

DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING COURSES FOR THOSE COACHING DISABLED PEOPLE

The BCU provides 2-day 'Disability Awareness Training' courses for instructors who wish to assist disabled people to canoe. Please send an sae to your National Association office or the BCU office for details, and for the policy statement on the gaining of tests and qualifications by disabled people.

FEES

Apart from the cost of the course, there is a requirement for BCU / National Association Comprehensive Membership except for Level 1 Coaches who have the option of being Basic Members or of paying a Registration fee for the first year only.

At the time of registration for training at Level 2 or above, candidates pay an enrolment/registration fee. There is a further fee at assessment payable to the course organiser at the time of the course

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE COACHING OF COMPETITION CANOEISTS

There are five levels of competition qualification for the coaching of individuals and/or teams of canoeists:

<i>Level 1 Competition Coach</i>	Assistant Club Trainer
<i>Level 2 Competition Coach</i>	Club Trainer
<i>Level 3 Competition Coach</i>	Club Coach
<i>Level 4 Competition Coach</i>	Senior Coach (Regional/National)
<i>Level 5 Competition Coach</i>	Staff Coach (National/International)

The Competition Coaching qualifications are discipline specific: *Marathon, Sprint Racing, Polo, Slalom, Freestyle, Wild Water Racing.*

OBTAINING A COMPETITION COACHING QUALIFICATION

It is not necessary to be a paddler in order to obtain a competition coaching qualification.

Level 1 Competition Coach in particular is aimed at parents and helpers, and is intended to provide a supporter with sufficient knowledge to increase their coaching confidence as an assistant at club level.

2-day courses at each level concentrate on providing the necessary background information, whilst assessments are available for those who wish to progress or hold a formal qualification.

A list of available courses is contained in the BCU and some discipline Yearbooks, or can be obtained from the BCU office.

The obtaining of a first aid certificate (minimum 4 hour course) is a pre-requisite for assessment.

OBTAINING AN S/NVQ

BCU teaching qualifications at level 2 Coach are currently available as level 2 S/NVQs, and it is expected that level 3 Coach will be available as a S/NVQ level 3 shortly. A leaflet setting out the requirements is available from the BCU office (sae please).

