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QUOTES



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As coaching is an ever evolving concept, All India Football Federation has introduced the revalidation process for its licensed coaches which will enable all to sync with new theories to take Indian Football forward together.



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The revalidation process will empower coaches to be forward-thinking and be up to date with modern trends and training methodologies while helping them to be at par with the best in the continent.



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The revalidation process is an absolute need. This will help the coaches to further upgrade their knowledge, and will lead to an increase in the quality of players for India to become a powerhouse.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

AFC	Asian Football Confederation
AFC Diploma	The certificate awarded for attending any of the AFC Diploma courses, i.e., AFC 'C', 'B', 'A' and 'PRO' Diploma AIFF.
AIFF	All India Football Federation
AIFF Certificate	The AIFF awards a Member Association certificate after completion of MA Goal Keeper Certificate.
Calendar Block	There are two blocks in a calendar year i.e., January to June and July to December.
Coach Educator ("CED") / Tutor	An experienced football coach who is capable of educating Student Coaches within the guidelines of AIFF/AFC and conducting further education courses.
Continuing Professional Development ("CPD")	It refers to the process of upgrading the skills, knowledge and experience that one gains both formally and informally as they work (beyond the initial training).
Diploma	The certificate awarded to a coach who has successfully completed an AIFF/AFC Diploma Course.
FAME	Further Assessment Mentoring Education
Lead CED	Senior Coach Educator under whom assistance can be done by a Coach Educator.
License	The license which permits any AIFF/AFC Diploma holder to coach at the approved level for a defined period.
MA	Member Association (Country's recognized Football Association or Federation); AIFF for India
Renewal	Extension of the period of validity of a coaching License
Revalidation	A process of confirmation of a coach's License to coach in India and/or abroad
Specialized Courses	Certificate courses for specialized categories which include, without limitation to Goalkeeping, Conditioning, Futsal, Beach Soccer and Scouting.
Stakeholder(s)	An individual, group or organization who would help in conducting/organizing refresher courses for the AIFF.
Student Coach	Candidate who participates in a MA's Diploma courses which is recognized within the terms of AIFF/AFC.
Upgradation	A process to qualify for higher Diplomas as a coach.

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- **What is Revalidation of License?**

It is a process by which AIFF confirms the continuation of a coach's License to coach in India and/or abroad. All coaches who need to renew their license need to take part in the revalidation process.

- **What is the Validity / Expiry of Licenses?**

Every coaching License will have a validity of three (3) years based on the calendar blocks in which such license is issued. A License being issued in block 1, i.e., January to June will have a validity till 30th June whereas a License being issued in block 2, i.e., July to December will have a validity till 31st December.

- **What is AFC Coaching Convention?**

An agreement, between AFC and its MAs on Coach Education Rules/Methods.

- **How many points will be required for renewal of License?**

Total of twenty-four (24) points will have to be collected in three (3) years.

- **How many points can be collected in a year?**

A coach can collect any number of points in a year; however, he/she has to collect a minimum of twenty-four (24) points in three (3) years.

- **What happens if a coach doesn't collect the necessary points?**

The coaching License will be suspended; and he/she will not be allowed to coach till he/she gets the license revalidated by the Coaching Department, AIFF.

- **How many points does a Coach need to obtain in on-field sessions / workshops during the validity period?**

A Coach has to collect a minimum of ten (10) points through on-field sessions during the validity period of three (3) years.



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- **What happens if a coach collects less than twenty-four (24) points in the three (3) years validity period?**

If a coach earns less than twenty-four (24) points in three (3) years validity period; then, that particular coach has to gain the required number of missing points to revalidate his / her License as soon as possible and no later than two (2) years. Till the time all twenty-four (24) points are not gained and the license is not validated, that particular coach will not be allowed to coach officially in any of the AIFF affiliated football events.

- **How will the validity of the Licenses be maintained when courses will end on different dates?**

The validity of a License is based on the calendar block in which such license is issued. A coach receiving his/her License in the first block, i.e., January to June, will have a License validity till 30th June. Any coach receiving his/her License in the second block, i.e., July to December, will have a License validity till 31st December. For the avoidance of any doubt, a License is valid for a period of three (3) years.

- **How many points will be needed for upgradation? (From C to B, B to A, and A to PRO)**

A minimum of twelve (12) points will have to be accrued within the time limit of two (2) years to go for an upgrade to a higher diploma. From these twelve (12) points, ten (10) points will have to be collected from attending on-field sessions.

- **Will coaches get points for attending First Aid courses?**

Yes, points as mentioned in Table 1 will be provided for First Aid courses. For avoidance of any doubt, a certificate of participation for such course must be provided to the Coaching Department, AIFF for allotment of points. Only courses conducted by organizations pre-approved by the AIFF, will be considered for allotment of points.

- **Will this process be applied for all the Licenses?**

Yes. It will be applicable for Licenses from AFC C to Pro Diploma including specialized Licenses.

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- **How many points will a specialized coach (Conditioning, Futsal, Goalkeeping and Beach Soccer) need to get before going for upgradation within his / her time limit of two (2) years?**

A specialized coach has to get at least five (5) points before going for upgradation.

- **Will a specialized coach be allowed to go for an upgrade if he/she has not collected the minimum points required?**

No, that coach will not be allowed to go for an upgrade.

- **A coach has collected twelve (12) points in two (2) years and gone for an upgrade in Diploma. What happens if he/she is not successful?**

If the said coach is not successful, he/she can reapply after eight (8) months post the results of their certificate course.

FAME candidates can reapply after four (4) months post the results of the certificate course.

- **Will Coaches get points for attending sessions by any stakeholder other than AIFF?**

If the content of the stakeholder is not approved by the AIFF, points will not be credited to the coaches attending these sessions.

- **Who will conduct Refresher / CPD courses?**

Courses will be conducted by the AIFF. If any stakeholder besides AIFF wants to conduct refresher courses, seminars, workshops or online courses, the content will be seen and after a written consent from the AIFF, that stakeholder can conduct a refresher course and the relevant points will be credited to the coaches.

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- **How can coaches get to know of the different refresher courses being conducted by Stakeholders and/ or the AIFF?**

The AIFF regularly updates its coaching calendar to include the courses being conducted by Stakeholders and the AIFF.

- **Will points be considered for a coach attending courses, workshops, or seminars abroad and/ or webinars by different speakers?**

Yes, the coach will have to produce either a certificate from that course/ seminar/ conference / workshop or a proof of receipt of payment. Prior information of the course/ seminar/ workshop/ conference must be provided to the Coaching Department.

A coach attending any webinar of different speakers will have to let the AIFF know the details before attending, so that the AIFF can decide on the number of points that may be allotted.

- **Will coaches get points for Coaching?**

No. Every coach who is a part of the AFC Coaching Convention and the AIFF Coaching System will have to attend the Refresher Courses / Workshops / Online sessions / Webinars within the validity period of three (3) years to collect the CPD points in order to keep his/her License active.

- **How can a coach keep his/her specialized licenses valid?**

A coach would need to attend at least one (1) refresher course (including on-field sessions, where applicable) within the validity period in order to keep the validity of the specialized licenses.

- **What happens when coaches want to attend / have done their Diploma outside the country?**

Coaches who want to attend a Diploma outside the country will have to get a NOC from the AIFF before attending such Diplomas. Coaches who have done their Diploma outside the country will have to comply with the revalidation process(es) of the MA where they obtained their Diploma. Such revalidation is notwithstanding the fact that the coach has been coaching in India post receiving a foreign Diploma.

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- **How many attempts will a coach get to be successful in a particular course?**

A coach gets a maximum of three (3) attempts to be successful in a particular course.

- **What happens if a Coach loses his/her license? Can the Diploma be considered as an equivalent to the license?**

The Diploma cannot be considered as an equivalent to the License. Every coach will be sent his/her physical copy of License by courier either at his/her registered address with the AIFF (Coaching Portal) or to the address of Respective State Secretary. (First License Card will be free from AIFF).

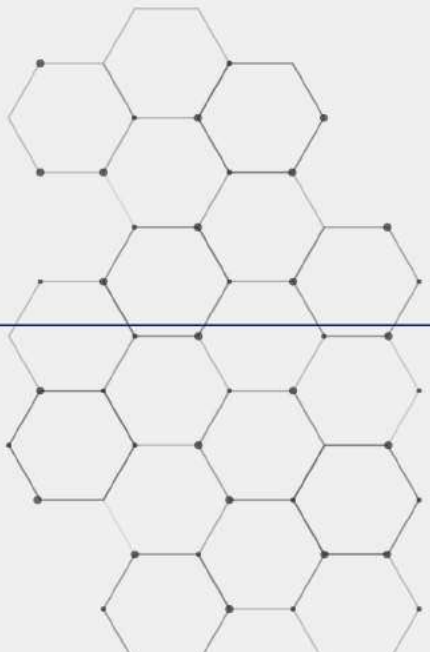
If the License is lost, the Coaching Department at the AIFF must be informed via e-mail of such loss. Thereafter, a new License will be issued by the AIFF for a nominal fee of Five Hundred Rupees (INR 500).

- **How are the points accrued for revalidation of License?**

Please refer to the table at the end of the document.

***** For any other points not mentioned in the above Q & A; feel free to touch base with concerned AIFF authorities for further discussions.**

TABLE

NUMBER OF DAYS / HOURS	POINTS GAINED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WEBINARS AND ONLINE REFRESHERS (2 DAYS AND ABOVE) / SEMINARS/ CONFERENCE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 POINTS (TOTAL 6 HOURS & ABOVE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 DAY WORKSHOP (C DIPLOMA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IN- PERSON WORKSHOP: 10 POINTS (WITH ON-FIELD SESSION) 2 POINTS (WITHOUT ON-FIELD SESSION) <p>ONLINE SESSION: 2 POINTS (FOR 6 HRS AND ABOVE)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 DAYS AND ABOVE WORKSHOP (B, A OR PRO DIPLOMA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IN- PERSON WORKSHOP: 10 POINTS (WITH ON-FIELD SESSION) 2 POINTS (WITHOUT ON-FIELD SESSION) <p>ONLINE SESSION: 2 POINTS (ONLINE, FOR 6 HRS AND ABOVE)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GOALKEEPING WORKSHOP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TWO (2) DAY IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 10 POINTS (WITH ON-FIELD SESSION) 2 POINTS (WITHOUT ON-FIELD SESSION) <p>ONE (1) DAY IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 5 POINTS (WITH ON-FIELD SESSION) 1 POINT (WITHOUT ON-FIELD SESSION)</p> <p>ONLINE SESSION: 2 POINTS (FOR 6 HOURS AND ABOVE)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CONDITIONING WORKSHOP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TWO (2) DAY IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 10 POINTS (WITH ON-FIELD SESSION) 2 POINTS (WITHOUT ON-FIELD SESSION) ● ONLINE WORKSHOP: 2 POINTS (FOR 6 HOURS AND ABOVE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FUTSAL WORKSHOP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TWO (2) DAY IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 10 POINTS (WITH ON-FIELD SESSION) 2 POINTS (WITHOUT ON-FIELD SESSION) ● ONE (1) DAY IN-PERSON WORKSHOP: 5 POINTS (WITH ON-FIELD SESSION) 1 POINT (WITHOUT ON-FIELD SESSION) ● ONLINE WORKSHOP: 2 POINTS (FOR 6 HOURS AND ABOVE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BEACH SOCCER ONLINE (1 DAY REFRESHER) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SCOUTING ONLINE REFRESHER COURSE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 POINTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FIRST AID COURSE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 POINTS

A TUTOR'S LICENSE ALSO WILL HAVE A VALIDITY PERIOD OF 3 YEARS. A TUTOR WILL HAVE TO CONDUCT A MINIMUM OF 3 COURSES AND ATTEND 1 REFRESHER WITHIN THE VALIDITY PERIOD. IF NOT COMPLIED WITH EITHER ONE OF THE ABOVE, THE SAID TUTOR WILL HAVE TO ASSIST THE LEAD CED. DEPENDING ON THE REPORT OF THE LEAD CED TO THE COACHING DEPARTMENT THE SAID TUTOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONDUCT COURSES INDEPENDENTLY AGAIN. IF THE REPORT FROM THE LEAD CED IS NEGATIVE THE SAID TUTOR WILL HAVE TO ASSIST AGAIN.

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