

All Coaches must have a Basketball Ireland Coaching Licence for the start of the 2026/27 season and checks will take place. Coaches should be licensed through the **Sport80** registration system by the start of the 2026/27 season. If no proof of licence can be produced at a game, the coach should not be permitted to coach. If there is no replacement coach available, they may coach the game at the discretion of the referee but must be reported to the league organiser.

Committee Responsible	Competition / Role	Responsible for Licence Checks & Reporting	Minimum Standard Start of 2026/27 Season	Minimum Standard Start of 2027/28 Season	Minimum Standard Post 2028 Season
NABC	Head Coach Local Area Board Competition U14 & below	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching
NABC	Assistant Coach Local Area Board Competition U14 & below	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching
NABC	Head Coach Local Area Board Competition U16 & above	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching	Level 1	Level 1
NABC	Assistant Coach Local Area Board Competition U15 & above	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching
NABC	Head Coach Underage National Cup / National League	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching	Level 1	Level 1
NABC	Assistant Coach Underage National Cup	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching
NLC	Men's & Women's National League	Commissioners. If no Commissioner — Referees with the help of TOs.	Introduction to Coaching	Level 1	Level 1
NABC	NICC (BIDL equivalent)	Referees with the help of TOs.	Introduction to Coaching	Level 1	Level 1
NLC	BIDL / Under 18 / Under 20 National League	NLC Commissioners.	Introduction to Coaching	Level 1	Level 1

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EPC	International Teams Head Coach	EPC	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
EPC	International Teams Assistant Coaches	EPC	Introduction to Coaching	Level 1	Level 1
BI HQ	BI Academy Head Coach	Academy Lead	Level 1	Level 1	Level 1
BI HQ	BI Academy Assistant Coach	Academy Lead	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching	Introduction to Coaching
NBCC	3rd Level Colleges	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching	Level 1	Level 1
PPSC	PPSC Schools Competitions	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching (no level required for full-time staff members)	Introduction to Coaching (no level required for full-time staff members)	Introduction to Coaching (no level required for full-time staff members)
Primary Schools	Primary Schools	Referees report to Area Board. TOs can check but referees ultimately responsible.	Introduction to Coaching (no level required for full-time staff members)	Introduction to Coaching (no level required for full-time staff members)	Introduction to Coaching (no level required for full-time staff members)

Note: There is a 12-month minimum period required between each level of coaching course. Coaches who need to reach Level 1 by the start of the 2027/28 season should plan accordingly.