**Table Tennis Scotland (TTS) Coach Licensing Scheme Update 2019-2020**

**What is the TTS Coach Licence?**

Table Tennis is a great sport for people of all ages and abilities and a fantastic medium in which to inspire and support people through coaching.

The TTS Licence to practise as a coach is a measure of currency of coaching practice that builds upon your qualifications. The Licence Scheme is designed to support the effective recruitment, employment and deployment of coaches and to ensure people have the right level of QUALIFICATION, INSURANCE, KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS to coach thereby safeguarding participants and coaches alike. Supported by integrated Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programmes to help maintain higher standards of knowledge, skill and effectiveness, we believe this will lead to an overall improvement in coaching practice and a better experience for all players in Scotland.

In order to qualify for a Licence please note the following mandatory requirements:

1. **First Aid Certificate**

Emergency First Aid is suitable and only requires 4 hours training and is not expensive. TTS, Local authorities as well as Red Cross and St John Ambulance and local colleges run regular courses.

THIS CERTIFICATE NEEDS RENEWING EVERY 3 YEARS.

1. **Child Protection Certificate**

This is a 6 hour course which again is held within each region, usually by the Sports Development Department but there are a number of online excellent courses that can be done at home e.g UK SPORTS.

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1. **CPD ( continual professional development)**

This does not have to be a certificate.

This is any form of updating you have done over the last year. A guideline in hours is around 3 which can be attending workshops on table tennis/ seminars/tournaments/reading articles or watching online videos.

PLEASE STATE ON YOUR LICENCE APPLICATION THE TYPE OF CPD COVERED.

1. **UKCC or other National Awarding Body Certificate**

This is to show you have attended a national course.

1. **TTS Affiliation**

The only other stipulation is that YOU ARE AFFILIATED TO TABLE TENNIS SCOTLAND as a playing or non-playing member for the coming session.

For information and availability on any of the above courses please contact:

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