 1 Coaches Certification

- Module 1 - Mini
- Module 2 - Midi
- Module 3 – Full court
- Work experience in Parks and Clubs
- Communications
- First aid
- ECDL
- Computer applications

Qualification – FETAC Level 5 – Tennis Ireland Level 1 Coaches Certification – Order of Malta First Aid Certificate – ECDL Certificate

Sponsors – FAS – Dublin Parks Tennis

Approval – Tennis Ireland – Coaching Ireland

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