

BCU Coach and Leadership Registration Prerequisites



Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport:

The Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport is the entry point for most coaches coming into the BCU Coaching Scheme. The award is relevant to potential coaches from all paddlesport disciplines including coaches who may work with competitive and recreational paddlers.

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

Registration Fee: £39 for Full BCU Members
£55 for non-members

Age: 16 years of age, or older

(BCU 2 Star (or higher) in Canoe and Kayak (or Paddlepower Discover), and Foundation Safety and Rescue Training are required by the Course Director where not included within the training course programme).

Please note: Evidence of competition performance can be used instead of the BCU 2 Star Award. Please see 'Equivalents to Star Awards for Competition Based Paddlers'.

Level 1 Bank- to Boat-Based Conversion Assessments:

Candidates who successfully complete the BCU Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport as a bank-based coach, may wish to switch to boat-based at a later date. These candidates will need to register with their Home Nation Association.

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award: Minimum 2 Star in Canoe and Kayak, or Paddlepower Discover

Registration Fee: £39 for Full BCU Members

Appropriate Level Coach Award: Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport (Bank-Based)

Age: 16 years of age, or older

Please note: Evidence of competition performance can be used instead of the BCU 2 Star Award. Please see 'Equivalents to Star Awards for Competition Based Paddlers'.

Discipline Support Modules

The Discipline Support Modules are aimed at current coaches who may wish to Coach Freestyle, Marathon Racing, Polo, Slalom (Part 1 or 2), Sprint Racing (Part 1 or 2), or Wildwater Racing.

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

Registration Fee: £17.50 for Full BCU Members

Appropriate Level Coach Award: Any BCU Coaching Qualification

Age: 16 years of age, or older

For Part 2 modules, candidates must also present their completed BCU Discipline Support Module (Part 1) Logbook, or Part 1 Certificate, in the relevant discipline. Coaches registering for Sprint Discipline Support Module (Part 2) can use the Racing or Marathon Discipline Support Module instead of Sprint Discipline Support Module Part 1.

Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport:

The Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport builds on the foundation coaching skills learnt at Level 1. The award is relevant to potential coaches from all paddlesport disciplines including coaches who may work with competitive and recreational paddlers, it is available as bank- and boat-based options.

At the point of registration for training the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award*:	Minimum 2 Star in Canoe and Kayak, or Paddlepower Discover AND minimum 3 Star in any discipline OR competition equivalent performance (see below)
Relevant Safety Training:	Foundation Safety and Rescue
Registration Fee:	£39 for Full BCU Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	BCU Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport OR BCU Level 2 (achieved before the end of 2009) or above
Age:	17 years of age, or older

* Bank-based candidates are not required to hold these personal performance awards

Please note: Evidence of competition performance can be used instead of the BCU 2 or 3 Star Award. Please see 'Equivalents to Star Awards for Competition Based Paddlers'.

Level 2 Transfer Course:

The Level 2 Transfer Course is designed for coaches who wish to transfer BCU Coaching Qualifications achieved before the end of 2009 to the BCU Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport. It is available as bank- and boat-based options.

At the point of registration for training the following prerequisites are required:

Registration Fee:	£39 for Full BCU Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	BCU Level 2 Coach (achieved before the end of 2009)
Age:	17 years of age, or older

Level 2 Assessments in a Second Discipline:

Candidates who successfully complete the BCU Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport in either Canoe or Kayak, may wish to complete the other at a later date. These candidates will need to register with their Home Nation Association.

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

Registration Fee:	£39 for Full BCU Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	Single discipline Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport
Age:	17 years of age, or older

Level 2 Bank- to Boat-Based Conversion Assessments:

Candidates who successfully complete the BCU Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport as a bank-based coach, may wish to switch to boat-based at a later date. These candidates will need to register with their Home Nation Association.

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	Minimum 2 Star in Canoe and Kayak, or Paddlepower Discover
Registration Fee:	£39 for Full BCU Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport (Bank-Based)
Age:	17 years of age, or older

Please note: Evidence of competition performance can be used instead of the BCU 2 Star Award. Please see 'Equivalents to Star Awards for Competition Based Paddlers'.

BCU Moderate Water Endorsement:

The BCU Moderate Water is designed for coaches who wish to coach in a moderate water environment. Awards are available in Whitewater, Canoe, Sea, and Surf.

At the point of registration for training the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	Minimum 4 Star Leader in the discipline concerned
First Aid Award:	Recognised 2-day First Aid within last 3 years
Registration Fee:	£17.50 for Full BCU Members
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	BCU Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport
Age:	18 years of age, or older

BCU Advanced Water Endorsement:

The BCU Advanced Water Endorsement is designed for coaches who wish to coach in a advanced water environment. Awards are available in Whitewater kayak, Whitewater Canoe, Open Water Canoe, Sea, and Surf.

At the point of registration for training the following prerequisites are required:

Relevant Star Award:	BCU 5 Star, or 5 Star Leader in the discipline concerned
First Aid Award:	Recognised 2-day First Aid within last 3 years
Registration Fee:	£17.50 for Full BCU Members
Age:	18 years of age, or older
Appropriate Level Coach Award:	One of the following in the relevant discipline; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCU Moderate Water Endorsement.• BCU Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport.• BCU Level 3 Coach (achieved before the end of 2010) AND one of the following completed within the last 5 years;<ul style="list-style-type: none">– BCU Coaching Process,– BCU Level 2 Transfer Course (2 Day),– BCU Level 2 Training.

BCU 4 Star Leader Assessment:

The BCU 4 Star Leader Award is designed for those who wish to lead in a moderate water environment. Awards are available in Freestyle, Open Canoe, Sea, Surf, Touring, and White Water. Registration is not required prior to training.

At the point of registration for assessment the following prerequisites in the relevant discipline are required:

Relevant Leadership Training:	4 Star Leader training within previous 3 years.
Relevant Safety Training:	BCU White Water Safety & Rescue (WWSR)* (for Freestyle, Open Canoe & White Water Awards); BCU Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning* (for Sea Award); BCU FSRT (for Touring Award)
First Aid Award:	Recognised 2-day First Aid within last 3 years
Registration Fee:	£12.00 for Full BCU Members, £25 for others
Age:	16 years of age, or older

Please note: Candidates need to ensure their safety and rescue skills are current and up-to-date before presenting for an assessment; it is strongly advised that their WWSR training (where required) is recent to ensure this is the case.

BCU 5 Star Leader Assessment:

The BCU 5 Star Leader Award is designed for those who wish to lead in an advanced water environment. Awards are available in Canoe, Sea, Surf, and White Water. Registration is not required prior to training.

At the point of registration for assessment the following prerequisites in the relevant discipline are required:

Relevant Leadership Training:	5 Star Leader training within previous 3 years.
Relevant Safety Training:	
Whitewater:	BCU Advanced White Water Safety & Rescue (AdWWSR)
Sea:	BCU Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning ⁺
Surf:	BCU Advanced Surf Safety & Rescue
First Aid Award:	Recognised 2-day First Aid within last 3 years
Registration Fee:	£12.00 for Full BCU Members, £25 for others
Age:	18 years of age, or older

Please note: Candidates need to ensure their safety and rescue skills are current and up-to-date before presenting for an assessment; it is strongly advised that their AdWWSR training (where required) is recent to ensure this is the case.

* Rescue 3 course - White Water Rescue Technician is also acceptable

⁺ For acceptable RYA alternatives see 'Using RYA Awards to APL BCU Navigation and Tidal Planning Courses' on the Home Nation Association Websites