

## Triathlon Australia Coach Reaccreditation Guidelines

### Background

Triathlon Australia (TA) is committed to the vision of coaching excellence at all levels of our sport. A key element of this vision is maintaining the quality and integrity of all coaches and ensuring a consistent quality standard for all TA accredited coaches.

### Coach Accreditation

Coaches must successfully complete a TA coach training program to gain their coaching accreditation (e.g. Foundation, Development). Each accreditation level will be reviewed by Triathlon Australia every 4 years (concurrent with the Olympic cycle). Please refer to the TA Website for details on these programs.

To maintain the accreditation coaches must undertake annual Reaccreditation Checks. Annual Coach Reaccreditation plays an important role in maintaining quality and compliance standards, building a coach's knowledge base whilst providing an opportunity to establish world best standard coaching practice. Coach Reaccreditation requirements will evolve to continue to meet coaching best practice.

### Process

After completing a TA coach training program coaches must complete an annual Reaccreditation Check. This annual check involves the coach undertaking online learning, declarations and/or quizzes on the TA Knowledge Hub. Annual Reaccreditation Checks must be completed successfully, and a current TA Coach Membership must be maintained to revalidate the coach's accreditation.

### Maintaining Accreditation

All accredited coaches will have access to the TA Knowledge Hub where Reaccreditation Checks must be completed online. The Reaccreditation Checks involve accepting a declaration and checking that all certifications uploaded are current. There is a period of 4 months when this can be completed each year; between June (in preparation for the following season) – September (during the season) each year. In addition to the annual Reaccreditation Checks, coaches must keep a current TA Coach Membership to receive their annual certificate acknowledging their accreditation for that season.



TA will acknowledge the successful completion of the coaches annual Reaccreditation Checks from July - August of that season, via distribution of accreditation certificates.

## FAQ's

### ***What if I miss my Reaccreditation Checks for a season?***

If the Reaccreditation Checks are not completed the coach's certification could be forfeit, and they will be removed from the list of accredited coaches.

### ***What is the period available to do the Reaccreditation Check?***

Members have from June-September to complete the annual Reaccreditation Check. For example, from June -September 2020 the 2020-2021 Reaccreditation Check will be open for coaches to complete.

### ***What if I completed my Coach Training program prior to the 2019-2020 season and have not been enrolled in the 2020-2021 Reaccreditation Check?***

Please contact [coaching@triathlon.org.au](mailto:coaching@triathlon.org.au) for more information. There is a Reaccreditation process which allows those coaches to be added to the process.

### ***What other benefits are there to completing my annual checks and maintaining my accreditation?***

- Receive an Accreditation Certificate
- Receive a Digital Badges (Terms of Use and digital badge) - TA provides Accredited Coaches with electronic badges to represent the coach's accreditation level for the season.
- Listed on Find A Coach - TA provides a coach search function which will allow for members to locate coaches within their area.
- Access TA Member Benefits - annual members of TA are rewarded with a membership package to enhance their Triathlon experience. The range of services, discounts and benefits can be seen in the link here including clothing, recovery and travel discounts: [Click here](#).
- Access to Clearinghouse for Sport - as a TA accredited coach you are eligible to sign up to Clearinghouse for Sport – Australia's Online Sport Library FOR FREE.
- TrainingPeaks - use TrainingPeaks to provide expert guidance, data-driven training, and immediate feedback - all through one integrated solution. As a TA Accredited Coach, you receive a discount off your subscriptions.
- Access to State and National Coach Professional Development initiatives.

### ***Can I keep my annual checks up to date but not renew my membership?***

No, you must maintain a TA Coach Membership to complete a Reaccreditation Check. See the TA website for details on these membership types:

[http://www.triathlon.org.au/Membership/Membership\\_Fees.htm](http://www.triathlon.org.au/Membership/Membership_Fees.htm)

### ***What is included in the annual Reaccreditation Check?***

This annual check involves the coach undertaking online learning, declarations and/or quizzes on the TA Knowledge Hub. The Coach Reaccreditation Checks will evolve to continue to meet coaching best practice.

### ***How do I access The Knowledge Hub?***

TA provides coach candidates access to the Knowledge Hub to complete the pre course learning as part of the Training Program. Existing accredited coaches (who had completed their Reaccreditation



during the 2019-2020 season) will have been added to The Knowledge Hub during the 2019-2020 membership year. These coaches can log in here:

<https://triathlon.instructure.com/login/canvas>

All accredited coaches will be enrolled in the upcoming seasons Reaccreditation Checks Course in The Knowledge Hub before June 1<sup>st</sup> each year. ***What If I need to step away from Triathlon coaching I.e. moving overseas, injury?***

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### Terminology

**Accreditation** – obtained when certification is current, TA Coach Membership is current.

**Reaccreditation Check** – annual requirement for coaches to reaffirm the continuing competence and commitment to best practice triathlon coaching.

**Reaccreditation** – the process and program to update returning coaches' certifications current compliance standards.