

Summary of Coaches Terms of Reference

Level 1 Coach

Kayak, Canoe, Placid Water

To control groups on 'very sheltered water'.

To introduce others to canoeing at a 'taster' level only. This is not a suitable qualification for canoeing leaders of groups or clubs for whom canoeing is a main activity. For staff at centres it is suitable only for 'first session purposes and only when under the general supervision of a higher award holder.

A Level 1 Coach meets the H&SE recommendations to be in overall charge of a Canoe Club training session in a swimming pool (provided they also hold a suitable lifesaving award).

Kayak Coaches - may operate closed cockpit kayaks, open cockpit kayaks and open canoes.

Canoe Coaches - may only operate with canoes.

Placid Water Coaches - may operate in both open cockpit kayaks and canoes including canoes used for racing.

Level 1 Kayak Coach can test Rainbow Red Badge.

Level 1 Coaches may examine for 1 Star Test in the discipline for which they hold the award.

Trainee Level 2 Coach

Kayak, Canoe, Placid Water

May operate on 'very sheltered water' without being under the direct supervision of a Level 2 Coach.

May operate on 'sheltered' inland water under the authorisation of a Level 3 Coach.

Trainee Level 2 Kayak Coach can test Rainbow Red Badge.

Trainee Level 2 Coaches may examine for 1 Star Test in the discipline for which they hold the award.

Level 2 Coach

Kayak, Canoe, Placid Water

To supervise groups on 'sheltered' inland water and to lead short, simple journeys. It is not an expedition leadership award. May also supervise on 'sheltered' tidal water but it is not regarded as of a sufficient standard for the safe supervision of canoeing activities on the open sea.

Suitable for introducing groups up to the standard of the 2 Star Test.

A Level 2 Coach meets the H&SE recommendations to be in overall charge of an introductory course for beginners or public rolling session in a swimming pool (provided they also hold a suitable lifesaving award).

Kayak Coaches may operate closed cockpit kayaks, open cockpit kayaks and open canoes.

Canoe Coaches may only operate with canoes.

Placid Water Coaches may operate in both open cockpit kayaks and canoes including canoes used for racing.



Level 2 Kayak Coach can test Rainbow Yellow - Blue Badge skills.

Level 2 Coaches may examine for 1 and 2 Star Tests in the discipline for which they hold the award, for 1 Star in other disciplines for which they hold the 2 Star, and 2 Star in the other disciplines for which they hold the 3 Star.

Qualified Level 2 Coaches of at least 3 years standing may:-

- (a) Attend an Assessor training day as the first step to become an Assessor.
- (b) Become a Canoeing Safety Test Assessor after directing, training and assessment modules under the supervision of a qualified assessor.
- (c) Become a Level 1 Aquatic First Aid Assessor by holding a current 16 hour First Aid Certificate and attending an Aquatic First Aid Assessors Course.

Level 2 is the minimum coaching qualification to become an A1 and A2 Assessor.

Level 3 Coach

Kayak, Canoe, Placid Water, Sea, Surf

May supervise groups on 'moderate' water.

Level 3 Coach is the correct grade for a person to be in charge of kayaking or canoeing activities at a school or club. It is the correct qualification for a centre member of staff responsible for choosing canoeing venues and their suitability.

If the unit is operating and/or expediting on white water grade II, Level 3 kayak or Canoe Coach is the correct award.

If expediting on the open sea (including landing in surf) in moderate sea conditions, Level 3 Sea Coach is the appropriate award although for specific instruction and supervision of groups in surfing is up to 'moderate' surf, Level 3 Surf Coach would be the correct award.

For running a Club or Centre based on Placid Water Canoeing, Level 3 Placid Water Coach is the appropriate award.

Kayak, Sea and Surf Coaches may also supervise canoes and open cockpit boats on 'sheltered' water.

Level 2 Coaches may examine for 1 Star in all disciplines, 2 and 3 Star in disciplines for which they hold the Level 3 Coach award and 2 Star in an alternative discipline for which they hold the 3 Star.

Level 3 is the minimum coaching qualification to become an A3 Assessor.

Level 4 Coach

Kayak, Canoe, Placid Water, Sea, Surf

May be in charge in 'Advanced' conditions.

For grade III inland water and above and very large lakes Level 4 Kayak or Canoe Coach is appropriate.

Level 4 Sea Coach is the correct award for expediting in Advanced sea conditions and a Level 4 Surf Coach should physically be in charge of a session in 'Advanced Surf'.

Level 4 Coaches may examine the same Star Tests as Level 3 Coaches.

Level 4 is the minimum coaching qualification to be an A4 Assessor.

Level 5 Coach

Kayak, Canoe, Sea, Surf

Level 5 Coach Award identifies a group of competent, experienced, reliable, motivated coaches with a depth and wealth of knowledge, who can be relied upon to provide practical coaching, information and guidance up to a high level.

Level 5 Coaches may supervise, canoeing and examine Star Tests as Level 4 Coaches.

Level 5 is the coaching qualification to be an A5 Assessor.