



PRESS RELEASE

“Coaching Matters Most”

55 Tutors Graduate from 19 Sports

On Thursday evening the 16th of November 55 Coach Education tutors from 19 sports graduated as part of the National Coaching Development Programme. At the ceremony 20 Level 3 coaches also graduated as a representative of the 960 coaches who graduated under the National Assimilation Scheme.

Irish Sport is dependent in part to the quality of its coaching system and the coaches that it produces. Well trained, effective coaches play a key role in achieving sports policy objectives - the delivery of sport in participation, performance and excellence.

The National Coaching and Training Centre has been training National Governing Body tutors for the past 12 years as part of the National Coaching Development Programme, and to date 600 tutors have graduated.

Tutors are central to the coach education system, devising the coaching syllabi in their sports and delivering coach education courses. Beyond the more visible aspects of course design and presentation, tutors are expected to keep up-to-date, motivate and inspire the coaches they work with.

These tutors graduated following a long and demanding course. The course was delivered over 5 contact weekends followed by on-site tasks and facilitation within their own NGB Coach Education Programme. Many of the tutors have dedicated a life-time of committed service to their chosen sport and while nobody entered sport to become a tutor, most of these successful tutors have spend many years as participants, coaches and administrators in their sport.

The coaches who graduated this evening are a small group who represent the wider group of assimilated coaches, these coaches were awarded their qualifications based on their knowledge and experience, and include Packie Bonner, Noel O Reilly (FAI), Eamon Coghlan (AAI) and Ken Doherty currently second in the world snooker rankings.

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