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**COACHES ASSOCIATION**



## FOREWORD

Getting paid to Coach Cricket - I'm lucky I know. It's a real privilege to be Head Coach of Cricket Scotland, working in a job that is also a passion. It's also a privilege to share my passion with yours, as lovers of our great game. Congratulations on being a member of the Cricket Scotland Coaches Association and I look forward to learning with you as we continue to develop our coaching skills.

Coming from New Zealand; a sports crazy country, coaching has become a highly valued part of our sporting culture. "Athlete led and Coach driven" is a common phrase within sports in New Zealand that recognise coaching at all levels as being crucial for our sporting stars to thrive. Whether we are coaching in grassroots or elite level, being the best coach we can be is a critical component to all sports.

As coaches our interaction with our players will commonly be for a short period on the timeline of their whole career. A great question to ask yourself is "will I help or hinder this player during their time in our environment?" That question I believe is relevant at all levels. I have coached professionally at grassroots and international level. The pressure and responsibility is the same. At grassroots often the first experience in the game for kids and parents is so critical in the decision of "is cricket for me" - there is no bigger responsibility than the possibility of turning kids off the game or igniting a lifelong love of cricket.

So what is it that makes a great coach? I've coached professionally for 25 years and I still don't know the answer to that! "Just be yourself" is the best advice I can offer. Comfort the challenged and challenge the comfortable is a general rule of thumb I use. Sometimes as a coach I need to comfort and challenge the same player at different times, so how can there be a formula for that? Simple - know yourself first, be comfortable in your own skin and then you'll be in a better position to read your environment and players.

Designing and delivering the best coaching session ever is pointless if that session doesn't have relevance to your audience. What is perceived is not always received, so always train with a purpose and relevance, connecting with your players and staff.

Study the game and move with it. In the global game what is achieved by players today was deemed unattainable only five years ago, so how good could your players be? Never put a ceiling on that.

Above all have a lot of fun. Don't be afraid of making mistakes, after all that's how we learn to extend our skills so that applies to you the coach as well.

Thanks for all you do Coach and all the best for a great season.



**Grant Bradburn**  
Head Coach Cricket Scotland

# CRICKET SCOTLAND COACHES ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the newly formed Cricket Scotland Coaches Association and thank you for your continued commitment to develop as a coach.

As you know, quality coaching is fundamental to the development of our players and the game within Scotland. We hope that the Coaches Association will help foster improved standards of coaching across all levels and help create a sharing culture of best practice and support as we all strive to develop the best people and players we can.

## What has changed?

Cricket Scotland Coaches Association will provide support and guidance specific to Scottish coaches. We will still remain partners with ECB and ICC Europe, but will now have control of what support we provide Scottish coaches. The key changes are:

- ◆ Joining the CSCA will be done through Cricket Scotland
- ◆ Funding will be returned into coach development opportunities delivered locally
- ◆ All communication will be conducted through the CSCA
- ◆ Future benefits will be bespoke to CSCA members

## How much does it cost and what are the benefits?

You can join the CSCA for **£40 per year** and receive the benefits outlined below:

- ◆ Insurance cover (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December)
- ◆ Coach Matters – Cricket Scotland Coaching Newsletter
- ◆ ECB's Wings to Fly DVD
- ◆ Cricket Scotland Skill Awards on a Cricket Scotland USB
- ◆ Free place on a regional coaching forum day\* covering the following skill areas:
  - Pace Bowling & Spin Bowling
  - Batting
  - Athletic Development
  - Fielding, Analysis & Wicketkeeping

\*Candidates must register for workshops one week prior to the day. Forums will take place on a regional basis (East, West, Central & North)

## How can I join?

To become a member please fill in an application form, along with payment, and return to Cricket Scotland Coach Education. Member packs will only be sent once a completed application and full payment has been received.

If you require any further information please contact the office on **0131 313 7420** or email **coacheducation@cricketscotland.com**

## Application Form

Title:	First Name:		Surname:	
Address:				
			Postcode:	
Date of Birth:			Phone (Home):	
Mobile:			Gender:	
Email:				
<b>Ethnic Group:</b>				
White		White Mixed		
Asian or Asian British		Black or Black British		
Other Ethnic Group		I prefer not to say		
<b>If you have any form of disability or special needs please provide details:</b>				
<b>What qualification do you hold:</b>				
ICC Introduction to Cricket		Certificate in Coaching Children		
Assistant Coach UKCC 1		Certificate in Coaching YP & A		
Club Coach UKCC 2		Level 4		
Head Coach UKCC 3				
Do you hold a current First Aid Qualification (date):				
Have you attended a Safeguarding & Protecting Children Course (date):				
Do you have a PVG (date issued):				
What school or club do you currently coach at:				
<b>What environment(s) do you coach in:</b>				
Primary School		Junior Club	District	National
Secondary School		Senior Club	Regional	
<b>What is your coaching status:</b>				
Voluntary		Paid Part-time		Paid Full-time

I would like to join the Cricket Scotland Coaches Association and have made/enclosed payment of £40.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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We would prefer you to pay by bank transfer to the account details below. Please quote CSCA 15 and your name as a reference.

Sort Code      80-46-38                      Account      10271364

If you would prefer, cheques should be made payable to "Cricket Scotland".

Please return your completed form to: **Email: [coacheducation@cricketscotland.com](mailto:coacheducation@cricketscotland.com)**

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