British Canoeing 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 British Canoeing 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: $80 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
• Age: 16 years of age, or older

(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 program).

Please note: Evidence of competition performance can be used instead of the 2 Star Award. Please see ‘Equivalents to Star Awards for Competition Based Paddlers’ on the Canoe England website.

Level 1 Bank- to Boat-Based Conversion:

Candidates who successfully complete the 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: $80 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
• 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 2 Star Award. Please see ‘Equivalents to Star Awards for Competition Based Paddlers’ on the Canoe England website.
Discipline Support Modules:

The Discipline Support Modules (DSM) are aimed at current coaches who may wish to coach Freestyle, Marathon, 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: $35
- Appropriate Level Coach Award: Any British Canoeing Coaching Qualification
- Age: 16 years of age, or older

Please note: For Part 2 modules, candidates must also present their completed British Canoeing Discipline Support Module (Part 1) Logbook, or Part 1 Certificate. Coaches registering for Sprint DSM (Part 2) can use the Racing or Marathon DSM instead of Sprint DSM 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 non-competitive paddlers. Bank and boat based options are available, as are Canoe and/or Kayak 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
- Relevant Safety Training: Foundation Safety and Rescue
- Registration Fee: $160 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
- Appropriate Level Coach Award: Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport OR 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. Evidence of competition performance can be used instead of the 2 or 3 Star Award. Please see ‘Equivalents to Star Awards for Competition Based Paddlers’ on the Canoe England website.
Level 2 Transfer Course:
The Level 2 Transfer Course is designed for coaches who wish to transfer Paddlesport Coaching Qualifications achieved before the end of 2009 to the 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: $160 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
- Appropriate Level Coach Award: 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 Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport in either Canoe or Kayak, may wish to complete the other at a later date.

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

- Registration Fee: $80 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
- 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:
Candidates who successfully complete the Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport as a bank based coach, may wish to switch to boat based at a later date.

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: $80 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
- 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 2 Star Award. Please see ‘Equivalents to Star Awards for Competition Based Paddlers’. on the Canoe England website.
Moderate Water Endorsement:

The 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 the following prerequisites are required:

- Relevant Star Award: Minimum 4 Star Leader in the discipline concerned
- First Aid Award: Recognized 2-day First Aid within last 3 years
- Registration Fee: $35 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
- Appropriate Level Coach Award: Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport
- Age: 18 years of age, or older

Advanced Water Endorsement:

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

At the point of registration the following prerequisites are required:

- Relevant Star Award: 5 Star, or 5 Star Leader in the discipline concerned
- First Aid Award: Recognized 2-day First Aid within last 3 years
- Registration Fee: $35 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
- Age: 18 years of age, or older
- Appropriate Level Coach Award: One of the following in the relevant discipline;
  - Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Paddlesport
  - Level 3 Coach (achieved before the end of 2010) AND one of the following British Canoeing courses completed within the last 5 years;
    - Coaching Process
    - Level 2 Transfer Course (2 Day)
    - Level 2 Training
4 Star Leader Assessment:

The 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. Registration is required prior to assessment.

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

- Relevant Leadership Training: 4 Star Leader training within previous 3 years.
- Relevant British Canoeing Safety Training:
  - White Water Safety and Rescue* (for Freestyle, Open Canoe & White Water Awards)
  - Coastal Navigation and Tidal Planning+ (for Sea Award)
  - FSRT (for Touring Award)
- First Aid Award: Recognized 2-day First Aid within last 3 years
- Registration Fee: $60 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
- Age: 16 years of age, or older

5 Star Leader Assessment:

The 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. Registration is required prior to assessment.

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

- Relevant Leadership Training: 5 Star Leader training within previous 3 years
- Relevant British Canoeing Safety Training:
  - Whitewater: Advanced White Water Safety & Rescue*
  - Sea: Open Water Navigation and Tidal Planning+
  - Surf: Advanced Surf Safety & Rescue
- First Aid Award: Recognized 2-day First Aid within last 3 years
- Registration Fee: $60 (Note: PNA or BC membership required)
- 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 White Water Safety and Rescue or Advanced White Water Safety and Rescue training (where required) is recent to ensure this is the case.

Note also that the Rescue 3 courses, White Water Rescue Technician (Recreational and Professional) are acceptable as alternatives to White Water Safety and Rescue where required for 4 Star.

+ For acceptable RYA alternatives see ‘Alternative Qualifications for Navigation and Tidal Planning Courses’ on the Canoe England Website.