

Coaching Coordinator Report

The Slalom Coach Award was launched in January 2018. At the 2018 ACM I reported that 12 trainees had completed Slalom Discipline Specific Training and it is very pleasing that this total has now risen to 61. The geographical spread of all trainees covers North and Central England, Wales and Scotland with, as yet, only a very small uptake from the South of England.

To date only a small number of trainees have progressed to Assessment. As the award moves forwards consideration needs to be given as to how trainees gain relevant coaching experiences and how mentoring opportunities can be created. Opportunities for development of trainee coaches, and also existing coaches, should be encouraged within each region or National Association, with help and guidance from the employed National Coach Developers.

The Slalom Committee and National Associations have continued to provide funding support towards training for all suitable applicants who have an involvement in coaching in a voluntary capacity.

I have continued to represent the Slalom Committee on the BC Slalom Coaching Technical Group. In 2019 this group contributed to the launch of the new Personal Performance Awards, to the review of the Performance Coach Award (which will relaunch in 2020), to the very recently launched Coach Self Analysis Tool and the new Digital Library. These all support the Coaching and Leadership Plan within Stronger Together.

At the 2018 ACM many elements of Canoe Slalom were identified where development of our sport in Divisions 3 and 4 is desperately needed to boost participation. It is quite disappointing that so little has been achieved over the past year and as the decline in numbers is now also reaching higher divisions, hopefully more will be done to address the situation in 2020.

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