

BCU White Water Safety and Rescue Course

Becoming a WWSR Provider

Prerequisites for WWSR Providers

In order to become a WWSR Course Director you should;

- Hold level 3 coach (old scheme or UKCC) whitewater or open canoe with a 5 Star in whitewater or open canoe. (5 Star needs to be held for a minimum of 3 years).
- Request a WWSR Providers logbook from your Home Nation.
- Attend 2-day training course (Delivered by Home Nation Trainer). An individual action plan will be agreed at the end of training. For those wishing to deliver training in a craft for which they do not hold a 5 star, the action plan will include an extra days training in that craft. In addition, the action plan will contain the requirement to prepare a written risk assessment, which will be provided to the national trainer. This risk assessment should form the basis of the risk disclosure that training directors will provide for their students. A BCU template is available if the training director wishes to use it.

Appointment as a course director will be confirmed by Home Nation Trainer on successful completion of course, fulfilment of the action plan and completion of logbook. The final task in the logbook is an endorsement from a current WWSR provider that the new provider has clearly shown all round competence and ability to lead WWSR training courses.

Provider Training Course

This is a two-day course presented within the Home Nations on a demand led basis. The course will be spent running through the WWSR syllabus and trainers notes with at least half of the course spent on the water, ensuring that participants are conversant with the safety issues, key learning points and are able to provide an accurate demonstrations.

This course can be run by appointed Home Nation Trainers.
Course Authorisation not required.

Provider Training Course Outcomes:

Participants design their own action plan that is discussed and agreed with the training provider. This action plan is then written into their BCU WWSR Providers log. The training provider will sign log to verify training has been completed.

Candidates complete their logbook requirements and submit to their home nation coaching officer for verification. On successful verification candidates will be registered as a WWSR Course Director.