



Bicycle Motocross Australia Incorporated

**INTERNATIONAL COACH POLICY
(BMX AND FREESTYLE)**

PREFACE

BMX Australia receives a number of enquiries every year from international coaches and riders from overseas wishing to come to Australia to share their knowledge and experience.

BMXA professional indemnity insurance requires a person to be a BMXA member and accredited under the National Coach Accreditation Scheme. Without this the person conducting the coaching activities, and even the host club, may be found to be held liable in the event of an accident.

Objective

BMX Australia wish to foster positive, supportive relationships and encourage the exchange of skills and knowledge.

This policy outlines the requirements and options for people outside of Australia wishing to conduct approved coaching activities within this country and covers both those who are recognised as accredited BMX coaches in another country, and international Elite Pro athletes wishing to conduct coaching clinics whilst visiting Australia.

Policy Procedure

For coaches who hold a current & valid international coaching accreditation:

- Internationally accredited BMX coaches are able apply to BMX Australia for a **Credit Articulation** to enable them to be assessed to receive an Australian NCAS coaching accreditation (to the equivalent level) which will allow them to conduct sanctioned coaching activities in Australia within the validity period of their NCAS coaching licence.
- It is the responsibility of the host club or state to ensure the coach/es are appropriately accredited as BMX coaching activities need to be sanctioned (approved by the club or state depending on who is hosting the activity) and participants must be BMXA members (unless under a come and try day) for insurance to apply, unless the coach has their own public liability insurance.
- It is also the host club's responsibility to ensure the international coach holds the correct type of visa and appropriate level of personal travel insurance.
- A representative of the organising party or the international coach will need to contact the BMX Australia office (coaching@bmxaustralia.com.au) and lodge the form attached at the end of this document (Attachment A – Notification of Intent to Coach & Application for Credit Articulation).
- There is a nominal application and processing fee (to cover resources, administration and assessment of the application and supporting documentation) that will be required to be paid at the time of lodgement.
- The applicant will need to provide the following documentation to support their application:
 - Copy of current coaching accreditation documentation and written verification of their current coaching activities and level.
 - Copy of current first aid certificate or equivalent.

- If working with under 18's, a copy of background check relevant to country of residence (i.e. Working with Children Check or Police Check).
- If the Credit Articulation is approved, the applicant will also be required to:
 - Become a member of BMXA (this can be done online or through their host club). Please note, the level of accreditation approved under the Credit Articulation process will determine whether a Volunteer (Beginner BMX Coach) or Volunteer (L1/L2 BMX Coach) is required. If the applicant intends to race whilst here they will need to apply separately for a rider licence (refer to the BMXA International Rider Policy).
 - Provide a signed copy of the BMXA Coaches Code of Conduct (Attachment B).
 - Complete the online ASADA anti-doping education module (approx. 70mins).
<http://elearning.asada.gov.au/>
- The successful applicant will be provided with a BMXA coaching accreditation licence equivalent to their assessed level via Credit Articulation (similar to recognised prior learning) which will enable them to return to coach anytime within the licence validation period.
- When coaching in Australia the Coach will be required to coach with the remit of their BMXA accreditation, uphold the rider/coach ratio (1 coach per 12 riders).

This policy procedure only applies to applicants who hold a CURRENT coaching qualification in their country of residence.

BMXA insurance considers the qualifications of the person instructing the rider at the time of an accident, therefore International riders or overseas visitors who do not hold a coaching qualification are unable to conduct direct coaching activities within Australia.

■ For Elite Pro International Athletes who want to coach in Australia

The above policy procedure only applies to individuals who hold a valid BMX coaching qualification in another country, however if an Elite Pro Athlete from overseas expresses an interest in obtaining an Australian coaching accreditation to enable them to coach whilst in the country, they will need to contact the BMXA Office (coaching@bmxaustralia.com.au) and enquire about the recognised current competency process that takes into account the skills and knowledge of experienced elite BMX athletes.

Attachment A

Notification of Intent to Coach and Application for Credit Articulation

(For International Coaches)

Name

DOB

Address

Country

Australian Contact Name

Contact Phone Number (whilst in Australia)

Email

Details of proposed coaching activity

Please include as much detail as you can, including: host club, dates, specifics of proposed session (plan), proposed fees and any additional information.

Application for Credit Articulation

Please provide:

- Copy of current coaching accreditation documentation and written verification of their current coaching activities and level.
- Copy of current first aid certificate or equivalent.
- If working with under 18's, a copy of background check relevant to country of residence (i.e. Working with Children Check or Police Check).

Admin Only

Checklist

BMX Australia Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Received _____
BMXA Coaches Code of Conduct	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Received _____
ASADA e-learning certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Received _____