

NEWSLETTER

COACHES SUPPORTING COACHES

ONLINE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

APSA has taken a new approach to coach education with an emphasis on online educational opportunities. Given the current COVID Pandemic this has become a priority.

Development Coach Mentoring Hours

Due to the continued number of lockdowns APSA will be conducting the entire course both theory and practical on line. This has delayed the release of the new course but we are working hard to have it ready asap. In the meantime, to ensure those wishing to undertake the Development Coach course can start asap, APSA will be organising a number of online mentoring sessions. The new course requires participants to complete 60 hours of mentoring. Again APSA has taken a new approach to this and hours do not only include standing in with a Mentor during lessons. More information for those who have registered their expressions of interest for the course will be sent out shortly.

Harness Accreditation

The Harness is an important piece of equipment used in our sport. Learning to use it correctly is essential. Due to a number of concerns raised APSA has restructured the Harness Accreditation requirements which include a Manual, completion of worksheets, on ice exercises, mentoring hours and the final assessment. On line mentoring sessions are also be organised to assist in meeting all requirements.

Coaches working together.



The COVID Pandemic continues to cause restrictions to travel and further lockdowns. With so much uncertainty for the remainder of the season it is important for coaches to stay positive and connected to both their students and the skating community.

An hour chat with another coach or group of coaches via zoom to talk about what you are doing or sharing ideas over an afternoon drink can make all the difference.

We are all in this together so if you are struggling reach out.

APSA COVID HARDSHIP FUND

A reminder to coaches that the APSA COVID hardship fund is still in place. The Policy and Procedures can be found on the APSA website: www.apsa.net.au

PERFORMANCE PATHWAY ACCREDITATION

A sub committee has been formed to evaluate the criteria for the Performance Pathway Levels and commence the equivalency process. This will be done in stages with Stage 1 covering current Advanced Coaches (Level 3).

Coaches who have not completed the former Level 3 course but meet the Performance standards will be required to complete components of the levels up to and including level 3. In fairness to those coaches who had spent the considerable time and money to continue their education a course cost will be involved equal to the cost of completing these accreditation levels in the past.

As we progress through the stages we will send coaches the application form directly.

WHATS NEXT

During July APSA hosted 3 online Coach discussion sessions with members of the ISU Technical Committees and World renown coaches/specialists. These sessions covered: Singles & Pairs, Ice Dance and Synchronized Skating. A Components session was also recently held with coaches and officials in attendance. Our next session will cover TOI with the date to be advised shortly. Keep an eye out for the many more to follow.