

Updates and future changes.

UKCC has moved the British Orienteering Coaching Awards from an entirely technical focus to include:

How to Coach

Coaching rather than just training opportunities

Coaches must note that producing session plans and risk assessments are not just for their qualification assessment and should be used for all sessions.

Risk Assessment

The British Orienteering's Board has just agreed that the narrative risk assessment rather than the tick box one will be used in future.

As coaches are trained in the completion of risk assessments, they may be asked by event organisers to complete them for events.

Assessor DVD

As some assessors only undertake assessments on an infrequent basis; we are producing a DVD to act as an aide memoir to assist assessors in the process. Lynne Walker and Hilary Quick are involved.

UKCC Level 3

There are currently discussions taking place on the format and content of the Level 3; Jon Musgrave is involved. There are specific generic demands for the Level 3 coach who needs to be able to plan year long programmes for athletes but consideration on any specific orienteering requirements outside the generic is being discussed.

Qualification and Credit Framework

The UKCC Level 1 and 2 awards are currently being mapped to the Qualification and Credit Framework; this gives the awards credibility against other qualifications and is necessary for the possibilities for National Governing Bodies to access funding streams.

Scottish Qualifications Authority

Although Scottish Orienteering has continued to use the British Orienteering quality control system for assessing and internal verification; the UKCC Level 1 has been awarded in Scotland by the SQA. The monopoly they had over sporting qualifications has been removed and SOA now has the choice of staying with SQA for Level 1 and/or delivering the UKCC Level 2 through SQA or using 1st4sport who currently support the development of our awards in the rest of the UK.

UKCC Assessor and Internal Verification

The current system enables a cross fertilisation of ideas and standards across the UK; although this system costs more to deliver in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales due to the increased travel costs; it is the intention to continue with this system.

Licensing

Parents, quite rightly, demand that National Governing bodies look after their children in an appropriate manner. British Orienteering considers it appropriate to have a licensing system to ensure that their coaches are current. The British Orienteering data base will shortly enable the license reminders to be generated automatically as and when any elements are about to lapse; warnings will be given at 3 months and one month. If a coach has not updated; they will also be told that their award has lapsed.

When the system is up and running we will be chasing lapsed coaches with the intention that they renew.

Vetting and Barring

After the autumn 2009 discussions over the scope of CRB checks there may be some issues over whether National Governing Bodies can make the holding of a CRB check mandatory. Further developments are expected.

Outdoor Industry

The Outdoor industry has long used NGB coaching qualifications as 'the' training and qualification requirement for those working in their industry. There are moves by the Institute for Outdoor Learning to develop qualifications; outside those delivered by NGB's that are more 'fit for purpose' for their requirements. They intimate that they would develop these with the support of the NGB's.

British Orienteering will continue to either demand that a coach is licensed or we will be able to inform employers that "this person was competent at the time they were assessed for their qualification". As always, it is the employer's responsibility and decision over what qualification is needed and whether their employees need to be licensed.

British Orienteering Coaching Conference

The annual Coaching Conference is usually attended by some Scottish coaches; it would be good to see more. The weekend is a blend of practical demonstrations and activities in addition to presentations.

British Orienteering Development Fund

There are guidelines on the British Orienteering website about the criteria for applying for development support funding
http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/downloads/documents/participation_funding_developmentfundprocedures.pdf

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