

Coaching Coordinator Report

Following election to the Slalom Committee at the 2017 ACM and specifically to the role of Coaching Coordinator, an early task was to define this new role.

Role Description - Coaching Coordinator on British Canoeing Slalom Committee

1. Be the focal point for all coaching related matters on the slalom committee.
2. Represent the slalom committee on the British Canoeing Slalom Technical Group.
3. Represent the slalom committee at British Canoeing coaching meetings and forums.
4. Promote and support the training and development of all aspirant and existing slalom coaches through clubs and National Associations.
5. Communicate and liaise with British Canoeing and National Association slalom coach development officers.
6. Coordinate applications to the slalom committee for funding support towards slalom coach development.
7. Participate and take on roles as required within the slalom committee to aid in the development of the sport.

Actions taken in support of the Role

1. Be the focal point for all coaching related matters on the slalom committee.

I have attended and reported to all committee meetings throughout the year and taken actions as agreed by committee.

2. Represent the slalom committee on the British Canoeing Slalom Technical Group.

This group has been relabelled as the British Canoeing Slalom Coaching Technical Group to avoid confusion with competition technical roles in canoe slalom (timing, comms etc.)

British Canoeing recruited new Technical groups in 2018. The Slalom Coaching group comprises Mike Chandler (Chair), Remi Gaspard, Dan Goddard, Steve McDonald, Dave Royle, Andy Neave (Slalom Committee rep).

3. Represent the slalom committee at British Canoeing coaching meetings and forums.

I have regular update meetings with Mike Chandler and other key British Canoeing personnel to discuss coaching matters. Recently I attended the Discipline and Technical Chairs Annual Meeting to represent the slalom committee. I also attended, and supported preparations for, the Slalom Seminar. Attendance at this event from volunteer slalom coaches was low and feedback will be sought in preparation for future events.

4. Promote and support the training and development of all aspirant and existing slalom coaches through clubs and National Associations.

The main focus throughout the year has been to promote the Coach Award (formerly Level 2 Coach) that was launched in January 2018. There are 18 options including a Slalom Discipline Specific award. The 3 key elements to the award are:

Core Training Discipline Specific Slalom Training Assessment

The roll out has proved to be slow but progress is being made. To date 40+ slalom focussed trainees have completed Core Training and 12 trainees have completed the Discipline Specific Slalom Training. More courses are already planned for 2018-2019.

The main interest and progression with training has been in Scotland, Yorkshire and at HPP, Shepperton and Stafford & Stone Canoe Clubs. Hopefully other clubs, regions and National Associations will encourage and support their volunteers to consider this award as part of their coach development planning.

5. Communicate and liaise with British Canoeing and National Association slalom coach development officers.

Liaison with British Canoeing (England) has been good, better links need to be established with the other National Associations.

6. Coordinate applications to the slalom committee for funding support towards slalom coach development.

An application process has been established to provide funding support for club-based voluntary candidates towards Slalom Coach Award training and assessment.

7. Participate and take on roles as required within the slalom committee to aid in the development of the sport.

When reviewing entry pathways and participation in the lower divisions coaching is a key element. There are also other key elements and throughout 2018 I have attended many lower divisions events and discussed with many people the issues that canoe slalom faces. I hope to continue to support ongoing discussions and developments.

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