

Northern Region
Coach Education Report – 25.9.23

Courses

Level 2 Club Coach –

Two courses have run this year.

1. Feb course at Durham School.
2. 2nd is 16th/17th September, then 30th/1st Oct.

I plan to pencil in next year's courses for a similar time.

Level 3 Coach

Still trying to get a Level 3 Coaching Course off the ground which Rob Dauncey has been putting pressure on British Rowing also.

First Aid Course

Arrange a local course with AED Medical a local firm, hoping to keep the cost down to £50 per person. Awaiting final costs and then to contact clubs to hold it at. Hoping to get this done in October to tie in with the 3 Level 2 courses which have run this year.

Coach Development Opportunities

British Rowing have released an article around their new Coach Development initiatives. The article includes the invitation for coaches who are interested in applying to sign up to one of two sessions to find out more.

Please can I ask you to share this within your clubs to help us spread the message, and attract coaches to sign up. Please follow the link for further information.

<https://www.britishrowing.org/2023/09/british-rowing-launches-new-coach-development-support-initiatives/>

Pathways Directorate Monthly Call

I have been invited to attend these dial in meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 9am. Reason for the Coach/Educator Rep to be included is that the post covers the Coaching and the development of people in the sport of Rowing. I will feed back after the first one in October.

Safeguarding Requirements Update (apologise if this should be in another report)

Please find below the new updates about safeguarding.

From September onwards, we are going to make completion of CPSU (Child Protection in Sport Unit which is an arm of the NSPCC) endorsed Safeguarding and Protecting Children Training delivered through UK Coaching, **a requirement for anyone who coaches children or supervises children in rowing**. This is supported by the British Rowing Safeguarding Committee.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/training/child-protection-safeguarding-sport>

The exemption that is in place for coaches who operate in and undertake safeguarding training in schools will be removed on the 2nd of January 2024, after which they will be expected to follow the same requirement as everyone else in rowing.

We'll inform all members of this change, and a grace period will be in place whereby the exemption will continue until the date it is removed. Everyone who applies through the exemption as set out in accordance with our current guidance will be approved subject to:

- Provision of a certificate of attendance, which is either on the academic setting's headed paper, or is signed by a senior official from the academic setting OR a personally signed letter from their Head/Deputy Head on headed paper from the address of the Head/Deputy Head confirming that they have attended the training and reached a satisfactory standard.
- Demonstrating the certificate was obtained within three years of the current date of application. In line with British Rowing's Training Guidance, safeguarding training that was completed longer than three years ago will not be considered valid.
- Demonstrating that the learning was sport specific and tutor-led.

It is then the coach's responsibility to upload their certificate or any exemption evidence to their British Rowing profile (before the deadline of 1 Jan) for the exemption to be considered. It will only be approved if they provide satisfactory evidence which meets the 3 bullet points set out above.

As a concern was raised that some individuals may find the cost of completing the CPSU endorsed Safeguarding and Protecting Children Training delivered by UK Coaching prohibitive, we can arrange for UK Coaching to deliver a Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop online around the time of the October camp - the cost of this would be £270 for up to 12 learners.

Given UK Coaching delivers Safeguarding and Protecting Children training, and Safeguarding and Protecting Adults training which is recognised by the NSPCC, CPSU and ACT (Ann Craft Trust) that is designed for sport, standardised and easily accessible virtually, this is an advantage to everyone. Alternatively, other bodies such as Active Partnerships may deliver the training under licence locally. A further advantage to coaches is that this training is recognised by most other sports national governing bodies in the UK.

It is important that our approach to safeguarding training is fair and consistent across the whole of the sport, and to do anything contrary to that leaves British Rowing susceptible to risk.

If anyone has any questions pertaining to the above information, please email in to safeguarding@britishrowing.org.

Regards,

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Sorry for the length of the report regarding Safeguarding but I felt it should be put into this meetings agenda.

Regards

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