**COACHING BREAKS FOR NATIONAL PATHWAY COACHES AND RPP COACHES**

The following principles were discussed regarding coaching breaks at Gold (formerly A Grade) and National events:

To encourage coaching to take place nationally to ensure our most experienced coaches

continue to gain experience in delivering breaks. In turn this will also help athletes learn to

take on coaching feedback more effectively, particularly as this will be an expectation when

competing at events such as European Junior Championships and into senior internationals.

During National events, we understand there is a conflict here when National coaches are

able to do this due to their position in the system however, we would like all athletes to

understand that we are amending the guidance to promote the growth and knowledge

within the system.

We have therefore amended the guidance for all coaches in the following during

Scottish National and Gold (formerly A grade) events.

* All National coaches will be enabled to coach for their respective RPP club (We would

encourage NPP athletes to ask for feedback after the match if an NPP coach was

coaching in the match).

* If 1 athlete does not have a coach on the court, any RPP or NPP coach will not step

on the court.

* If a match starts with no coaches, then this stays the case until the end of the match.
* It is the responsibility of the club to ensure coaches are at events and understand the

guidance above.

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