

UK Coaching Certificate: the future of coaching

Welcome to the second UKCC e-newsletter. They are being produced and distributed over the next few months to keep you – NGBs, sports councils, DCMS, SkillsActive and equity partners – informed and up to date with the latest news and developments in the implementation of the UK Coaching Certificate.

RECENT EVENTS

Phase 3 Orientation - Leeds - 09 March 2005

Work with the 10 Phase 3 Sports began with an Orientation event in March. Nine of the ten sports attended the event which was extended to chief executives and senior officers of all GB and Home Country Associations to better understand the UKCC within their sport.

Strand leader, Helen Davey, led the attendees through technical developments to date and **sports coach UK** board member, Bev Smith, facilitated the day which opened with the importance of the UKCC as a key government piece of work. David Sparkes, chief executive of British Swimming, gave a truly passionate and informative account of the UKCC from swimming's perspective, citing that "the UKCC is business critical" to his sport and highlighting the additional benefits that the UKCC have provided to his sport.

The afternoon was spent on a sport by sport basis with an **scUK** officer, looking at the UKCC in more detail and considering how best to ensure UK-wide buy-in and communication through the establishment of a National Source Group.

Feedback from the delegates was positive and an event will be held for the lead officers of these sports on 20 April to start to look in more detail the Endorsement Criteria and how best **scUK** can support these Phase 3 sports

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

UKCC Sustainable Funding NGB Forum, London - 22 April 2005

As part of the support to UKCC Sports, SkillsActive and **sports coach UK** are holding two Forum events on Sustainable Funding issues, the first of which for English, Welsh and Northern Irish NGBs is taking place in London on Friday 22 April 2005. SkillsActive are in dialogue with their colleagues in Scotland to put on a similar event for Scottish and Northern Irish NGBs, the details of which will be finalised soon.

This event is an opportunity for NGBs to discuss the funding issues concerning the UKCC with both SkillsActive and **sports coach UK**. SkillsActive has also produced a funding consultation document that will be available prior to the event for discussion and then completion by the NGB representatives.

The key outcomes for the Forum include:

- to identify the issues surrounding sustainable funding for NGBs;
- to identify possible solutions to accessing funding;
- to allow NGBs to respond to the SkillsActive Funding Consultation and discuss the issues with representatives from SkillsActive and **sports coach UK**;
- for SkillsActive to outline their approach to addressing these issues.

Invites for this event have been sent to all 31 UKCC sports

UKCC ENDORSEMENT PILOT

sports coach UK and SkillsActive have been working closely together over the past few months to evolve the development of the UKCC Endorsement Process. As part of this process, a UKCC pilot will be running from July to December 05. The aim of this pilot is to test the endorsement process for levels 1-3 with an aim of opening up the endorsement process for all sport for levels 1-3 from January 2006. The endorsement pilot will involve approximately 5 sports submitting at least 1 level each for endorsement.

UPDATE FROM SPORTS

Each month we will be asking a sport from Phase 1 or Phase 2 to update us about what is happening in their particular sport in relation to the UKCC. This is designed to help and support all sports in each phase by sharing information and experiences they might not hear about otherwise.

In this issue UK Athletics keep us up to date with developments in their sport:

Level 1 and 2 design and Development

UK Athletics have been running competence based coach education programmes for the past 5 years which has helped the alignment of existing qualifications to UKCC. We are currently focusing on the design and development of UKCC 1 and 2. Learning program models, content and structure are in the final stages and we are currently working on the development of new and existing resources to support the courses. Pilots are planned for July (Level 1) and (August (Level 2)

Course Delivery Workforce Development

Through the UKCC we are taking the opportunity to recruit and train more tutors specifically trying to target those areas where there is a particular shortage. As well as expanding the tutor workforce we are also planning further opportunities for our most experienced tutors to train to become trainers. We aim to develop a team of regional trainers who will also act as mentors and support tutors for those who have recently completed their initial tutor training. This will help use to overcome one of our current greatest challenges which is the journey from initial tutor training to becoming a fully qualified tutor. We have recently advertised for both trainers, tutors and assessors so

that we are able to train and develop enough tutors for the roll out of UKCC. We will also be planning a series of CPD opportunities for tutors who are currently delivering in order to give them the necessary training and updating to be able to deliver UKCC courses. Last November we launched a programme of assessor training, which has so far been attended by 30-40 of our current deliverers and will eventually form part of the initial training received by tutor-assessors. Those trained are currently working with trainers to become accredited assessors

Awarding Body Status

We have been working towards awarding body status and are very close to the submission of the application. We have received support through CCPR and consultant Anna Nolan and with a few minor adjustments the completed submission will be ready to be submitted to QCA by the end of April.

Launch and Communication Plan for UKCC

Athletics intends to link its main communication regarding the UKCC with the national launch of the campaign to provide a unified approach. We will start by spreading the message to current UKA staff to assist in the dissemination of the message to its coaches who have already been through a coach education transfer system in the last 3 years.

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