



The Staging of BCU Coaching Qualification Courses



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THE STAGING OF BCU COACHING QUALIFICATIONS COURSES

LEVEL 1 - LEVEL 5 COACH

The tests of personal performance, and qualifications for the coaching of canoeing, are agreed jointly between the British Canoe Union and the National Associations for Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales

INTRODUCTION

All coaching qualifications courses must have the prior approval of the course provider's Regional Coaching Organiser (RCO), and the agreement of the RCO of the region in which the course is to be staged, if this is different.

A copy of the course programme and name of the Course Director for each training course and each assessment course separately, together with the names of supporting-assessors/ trainers must be confirmed with the course organiser's RCO, 4 - weeks in advance of the course at the very latest.

Each training course, and each assessment course, separately, must have the designated grade of assessor in charge, supported by other assessors according to the specified minimum staffing requirements.

Assessors should not normally test candidates whom they have trained, and particularly not where they are related. One assessor should be from another county, and ideally from another region, to assist uniformity of standards.

Level 3 Coaches should not normally be assessed singly.

THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING AUTHORISATION

Standard Course Authorisation forms must be used. These are triplicate forms available from the BCU (or National Association) office. They must be returned to the Coaching Department, from where they will be sent to the RCO concerned, and the RCO of the area in course is to be staged, if this is different. Both RCO's must agree.

The course provider's RCO is responsible for ensuring that the standard is maintained. The RCO of the region in which the course is to be staged is responsible for ensuring that clashes of date or interest do not occur (e.g. over-use of a particular site). The relevant access officer must be consulted.

Permission for closed courses (local courses and others which are recruited without recourse to the national calendar) should normally be requested at least two months in advance.

The over-provision of level 3 courses

Complainants have claimed that numerous qualifications courses - particularly at level 3



- are being cancelled at a late stage, saddling candidates with a great deal of expense and inconvenience. The candidate may well have had to organise time, and pay money for others to cover, or make special arrangements to attend. His or her job may be depending upon the result.

Candidates are now expected to register for level 3 training or assessment courses at least 6 weeks in advance.

Course providers are expected to cancel a level 3 course no later than 2 weeks in advance. If the course is not cancelled 2 weeks in advance, it must run regardless. If less than 2 candidates are signed up with only 2 weeks to go, therefore, the course must be cancelled. The later cancellation of level 3 courses without extremely good reason may lead to that organiser's level 3 courses not being included in subsequent Yearbooks.

Courses Season

Courses for Level 1 and 2 Coach Training / Assessment should not normally be held in the months December-February inclusive. Candidates at this level may well be 'summer canoeists', unprepared for cold conditions.

At this level, confidence-building exercises, analysis of skills, and fun and games activities, are fundamental. Cold conditions and short days are not conducive to meaningful participation.

An exemption to this is available only to Centres that need to train their staff for the season. Satisfactory clothing and facilities must be available.

Staff Definitions

A number of different names are used to describe those responsible for courses:

Course Provider - Someone who is currently in a position to seek approval through BCU Coaching Department to stage coaching courses that require the approval of the Director of Coaching and the Regional Coaching organiser. The main role of the Course Provider is to set up and run progressional courses, establishing and monitoring course programmes and staffing levels and competence. While a Course Provider may also work on courses it is not a requirement. A Course Provider can be responsible for more than one course at a time.

Course Director - Someone holding the appropriate qualifications and determined by a Course Provider to be in charge of a course and as such having responsibility for the delivery of the content and the development of the students during and throughout the course.

Course Tutor - Someone determined by a Course Provider to act as a trainer on a course. A tutor while being responsible for certain elements of a course would be working under the Course Director.

NB - An individual Assessor cannot be a Course Director for more than one course at the same time - he or she cannot oversee both a training course and an assessment course. The Course *Director* and Course Provider can, however, be one and the same person. Where more than one course is occurring at the same venue and time, however, it is necessary to have an overall organiser free to ensure that all the groups' equipment, transport, locations, and so forth and any last-minute 'hitches' are catered for without disruption to the programme.

Information to candidates

The following must be sent to candidates in advance of the course:

- Full joining instructions, cost of course and administrative fees.
- Lecture topic (if relevant)
- Written paper (for assessments -unless being undertaken during courses)

Candidates, who are dyslexic or have other difficulties with regard to answering written questions, may be given an alternative verbal test.


Candidates who are disabled. A policy statement concerning the awarding of coaching qualifications for people, who are disabled, is contained in the *Coaching Service Directory*.

Minimum Staffing Requirements

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Level/1 Coach	1-6	1 x A2
Level 2 Coach Training	2-6	1 x A3
Level 2 Coach Assessment	1-4	2 x A3
Level 3 Coach Training	2-6	1 x A4
Level 3 Coach Assessment	2-8	2 x A4/ A3*
5 Star Training	2-4	1 x A4 L5
	5-8	2 x A4 L5
5 Star Assessment	2-4	1 x A5 L5 + A4 L5
	5-8	2 x A5 L5

Notes:

1. In every case the assessor has to be specific to the discipline concerned.
2. The above ratios are minimum requirements. Course Providers are encouraged to provide opportunities, where practical, for additional aspirant assessors to as



sist on courses and thus gain the necessary experience to progress through the assessor system.

3 It is strongly recommended that all assessments should be undertaken by a minimum of 2 staff

CENTRAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTERING THE COURSE

Course Provider Notes

The courses involved in requiring candidates to register centrally are coach level 1/2/3 and 5 Inland kayak, Canoe, Sea and Surf. Coaches wishing to apply for Level 4 status do so by applying in writing to their National Association giving proof of having taken both the appropriate 5 Star Award and a Coaching Processes Course. (See charges below). Exemptions from Central Registration would be Bell Boat, Placid Water Scheme and Competition Award Courses.

Candidates wishing to register to either become a member of the Coaching Service and undertake initial training as a BCU Coach, or wishing to progress up the coaching ladder will be required to register with their National Association.

Candidates residing in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland will register with the BCU Coaching office. Candidates residing in Wales or having a Welsh postal address will register with the WCA. While initial registration should take place with your own association you are at liberty to take up courses outside of your association area.

Candidates wishing to register their intent to take up coaching courses should firstly contact their National Association who will send them full details of the process along with the necessary registration and membership forms. While candidates do not need to be a member at the time of making this initial enquiry they will need to join the appropriate association when sending back their registration form.

Registration is at each level. The pre-requirements for the level being applied for should be in place at the time of registration (see pre-requisite outline). Following registration candidates are eligible to attend a training course. The Canoeing Safety Test requirement at level 2 requires that candidates have completed the test prior to registration. There is no requirement for practicing coaches, as far as their coaching awards go, to then keep this award current.

All candidates should be encouraged to register themselves well in intended course.

Course Providers providing closed 'block' or modular courses, where gaining the pre-requisites is part of the package should note that this is to be by special arrangement. Course Providers should indicate that this would be the case when seeking course authorisation. In such instances the course provider will be asked to enter into a contractual

arrangement with their National Association and will be fully responsible for making sure that all required documentation reaches the appropriate National Association and that all registration and membership fees are paid.

All candidates should be encouraged to use the BCU recommended Log Book as all registration documentation and paperwork is designed to fit into this.

The first aid pre-requisite relevant to the level being taken should be in place **at the time of Candidate Registration** and should be kept current throughout the process and indeed while ever the candidate / coach is training / practicing.

Course Providers will need to check, prior to assessment, Log Book Coaching Hours.

Candidates wishing to move to another discipline at the same level can do so, either, by registering for and undertaking the alternate training for which there is no fee charged, or by seeking exemption from training. In either case an attendance at assessment will be required.

Exemption from a coaching level can only be granted in exceptional circumstances via application to the UK Director of Coaching. Application should be made prior to any course and a fee of £17.00 will be charged.

Course Providers are only to accept official candidate exemption presented in conjunction with their validated C1 registration form.

The fees charged at each level are as follows...

Level 1 = Free if candidate is a full BCU or National Association member. Non-Members £17.50 registration for the first year. Following this, level 1 coaches would need to become minimum basic members (For this level only)

Level 2 = Full Comprehensive membership required. £17.50 initial registration. Followed by an administration fee of £17.50 at assessment. If moving to another discipline at this level candidates would not be charge additional registration fees. They would, however, be required to pay an administration fee of £ 17.50 at assessment.

Level 3 = Full Comprehensive membership required. £17.50 initial registration. Followed by an administration fee of £17.50 at assessment. If moving to another discipline at this level candidates would not be charged at this level. _They would, however, be required to pay an administration fee of £17.50 at assessment.

Level 4 = Full Comprehensive membership required. £10 administration fee

Level 5 = Full Comprehensive membership required. £17.50 registration fee.

Registration fees are to be paid by the candidates to the National Association at the point of registration. All assessment administration fees are to be paid to course provider as part of assessment package. Course provider sends the cheque to the course authorising association on completion of assessment course.



CURRENT PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHING AWARDS (AS OF 1ST SEPTEMBER 2004)

The pre-requisite requirements to be in place prior to registration for training (except in instances where providers are licensed to run 'block' courses) are...

***LEVEL 1 COACH**

- Be a National Ass. Member or pay £17.50
- Be 16 years old +
- Relevant 2 star test
- Canoe Safety Test
- Current first aid (min 4hr)

LEVEL 2 COACH

- Be a Full National Ass. Member
- Be 16 years old +
- Relevant Three star test
- Canoe Safety Test
- Current first aid (min 4hr)

LEVEL 3 COACH

- Be a Full National Ass. Member
- Be 18 years old +
- Relevant Four star test
- Current first aid (min 8hr)
- Hold relevant Level 2 coach award

LEVEL 4 COACH

- Be a Full National Ass. Member
- Relevant Five star test
- Current first aid (min 8hr)
- Hold relevant Level 3 coach award
- Coaching Processes Attendance
- Covering Letter

LEVEL 5 COACH

- Be a Full National Ass. Member
- Be 21 years old +
- Alternative Four star award
- Current first aid (min 8hr)
- Relevant Level four coach
- Have helped on at least one Level 2 or 3 training or assessment course.

*NB. The pre-requisites-indicated above for Level 1 Coach relate to the 1 day assessment format. Candidates wishing to take the 2 day training and assessment course that includes the canoe safety test training need only to register and have their First Aid certification.

Currently there is no course or assessment at Level 4. Once a candidate has all the pre-requisites in place they should apply to their National Association with the £10 registration fee for the award.

Further to the above requirements candidates will be required to have gained the appropriate number of hours coaching experience between training and assessment. Course providers will need to check this at the same time of assessment.

JUNIOR INSTRUCTORS

Level 2 Coaches may be assessed under the age of 18 (minimum 16) in cases where the candidate is clearly able and wanting to undertake the responsibility, and where he or she will be working under supervision in a club, school or organisation. The 'Junior Level 2' award may not be used in a freelance situation under the aegis of 'the BCU'. Upon reaching 18 the Junior Level 2 will be automatically designated as Level 2 Coach.


FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

For Level 1 and Level 2 Coaches the First Aid Certificate must have required a minimum of 4 hours training including CPR and EAV.

For Level 3 and above the requirement is for a minimum of 8 hours training including CPR and EAV. The following meet this:

- St John Ambulance, Lifesaver and Lifesaver Plus.
- St John Ambulance First Aid at Work (4 days)
- St John Ambulance Competence in First Aid
- RLSS Pool Lifeguard
- RLSS Beach Lifeguard
- Full mountain first aid 'Uian Jones Banger Scheme' (2 days)
- Paddi Medic
- H & SE First Aid at Work (4 days)
- H & SE First Aid in the Workplace (2 days)
- Red Cross Basic First Aid
- Red Cross Standard First Aid
- Red Cross First Aid at Work (4 days)
- Red Cross First Aid in the Workplace (2 days)
- St Andrews Standard First Aid
- Rescue Emergency Care: Standard First Aid for the Outdoors (4 days)
- Rescue Emergency Care: Mountain First Aid (3 day)
- Rescue Emergency Care: Emergency First Aid (2 day)
- BCU Aquatic First Aid

If the first aid certificate is not on this list the candidate needs to send the course syllabus/content with the certificate to show that it meets the requirements for 8 hours training including CPR and EAV.



If the certificate includes the words 'Emergency Aid' or 'Emergency Care' it will usually only be a 4 hour certificate as is one stating the person 'has attended' or is for an 'appointed person'.

Please note the RYA Small Craft First Aid is only 7 hours and meets the Level 1 and 2 requirement but not the Level 3 and above.

Serving military personnel, police officers, fire brigade, ambulance personnel, doctors, nurses, and physiotherapists are regarded as being currently first aid trained, and do not need to produce a certificate. They must, however, be able to give firm indication of current first aid training.

CENTRAL REGISTRATION -STEP BY STEP GUIDE

CANDIDATE STEP 1

Make contact with their National Association and ask to be sent initial application forms to register at required level.

Such enquiries would initiate the following response from the contacted National Association...

OFFICE STEP 1

Send out information pack

* C1 (Including Statement of Presumed Physical Competence)

* Pre-requisite and general Information.

* Membership Details.

* Registration Costs / Log Book Details and Costs

Course Providers contacted directly should ask candidates to contact the National Association who will forward the necessary forms to them.

CANDIDATE STEP 2

The candidate should Complete form C1, confirming that they have all the pre-requisites required for the level for which they are seeking registration and that they have read the statement of 'presumed Physical competence' and the BCU's statement in respect of Child Protection and First Aid requirements.

When returning the registration forms the candidate should enclose photocopies of all certificates.

If the candidate is not a member of the BCU or National Association they should also complete the membership form supplied. They should then return the C1 (**photocopies of certificates as appropriate**) and membership form along with any membership and registration fees due to the National Association

Receipt of this information will initiate the following response from the contacted National Association.

OFFICE STEP 2

On receipt of the returned C1 the office will:

- * Check the details on returned C1
- * Membership and pre-requisites will be recorded on the coaching database.

If pre-requisites and money paid are correct the candidate's C1 will be returned to them, stamped and verifying that approval to undertake training at the level applied for has been granted. This C1 should be placed by the candidate into their Log Book. This will be valid for 1 year (failure by the candidate to adhere to the requirements of the Declaration box on form C1 will invalidate this approval.)

(If pre-requisite details cannot be verified registration will not be made and candidate informed that approval to take the training course cannot be given and their money returned)

During this period of validity the candidate would need to complete the training course at the coaching level applied for.

Also issued via the office at this stage would be

- * LOG BOOK (if requested)
- * ONE FORM C2
- * COURSE NOTES

As newly registered members of the coaching Service, candidates will receive a copy of CoDe the Coaching Service magazine.

CANDIDATE STEP 3

Once the candidate is in receipt of form C1 (stamped) they should identify an appropriate course, contact the course provider and make arrangements to attend. To avoid disappointment from either full or cancelled courses Candidates are requested to make these arrangements well in advance (at least 2 weeks). See your *Year Book* and/or website (www.bcu.org.uk/coaching.html) for details of courses.

Candidates should take their logbook and their C1 and C2 form to the course along with their membership card and hard copies of all certificates required as pre-requisites.

Course Providers will not be in a position to take candidates on courses if they fail to bring these documents with them.



THE ROLE OF THE COURSE PROVIDER -TRAINING COURSES

Candidates wishing to undertake training for a coaching award will have been required to register with their National Association prior to attending.

At level 1 , candidates will need to either be a full member of the BCU or equivalent National Association or pay a registration fee of £17.50. This will cover them for their first year as a level 1 coach. After this they will have to become and remain at least a basic member to retain their coach status.

At level 2, candidates will have paid their initial registration fee enrolling them on the coaching register (£17.50) and will have paid their association membership fees. There is no additional admin fee for the training course.

At level 3 the initial registration fee will be £17.50. There is no additional admin fee for the training course.

When the candidate applies to the course provider to attend a training course, the course provider will send...

Their own booking form for the course reminding the candidate that they will need to have applied to their National Association to register to take the level for which they are applying.

When the candidates present themselves for the course, the provider will check...

- Candidates C1 (No C1 -No course)
- Candidate Certificates (Hard Copies)
- Although enrolment will only have been made if the pre-requisites for the level of award for which the candidate is applying are in place the course provider will need to check hard copies of certification, particularly checking the validity of the first aid award
- Candidate Log Book (No log Book -No Course)

On completion of the training course the course provider will:

- Complete and Sign the candidates C2
- Sign the Candidates Log Book
- Complete the course schedule and return to authorising association along with the candidates C1 (this will be stamped at the office to allow the candidate to proceed to an assessment course.)

Note: Course providers to retain copies of C2s for at least 5 years

On receipt of the above information the National Association authorising the course will initiate "Office Step 3"

THE ROLE OF THE COURSE-PROVIDER - ASSESSMENT COURSES

Candidates attending an assessment course are eligible to do so having completed training or having gained an exemption from training via contact with the UK Director of Coaching. Following the training course candidates have a period of 3 years in which to present themselves for assessment. An administration fee of £17.50 per person will be charged for each and every assessment taken.

When the candidate applies to the course provider to attend in assessment course, the course provider will send their own booking form for the course, reminding the candidate that they must have an approved C 1 following a training course or the granting of an exemption. ~

When the candidate presents himself or herself for the assessment, course the provider will check...

- Candidates C1 -A specific check to see that the training course has been signed up should be made. (No C1 -No course)
- Candidate Certificates (Hard Copies)
- Candidate Log Book (No log Book -No Course)

On completion of the assessment course the course provider will...

- Complete and Sign the candidates C2
- Complete the course schedule and return to authorising association along with the candidates C 1.
- Send the candidate admin fee payable at this point to the course authorising association.
- Currently this fee is £15 per person.

Note: Course providers to retain copies of C2s for at least 5 years


On receipt of the above information the National Association authorising the course will initiate “Office Step 3”

OFFICE STEP 3

Following a training course the National Association office will receive from the course provider the course schedule and the candidate C1's. The office will stamp the C1 and return this to the candidate, together with a new C2 form, thereby authorising the candidate to take part in an assessment course.

Following an assessment course the National Association Office will receive from the course provider the course schedule and the candidate C1 s. The office will then issue successful candidates with a certificate at the qualifying level.

Registration forms for the next level will not, however be issued. Candidates will need to initiate the next level themselves.



CANDIDATE STEP 4 -THE WAY FORWARD

Successful completion of a coaching level will entitle candidates to progress up the coaching ladder.

Candidates having gained a level 1 award will go this by making- an application to register for level 2 and paying the required registration fee. £17.50

Candidates who have completed a level 2 award, can either progress along the alternative discipline path (Kayak or Canoe) to take a level 2 training in that discipline which is free, followed by assessment. Alternatively they can progress to level 3 in their Registration at level 3 is £17.50. There is no additional charge for training, however assessment at level 3 will cost £17.50

Once candidates have completed assessment at Level 3 in their mainstream discipline they can either progress along an alternative discipline path to take a level 3 training in that discipline, which is free, followed by assessment. Alternatively they can progress to Level 4 in their mainstream discipline.

Candidates wishing to progress to Level 4 will need firstly to hold Level 3 in that discipline. They will then need to hold the appropriate 5 Star test and have undertaken a Coaching Processes course. Level 4 status can then be granted to candidates who make direct application to their appropriate National Association and pay a fee of £10 per person.

Candidates wishing to progress to Level 5 will need firstly to hold a Level 4 in that discipline and an alternative 4 Star test and have helped on at least one Level 2 or Level 3 course. They will need to register with their National Association prior to their training course and pay a registration fee of £17.50.

BCU COURSES AND THE COURSE PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES.

It is not the intention of these changes to stop or prevent courses and coach development from taking place. The changes are about creating a more robust and professional administrative systems, set in place to both maintain standards and the validity of our awarding procedures.

As course providers, we should bear in mind the fact that we are granted the right, by the BCU to run and administer courses to BCU standards. Administering courses in the consistent manner outlined will help achieve those standards and improve and maintain the high esteem in which the BCU Coaching Service is currently held well into the next century.

The Coaching Service places so much importance on this issue that the monitoring of courses will become more prevalent than of late and Course Providers allowing the standards of their courses and administration to fall below acceptable levels will face losing their current right to provide courses.

In this respect it is particularly important that Course Providers bear the following in mind:

* The following Courses require approval. Therefore application to run any such courses needs to have been made to BCU Coaching Department at least one month prior to the proposed course date.

- All coaching courses
- Coaching Process Courses
- 5 Star Assessment
- White Water Safety Courses
- Manual handling
- Assessor Training
- Disability Awareness Training

* When courses are approved by both the Office and the RCO the top copy of this form will be sent to the course provider confirming that they are authorised to run the course. On completion of the course the Course Provider will be required to return this form to the authorising office. This form should also be returned if the course fails to run

* The UK Director of Coaching can only give exemptions from any level of coaching qualification. Exemptions should be applied for prior to the course and will not be given retrospectively

* All courses should be staffed by appropriately qualified staff and at the correct staffing ratios.

* Suitable venues for both theory and practical sessions should have been determined prior to the course and used during the course.

* All candidates accepted on recreational coaching courses should have been registered prior to the course with their National Association and as such should have the appropriate pre-requisites in place. Candidates for assessment should have undertaken the appropriate training course and have the correct amount of development experience.

* All course content should follow the appropriate syllabus guidelines as laid down by the BCU.

* All current administrative procedures should be adhered to.

* Course Providers are reminded that that they are obliged to operate to and within the current guidelines in relation to all BCU Coaching service Codes of Practice and Equal Opportunities Policy.

* Course Providers should undertake to return all course schedules within 7 working days of the completion of the course.



ASSESSMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS (including EC countries)

Where foreign nationals choose to attend BCU courses in the United Kingdom, provided they fulfil all the criteria, a BCU qualification may be awarded. This will be known, however, as a BCU 'Overseas' qualification.

It must be made clear to them, and this will be reinforced from the office, that we are not able to provide foreign nationals with third party indemnity. Third party indemnity for BCU members who are UK residents, or residents of the Republic of Ireland operates throughout the world. It is illegal, however, to provide this cover for foreign nationals).

THE RELATIONSHIP OF SERVICES QUALIFICATIONS TO THE BCU COACHING SERVICE

The Joint Services Adventurous Training Scheme has agreed to discontinue its own system of qualifications in favour of BCU awards. ~II the Joint Services Mountain Training Centres are currently running courses staffed by BCU examiners, and offer the relevant qualifications.

Services personnel are given the option of joining the BCU at the time of taking the award, and, if successful will be offered the relevant qualification.

Should the person concerned not wish to join the BCU or relevant National Association at the time, they are given the same qualification, but it is called by its Joint Services name.

In that instance, however, the award holder will have to start from scratch if they later decide that they want a BCU qualification. Transfer across ceased as from 1 April 95.

COMPETITION COACHING AWARDS COURSES

The system and syllabus' exist for the following levels of award for the competitive disciplines. The awards are 'discipline specific'.

Level 1 Coach (Assistant Club Trainer) -aimed at paddlers and parents who wish to coach at 'club' level

Level 2 Coach (Club Trainer) An 'assessed' level for those operating at club level

Level 3 Coach (Club Coach) aimed at paddlers and parents who wish and are capable of coaching at a level up to the top divisions

Level 4 Coach (Senior Coach) Aimed at Coaches who are operating with the National Squads and Teams and who are involved in the Competition Coach education programme. There are some relevant National Coaching Foundation courses.

Level 5 Coach (Staff Coach)

In each instance the relevant National Coach must authorise the course and staffing:

The responsibility of the National Coach for the discipline is: To authorise the courses leading to the awards

To attend to the technical input for the production of resource material for the awards courses

To train and establish other coaches to run the courses to the required standard

The administrative support and registration for competition coaching awards is organised through the Coaching Office. Trainers and Coaches are registered when the Course Provider sends in the paper work and fees. They are sent CoDe and specialist competition bulletins as produced.

It is the responsibility of the Course Provider to collect all fees, check memberships (or collect registration fee -see separate schedule circulated to Competition Coach course organisers) and send all monies and entry forms to the BCU office.

THE COMPETITION COACHING (RACING) AWARDS AND THE PLACID WATER PROGRESSION

There has been some confusion over where the Competition Coaching awards fit into the Placid Water Progression. The Placid Water Progression is a system for introducing beginners and developing them in Open Cockpit, directionally stable canoes and kayaks. An Open Cockpit Kayak is one designed for touring or racing where the knees are not engaged under the deck - in the event of a capsize the occupant falls freely out. The definition does not include kayaks designed for use on white water but manufactured to a strength specification suitable only for flat water

The Placid Water Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Coach awards are intended for those who introduce, encourage and organise the participation of paddlers in open cockpit, directionally stable canoes and kayaks. The Competition Coaching awards, relate to the coaching of individuals and groups to higher levels of performance in competition.

The closer relationship between the 'Instructional' and 'Competition' coaching awards for Placid Water, establish clear coaching pathways from the introduction of beginners, to their participation in touring and racing and on into higher level Placid Water competition. Inevitably, in many cases the same person will fulfil both functions. The main purpose of the Level 1 Coach award is as the introductory coaching award for both competition and instruction, to establish new, and sustain existing, clubs.

