

AFL Victoria Level Two Senior and Youth Coach Education Course (Updated 18 January 2018)

Introduction:

The AFL Victoria Level Two Coach Education course is a **select entry course** for coaches involved in the VFL, TAC Cup, inter league and community football.

The **live in course** is conducted over a weekend combining both practical and theoretical components. The Level Two course aims to assist each participant in developing their coaching practice and philosophy by providing a range of learning and assessment opportunities that are conducted over a **12-month** period.

Course Selection Criteria:

As the provider for the AFL / Australian Sports Commission endorsed coaching accreditation programs for Australian Football, AFL Victoria through its Coaching Development Manager requires the following criteria to be met and will be used to assess the suitability and competence of a prospective candidate to be considered eligible for a position at a Level Two Coaching Course:

1. Complete the official application form
2. Demonstrate that the candidate has an active accreditation and has coached at least three years as a Level One accredited Australian Football coach – provide a coaching resume.
3. Coaching in the youth (Under 15 – 18) or senior age group in the next season.

OR

Candidates possessing evidence of having achieved the following standards may gain direct entry to a level 2 course:

- coaches and players with AFL experience of two or more years
 - coaches and players with State League (eg VFL, SANFL) senior experience of four or more years
 - If this process has been used to be granted entry into a Level Two Coaching Course and the candidate fails to satisfactorily complete all requirements of the course (**must** attend the two days in November) the candidate will receive an honorary lower accreditation – Level One Senior or Youth
4. Submit a letter of recommendation on **official club letterhead** from the club president or school principal that reflects the benefits of the applicant becoming a Level Two coach to the existing club/school coaching program.
 5. If the candidate has acted contrary to the **AFL Coaches Code of Conduct** and found to be in breach of such code it will constitute grounds for refusal.
 6. The candidate consents to a **police screening** and has not breached AFL Victoria's Police Screening/Check Policy (see attached)
 7. All applicants will be advised of their acceptance/non-acceptance into the program by AFL Victoria Coaching Development Manager

Course Cost:

- **\$380** including GST – includes resources, accommodation, food and accreditation – **this is to be paid once you have been accepted into the course**

Application Requirements:

Your application to be accepted into the Level Two Youth Senior course requires you to provide the following:

- **Completed application form**
- **Active accreditation – see AFL Level One accreditation card**
- **Coaching resume – indicating age groups, years**
- **Letter of recommendation, including a statement of the coaching position (s) held in previous and the upcoming season – signed by club president or school principal**

Assessment Tasks:

To attain an AFL Level Two accreditation you will be required to complete the following assessment tasks:

- **Attendance:** Be an active participant over the two days of the course in November
- **Season Plan and Team Objectives:** Formulate an action plan for the 2018 season for your team - taking into account the level of the competition, age level, performance in previous season, realistic aims and expectations for the coming season
- **Coaching Philosophy** – prepare a document which outlines your coaching philosophy
- **Coach/Players Handbook:** produce a handbook for your players with the content including club contacts, coaches message, club information, team rules, style of play, strategy and set ups etc
- **Practical Assessment:** You will be assessed in an interview/ training/match day situation during the forthcoming season by a AFL Victoria Development Manager
- **Coach Mentor Program:** You will need to identify a mentor for the upcoming season and complete the Mentor Feedback booklet.
- **Diary of the Football Season:** You are required to keep a diary of the season which will include pre-season and in season sessions, game day planning and review, end of season review and a preview of the next season
- **AFL Coaches Code of Conduct:** The AFL Coaches Code of Conduct needs to be signed by you and the club president/school principal
- **Day in Review:** Attendance is compulsory for the Level 2 Day in Review which will be conducted at the end of the season, usually in October

Expression of Interest:

Any coach interested in receiving further information on the AFL Victoria Level 2 coach education course will need to register an expression of interest through **Steve Teakel - Coaching Development Manager** by email providing their name, email address, mobile number, club and age group they are coaching by September 1st.

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