



# Table Tennis NT

## Table Tennis NT Coaching Policy

### Who is covered by this policy

This policy applies to all coaches associated with TTNT and its member associations.

### Importance of Coaches

Coaches have a particularly important role and accredited training is essential. Unqualified coaches are a potential liability risk and often result in a loss of participants. Studies in the USA have found that while only 5% of children who have a trained coach drop out of a sport after one season, 26% who have untrained coaches drop out after one season.

For children, coaches are often the first and most significant point of contact with the sport.

### NT Director of Coaching

TTNT will appoint an NT Director of Coaching who will:

- Co-ordinate accredited training for coaches and co-ordinate registration of coaches
- Facilitate access to online coaching newsletters and coaching resources

### Requirements for Coach Selection and Training

1. Anyone using the title of "coach" in TTNT or a member association must have accredited coaching training and be approved as a coach by the NT Director of Coaching;
2. The selection process for coaches must include consideration of their teaching skills, as well as their technical table tennis coaching knowledge;
3. Coaches selected to work with juniors must have:
  - a. the skills and qualities to engage and motivate young people of the relevant age groups;
  - b. the necessary communication skills and qualities to engage with the parents of juniors.
4. All levels of coaches should have the opportunity to upgrade their skills

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