

Recognised Equivalent Experience for Competition based Paddlers and Coaches

Introduction:

It is noted that having to gain a Star Award or indeed two Star Awards to progress past BCU UKCC Level 1 Coach is a huge hurdle for paddlers/coaches who are fully committed to their discipline and are not involved in the Star Award process at all in their general paddling activities.

This document outlines the process to recognise the achievements of these paddlers in their respective disciplines where a Star Award does not exist.

Equivalents are not listed for Wild Water Racing or Freestyle where star awards are being introduced over a period of time. Equivalents are recognised in Racing, Marathon, Slalom and Polo.

Where there is a requirement of having a Star Award as a pre-requisite of becoming a 'Boat Based' Coach the equivalent ranking or status within their competition discipline can be used. The competition status does not give the paddler the star award itself, it is only recognised for the purposes of equivalency in respect to the pre-requisite standards required to become a coach.

They would not have to currently be paddling at that level but need to have achieved the level at some stage in their paddling career.

For BCU UKCC Level 1 Boat Based Coach Status, it would be expected that 2 Star would be achievable by these paddlers/coaches reasonably easily

For BCU UKCC Level 2 Boat Based Coach Status, the equivalent would apply in place of a 3 Star Award

For BCU UKCC Level 3 Boat Based Coach Status that status would be discipline specific.

Boat based candidates will be expected to demonstrate the required level of personal paddling ability as required by the relevant star award

All Levels would still have to gain the appropriate Safety Training for their discipline at Level 3 and have FSRT for Levels 1 and 2.

Process

Where a candidate is registering for a BCU coaching award and does not have the appropriate star award pre-requisite (or where one does not exist), evidence of the recognised alternative should be presented to the Home Nation.

Evidence can be taken from Ranking Lists, Year books, race results or failing any of that evidence supplied by a National Coach for that Discipline.

Recognised Equivalents

Slalom

5 Star	Senior National Team/Premier Paddler
4 Star	Division 1 Paddler
3 Star	Division 2 Paddler

Racing

5 Star	Senior National Team; Adult 'A' Ranking
4 Star	Junior National Team; Adult 'B' Ranking
3 Star	Adult 'C' Ranking or Junior 'A' or 'B' Ranking

Marathon

5 Star	Senior National Team, Division 1 (Men); Division 3 (Women and C1); sub 18 hours DW Time (Men) Sub 20 hours DW Time (Women)
4 Star	Junior National Team; Divisions 2,3 (Men); Divisions 4 (Women and C1); sub 19 hours DW Time (Men); Sub 21 Hours DW Time (women)
3 Star	Divisions 4,5,6 (Men); Divisions 5,6 (Women)

Polo

5 Star	Senior National Team; Division 1
4 Star	Junior National Team (u18), Division 2
3 Star	Divisions 3 or 4

All of the above would also require a minimum of 2 years ranked at that particular level to ensure that there has been a period of time of involvement.