



The Coaching Code

Candidates who have signed an application form for a course leading to a BCU qualification have agreed to the following:

1. The BCU and BCU Coaching UK have endorsed the following policies and as such all coaches should read, endorse and abide by these:

**Statement of Physical Competence / Duty of Care / Code of Ethics
Child Protection / Equal Opportunities / Manual Handling
Coach Update/Insurance**

You should understand that in law you have a 'Duty of Care' to others, and that this duty of care is enhanced with regard to your responsibility to those who you teach because of the training and any qualification you receive.

It is your duty to inform your National Association and or BCU Coaching UK should at any time you suffer any significant injury or develop any debilitating illness or condition which may impair your ability to be responsible for the overall safety of the canoeists in your charge. (The declaring of impairment does not necessarily debar a person from holding a coaching qualification)

You should understand that the First Aid qualification relevant to your award should be kept current whilst practising as a Coach and for your coaching qualification to remain valid.

As a member of the BCU Coaching Service you agree to complete a Self Declaration Form as proof of your eligibility to work with under 18's, and also, should it prove necessary, to the BCU / National Association requiring you to undergo a Criminal Records Bureau check with regard to offences against young people.

Every three years as a Coach and also as an Assessor, you will be required to 'revalidate' as per the procedure within your National Association, giving evidence that you have been active and have attended the stated updating workshops and forums.

2 STATEMENT OF PHYSICAL COMPETENCE

" I understand that in law I have a 'Duty of Care' to others, and this Duty of Care is enhanced with regard to my responsibilities to those whom I teach because of the training and any qualifications which I may receive"

"I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am physically fit, and do not have any *condition which may impair my ability to be responsible for the overall safety of canoeists in my charge"

"I do not have *diabetes or *epilepsy, and understand that in the event of any change to my fitness to be responsible for the safety of others, I must declare the fact to the BCU UK Director Of Coaching"

* The declaring of an impairment does not necessarily debar a person from holding a coaching award or qualification. The BCU does its utmost to ensure that only common sense conditions are placed on those who may not be able to fulfill all the requirements, both stated and implicit, for the holding of a coaching qualification. Please send a SAE to the BCU coaching office for a copy of the policy statement giving terms of reference under which qualifications may be awarded or continue to be held.