

COACH DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE 2026/2027



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Course info, dates, venues & booking links

ECB SUPPORT COACH

Who is it for?

Anyone aged 16 and over wishing to support qualified coaches, inspire players and make a difference to the game.

This programme has been designed to give learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to support qualified coaches.

An ECB Support Coach is not qualified to lead coaching sessions independently and therefore must be supervised by a qualified cricket coach.

What commitment does the programme require?

- £50.00
- 1 face-to-face module lasting 3 hours
- 2 bitesize e-learning modules lasting 10-15 minutes each
- Multiple choice question assessment

Content

- Supporting coaches and players
- Communicating with coaches and players
- Supporting fielding, bowling and batting
- Safety
- icoachcricket

What are the prerequisites for certification?

- 16 years of age
- Valid ECB DBS
- Valid safeguarding training

What learning opportunities can be accessed after the programme?

Full membership of the ECB Coaches Association and ECB Foundation I Coach or ECB Core Coach

Certificate – Downloaded from ECB Portal on completion.



ECB FOUNDATION COACH



Who is it for?

Anyone aged 17 and over wishing to become qualified to coach cricket, inspire players and make a difference to the game.

This programme has been designed to develop a learner's knowledge, skills and confidence to use icoachcricket to coach safe, fun and inclusive sessions that ignite a lifelong love of the game.

An ECB Foundation Coach will be qualified to lead coaching sessions independently and without supervision.

What commitment does the programme require?

£200.00

Four face-to-face modules lasting three hours each, including three observed coaching opportunities

Seven bitesize e-learning modules lasting 10-15 minutes each

Multiple choice question assessment.

Content

- Role of an ECB Foundation Coach
- icoachcricket
- What does coaching look like?
- Coaching fielding, bowling and batting
- Foundation principles – fielding, bowling and batting
- The coaching tools, Differentiation & Safety

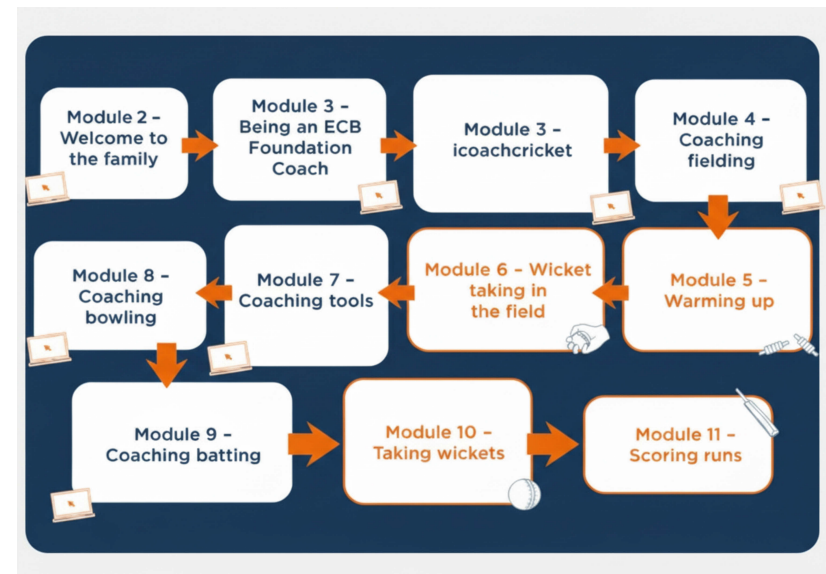
What are the prerequisites for certification?

- 18 years of age
- Valid ECB DBS
- Valid safeguarding training

What learning opportunities can be accessed after the programme?

Full membership of the ECB Coaches Association and ECB Core Coach.

Certificate - Issued by 1st4Sport via post.



ECB CORE COACH



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Who is it for?

Anyone aged 17 and over wishing to become qualified to coach cricket, inspire and develop players and make a difference to the game.

Experience of playing or coaching cricket is desirable but not essential when applying for this programme.

This programme has been designed to give learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to lead player-centred coaching sessions.

An ECB Core Coach will be qualified to lead coaching sessions independently and without supervision.

What commitment does the programme require?

- £400.00
- 8 face-to-face modules lasting 3 hours each including 2 observed coaching opportunities & 6 bitesize e-learning modules lasting 15-20 minutes each
- Multiple choice question assessment & Short answer question assessment

Content Includes:

- Role of an ECB Core Coach
- icoachcricket
- Player-centred planning process
- Player development
- Core principles – batting, bowling (pace and spin), fielding and wicketkeeping
- Tactical knowledge, physical fundamentals and mental skills
- The coaching tools
- The continuum of practice
- Safety

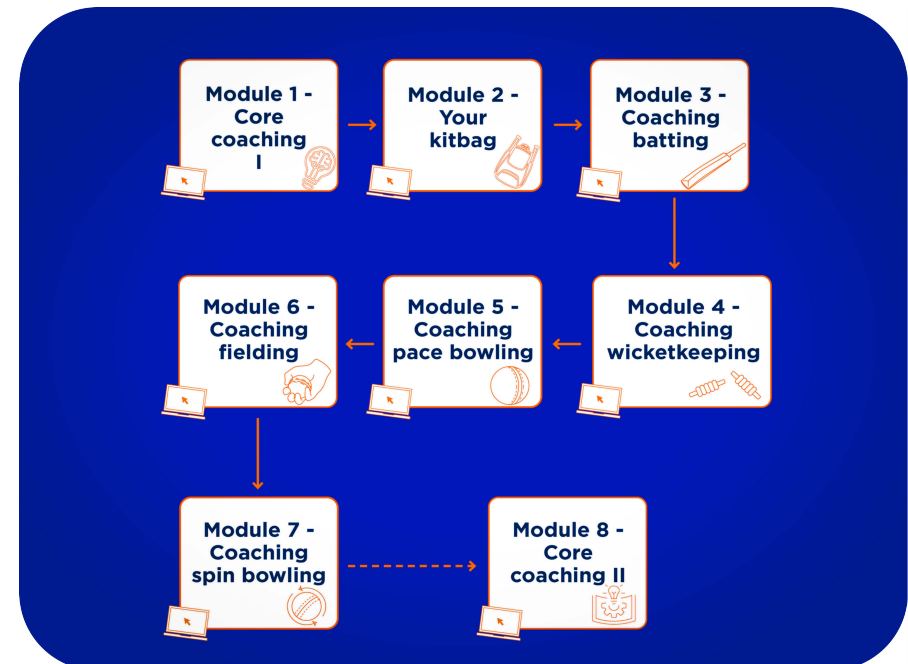
What are the prerequisites for certification?

- 18 years of age
- Valid ECB DBS
- Valid safeguarding training

What learning opportunities can be accessed after the programme?

Full membership of the ECB Coaches Association & ECB Advanced Coach.

Certificate - Issued by 1st4Sport via post.



BURSARIES FOR COACHING



Coaching is a challenging and enormously rewarding role within our game. Players need expertise, support and passion at every level of their development.

No matter whether you are putting something back into the game you love, progressing your career, helping out at your local club, or simply providing more support to your child, there is a reason for everyone to get involved in cricket coaching.

Bursaries funded by the England and Wales Cricket Trust and are intended to increase the diversity of learners taking their first step into coaching, gaining a qualification or taking the next step on their coach development journey.

Groups that have been identified to increase the diversity of learners accessing coach development programmes are:

- Potential coaches/coaches that are female
- Potential coaches/coaches from ethnically diverse communities
- Potential coaches/coaches with a disability
- Potential coaches/coaches experiencing financial hardship.

A bursary can be awarded to learners that register on ECB Support Coach, ECB Foundation Coach or ECB Core Coach programmes between 1st February 2026 and 31st January 2027.

Anyone wanting to access coach development that is experiencing financial hardship will be awarded a bursary of up to 100% of the national price of the programme.

Once an applicant receives confirmation they will need complete their programme registration using a discount code to redeem their bursary.

Anyone wanting to access coach development that is female, from an ethnically diverse community, has a disability who is not experiencing financial hardship will be awarded a bursary of up to 50% of the national price of the programme.

Once an applicant receives confirmation they will need to complete their programme registration and make full payment and upon attendance to course receive a refund to redeem their bursary.

Bursary Applications

Visit <https://www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk/about/coach-bursaries/> to begin your bursary application. Please note if you are experiencing financial hardship and applying for a bursary you will need a discount code to complete your ECB Support Coach/ECB Foundation Coach/ECB Core Coach registration. This code will be sent to you once we have accepted your application.

Once an application is submitted, we will email all candidates to explain what they need to do to book onto a course. Please allow 14 days for processing.

Please contact Martyn Bailey on ma.bailey@staffordshirecricket.co.uk if you have any bursary related questions.

FAQ'S



Can I register someone else on the course?

No, due to GDPR, each learner must register themselves for courses.

An ECB DBS is a course requirement. I don't have one, how do I get one?

Once registered, your ECB DBS status will be checked. If you don't have a current ECB DBS, don't worry, we will initiate the process for you.

How will I receive my certificate?

Certificates for Foundation Coach & Core Coach will be sent via post 14 days after course completion by the awarding body, 1st4Sport. Certificates for Support Coach can be downloaded from the ECB E-Learning Portal. Certificates will not be issued until all course requisites have been met, including DBS and online modules.

I can't attend all the dates for the Foundation Coach or Core Coach, can I attend a different course at a later date to complete the modules?

No, you must be available for all the dates on your chosen course. Please do not book a course unless you can attend all dates.

These dates don't suit me, can I attend a course in another county?

We'd love you to start or continue your coaching journey with us here in Staffordshire, but yes, other counties may be running the same courses on different dates and times or in different formats that are a better fit for you. Please contact other county boards directly for more information.

How old do I have to be to attend the courses?

ECB Support Coach – you must be 16 or over.

ECB Foundation Coach & Core Coach – 17 year olds can attend but will not receive their certificate until they turn 18



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COURSES & BOOKING LINKS

ECB Support Coach Courses - 3hrs

ECB Support Coach Courses for 2026/2027 will be shared individually on our website, via social media and to the club network. If your club has a good amount of young people (over 16) and adult volunteers that would like to do this course, please let Jenny Moore, Richard Marcer or Richard Adams know, and we will sort this with your club.

ECB Foundation Coach Courses - 2 x Full days. You must attend all dates on your chosen course. Please check dates carefully before booking

[ECB Foundation Coach 1 \(Womens\) - 3rd & 17th October 2026 - Clayton Sports Centre, Newcastle-under-Lyme](#)

[ECB Foundation Coach 2 - 9th & 23rd January 2027 – Florence MacWilliams Academy, Stoke-on-Trent](#)

[ECB Foundation Coach 3 - 6th & 20th February 2027 - Clayton Sports Centre, Newcastle-under-Lyme](#)

[ECB Foundation Coach 4 - 28th February & 14th March 2027 – Rowley Learning Campus, Sandwell](#)

ECB Core Coach Courses - 3.5 x days plus assessment. You must attend all dates on your chosen course. Please check dates carefully before booking.

[ECB Core Coach 1 - 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th January 2027 - St Dominic's Grammar School, Brewood](#)

[The Metro Bank Girls in Cricket Fund ECB Core Coach – 7th Nov 2026, 9th Jan & 20th March 2027 - Clayton Sports Centre, Newcastle-under-Lyme](#)

-for clubs with a girls section and clubs starting a girls section - see overleaf for more information

[ECB Core Coach 2 - 27th Feb, 6th, 13th & 20th March 2027 - Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall](#)

[ECB Core Coach 3 - 30th, 31st March & 6th & 7th April - Clayton Sports Centre, Newcastle-under-Lyme](#)

Assessment days for Core Coach courses (New for 2026/27)

Course assessment is now separate from the course dates, as learners can now only be assessed following a period of 56 days from day 1 of the course. Assessment venues have been arranged as listed below:

Sunday 7th March - St Dominic's, Brewood

Saturday 24th April - Queen Mary's Grammar School, Walsall

Wednesday 26th May - Clayton Sports Centre, Newcastle-under-Lyme

*Other assessment options are available - please discuss this with the team on the course.



THE METRO BANK GIRLS IN CRICKET FUND CORE COACH COURSE



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The Metro Bank Girls in Cricket Fund ECB Core Coach is designed to develop a coach's knowledge, skills and confidence to lead a player-centered coaching session for girls in clubs.

Anyone aged 17 and over from clubs with a girls' section and clubs starting a girls' section wishing to become qualified to coach cricket, inspire and develop girls and make a difference to the game.

The course consists of three face-to-face sessions and an assessment session at your club.

You can find out more about The Metro Bank Girls in Cricket Fund by visiting: <https://www.metrobankonline.co.uk/cricket/>

If you think you qualify for a bursary for this course please visit our website and complete our short bursary application form on our website:

<https://www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk/about/coach-bursaries/> .

Once your bursary application has been received we will be in touch with next steps.



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For any further information relating to our Coach Development Programme, please visit www.staffordshirecricket.co.uk or email enquiries@staffordshirecricket.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to the coaching family!

