## **BCU Technical Panels**

The BCU Coaching Strategy Group (CSG) and Coaching Operations Groups (COG) wish to establish a number of technical panels to support and provide guidance to them as required on discipline related technical matters

## **Purpose:**

The purpose / role of the individual technical panels shall be to provide a specific technical contribution to the development, management and administration of Paddlesport coaching and participation issues and matters.

The Technical Panels will therefore act as a source of discipline specific and or technical information being directed by and reporting to CSG and COG, either maintaining a watching brief on relevant issues or investigating and reporting on issues relevant to specific developments. Initially we are looking to establish the following groups:

White Water / Sea / Surf / Canoe (to include specialist Open canoe Activity) /
Touring / Slalom / Freestyle / Racing / Wild Water Racing /
Polo / White Water Rafting

Additionally we are also looking to establish a Safety Group and an Emerging Disciplines Group (to include Sit-on-tops, Stand-up Paddleboards)

Currently we are inviting expressions of interest from members interested in being a member of one of the panels.

## Membership:

Individual members of the technical panels shall be agreed by COG and will be required to show a high personal level of skills, knowledge, competency and expertise in their discipline:

- Current and active Level 5 or equivalent
- Experience of Coaching Award Delivery.
- Knowledge of the appropriate paddler pathways (foundation to elite)
- Understanding of the support given by the BCU to coaches and paddler
- working on BCU programmes and initiatives

Additionally any Involvement in, and knowledge of, workforce planning and development at any level of coaching may be useful.

Technical group size will comprise a maximum of 10 individuals. Technical panel members should be available to attend at least two meetings per year and they should be prepared to be assign aspects of project work as determined and to engage in e-mail forums. Involvement in the panels will be on a voluntary basis with travel and out of pocket expenses reimbursed.

To express an interest and receive an application form please contact. Maria Winfield on <a href="maria.winfield@bcu.org.uk">maria.winfield@bcu.org.uk</a>. Closing date for applications 28th February 2011