



FAQ's

- **Are AIFC Sports courses accredited?**
 - Yes, AIFC Sports has been accepted by Northern Council for Further Education (NCFE) as an International Training Centre for the delivery of NCFE courses as well as bespoke courses such as the AIFC Level 1 in Football Coaching. NCFE are a large UK organisation known for their design, develop and certificate NCFE and CACHE branded qualifications, apprenticeships, Functional Skills and more, with over 500 nationally regulated qualifications in their portfolio. Further information on NCFE can be found at their website <https://www.ncfe.org.uk/>
 - Please also note NCFE are an awarding organisation recognised by the qualification regulators for England (Ofqual), Wales (Qualification Wales) and Northern Ireland (CCEA Regulation).

- **If I attend and pass an AIFC Sports course in Hong Kong will it be accepted as a qualification outside of Hong Kong?**
 - The chances are that any AIFC Sports qualifications won't be accepted by National Governing Bodies (NGB's) who operate their own Coach Education pathways. However, the attendance on and passing of an AIFC Sports qualification course will provide evidence for NGB's of your attending a course with a breakdown of each of the units relating to the qualification. NGB assessors and Coach Educators should then be able to accept any AIFC Sports course units similar to their course units as Accredited Prior Learning which should mean the candidate doesn't have to go through the whole unit learning process a second time.

- **What processes have been put in place to ensure the expected quality of AIFC Sports course development is in place**
 - Our courses are being developed to meet the specific needs of our learners in Hong Kong & China. Prior to delivery each course will have been accredited by NCFE, thereby demonstrating the quality and rigor expected by learners. AIFC Sports courses are unregulated courses in that NCFE don't have a representative in either country available to attend AIFC Sports courses so rely on information provided by the course providers (in this case AIFC Sports) to accredit AIFC Sports courses. As such AIFC Sports courses are not a nationally recognised qualification. To describe the level in relation to the courses: AIFC Sports courses have been accredited at an appropriate level and NCFE have benchmarked the course's learning outcomes and assessment criteria at the correct Level (using a national framework's level descriptors) to allow candidates on AIFC Sports courses to demonstrate the difficulty and depth of study.
 - **Certification from NCFE:** On completion of AIFC Sports courses, learners will receive a certificate of achievement. The certificate is evidence of the knowledge and skills gained by completing the course. AIFC Courses, whilst being unregulated will be accredited by NCFE and the certificate of achievement will be issued directly by NCFE.



- **Is there a coaching pathway that will ensure progression as candidates develop as coaches?**
 - Yes, the opportunity is being put in place for candidates that pass AIFC Sports workshops and Level 1 courses to progress to AIFC Level 2 courses.

- **How many hours do the AIFC Sports courses take?**
 - AIFC Sports workshops will generally be for 3 hours and are a great source of general information regarding important areas of sports coaching (Child Protection, Behavioral Management, Talent ID etc.). We've also partnered with a First Aid course provider to enable all AIFC Sports coaches to ensure they are up to date with emergency aid requirements.
 - AIFC Sports Level 1 qualification courses will be 30 hours generally spread over three separate days and the AIFC Sports Level 2 course will be a 120 hours course that will be spread over a longer period, with regular 'catch up' days involved.

- **Is there any opportunity of gaining AIFC Sports qualifications online?**
 - We're in discussions with an NGB in respect of providing access to an online football qualification to prospective football coaches in Hong Kong and China. The qualification will be available via our website and will also serve as a pre-requisite for candidates registering to take the AIFC Level 1 in Football Coaching course.

- **How often will AIFC Sports courses be running?**
 - In Hong Kong we're planning on running AIFC Sports Level 1 courses every two months. This should be sufficient for the International Community market we are aiming our courses towards. In relation to China, we'll be working with organisations already established in China and planning course delivery with them as and when they're required. The online football coaching qualification will be available to candidates at any time, they'll just need to register and be provided with individual login details which will enable them access as often as they wish.

If there are any questions that haven't been answered in this section please feel free to contact AIFC Sports at info@aifcsports.com and we'll provide answers at the earliest opportunity.

Alternatively please check out our website at www.aifcsports.com where there will be plenty of information on courses, qualifications, workshops etc.