

Online Billiards Instructor Endorsement

An Essential Non-Negotiables Checklist

Instructor Competencies

- Level 3 or Level 4 with Deep Billiards Knowledge – Must demonstrate mastery of fundamentals, advanced systems (e.g., aiming, cue ball control, position play), and mental game strategies.
- Teaching Experience – Minimum of 3 years teaching/coaching experience.
- Clear Communication – Can break down complex mechanics into simple, repeatable steps for students of all levels.
- Instruction without Demonstration – Must be comfortable providing instruction without cue in hand unless needed.

Technology & Delivery Skills

- Equipment – Possess appropriate equipment for high quality video and audio (streaming device, wireless earbuds/mic, lighting, tripod).
- Video Conferencing Proficiency – Must be proficient in Zoom, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams, WhatsApp, and/or Messenger for live lessons.
- Camera Setup – Required ability to show multiple angles of the pool table (side, front and rear).
- Recording Capability – Must provide students with recorded sessions or pre-produced instructional videos.
- OBS / Screen Share Skills – Ability to share diagrams, shot charts, or slow-motion analysis during lessons.
- LMS Proficiency (Blackboard, Google Classroom, Schoology etc.): Used to structure a long-term plan.
- Knowledge of Online Assessment Software – Easy Test Maker or Google Quiz.

Teaching Tools & Resources

- Curriculum Plan – A structured outline with clear objectives (Fundamentals -> Aiming -> Position -> Strategy -> Mental Game).
- Practice Materials – Must supply students with printable drills, diagrams, or video drills.
- Feedback System – Must offer live online instruction and/or accept video submissions and return personalized feedback within 24 hours.
- Progress Tracking – Must use a method to log and measure student improvement over time.

Troubleshooting / Diagnostics

- Parallax – Must be able to use diamonds and table geometry to identify real angles versus screen appearance.
- Perspective – Ability to use background for reference points when identifying mechanical flaws.
- Video Analysis – Ability to screen record and markup video for analysis and review.
- Common Equipment – Use of striped balls and other common items instead of specialized/unique training devices that the average player will be able to use at home.
- Sound – Ability to use sound as additional feedback for shot speed, stroke quality, and ball pocketing.

Professional Standards

- Consistency – Must respond to student submissions and questions promptly (24–48 hours).
- Professional Presentation – Good lighting, clear audio, and professional demeanor on video.
- Professional Environment – Clean, professional environment for instructor to be visible in (private area of home may be acceptable if background distractions are controlled).

Other Requirements

- Payments – Must be able to receive payments electronically.
- Measurement Conversion – Fluent in both metric and Imperial measurement systems.
- Time Conversion – Understand time zone conversion.

Certification Requirements

To receive the Level 1 Online Associates Billiards Instruction Endorsement, instructors must:

- Take and pass endorsement class from one Master Instructor endorsed to teach online.
- Submit a sample recorded lesson uploaded to YouTube demonstrating teaching ability and video setup.
- Provide a written course outline with lessons using Learning Management System (LMS) for at least a 2-week course.
- Pass an evaluation by one Master Instructor Endorsed to Teach Online.
- This level is not qualified to certify or upgrade other online endorsements regardless of standard instruction certification level.

To receive the Level 2 – Online Bachelor's Billiards Instruction Endorsement, instructors must:

- Take and pass endorsement upgrade class from Master Instructor endorsed to teach online.
- Have at least 2 years of experience with a Level 1 Online Endorsement and be in good standing as at least a Level 2 certified instructor.
- This level is not qualified to certify or upgrade other online endorsements regardless of standard instruction certification level.

To receive the Level 3 – Online Master's Billiards Instruction Endorsement, instructors must:

- Take and pass endorsement upgrade class from one Master Instructor endorsed to teach online.
- Have at least 2 years of experience with a Level 2 Online Endorsement and be in good standing as at least a Level 3 certified instructor.
- This level is qualified to certify Level 1 and 2 online endorsements and upgrades only.

To receive the Level 4 – Online Doctor of Billiards Instruction Endorsement, instructors must:

- Take and pass endorsement upgrade class from one Master Instructor endorsed to teach online.
- Have at least 2 years of experience with a Level 3 Online Endorsement and be in good standing as at least a Level 4 certified instructor.
- Pass an evaluation by two Master Instructors Endorsed to Teach Online.
- This level is qualified to certify all levels of online endorsements.