

Coaching Structure

The levels of attainment in our coaching structure are;

Club Coach

Advanced Club Coach

County Coach

National Coach

[Note. The term "Regional Coach" no longer refers to a qualification but remains the title of the coach/person appointed or elected to this Regional Office.]

Qualification for the different levels is through the successful completion of the relevant course, see below for course information.

Club Coach Course.

The objective is to be able to teach new comers correctly and intermediate players wishing to improve on their own current playing qualities.

It requires attendance on two days. Day one contains instruction sessions after which the candidate is expected to undertake their own practice before attending day 2 on which the candidate is examined.

Day 1.

Session 1. The content involves understanding the theory, objective/ aims and the main roles of being a coach. Taken within a class room environment.

Session 2. Involves a terrain practical demonstration of playing abilities, in both pointing and shooting segments, practice discipline demonstrations, primary tactical knowledge and discussion on being able to hold coaching sessions.

Day 2 of course is focused on:

Written examination.

Practical observation examination which is a practical test of playing, skills demonstration and communication.

The course and examination results are usually available within four weeks of completion of the course.

Conditions:

1. A candidate must have held an EPA playing membership for a minimum of two years.
2. Successful candidates are required to obtain a DBS clearance certificate to enable them to coach in their own right on the behalf of our Association. (DBS clearance fee reimbursement is subject to the club's or the region's policy.)
3. The fee for the club coach course is set at £25.00. This is usually paid or reimbursed by their club or region.

Successful Candidates

Will receive a certificate of qualification, an EPA coaching licence, an EPA Coach polo shirt embroidered with their own name and be listed on the the EPA's roll of qualified coaches.

[Application form can be downloaded from the EPA web site or obtained from the Chair of Coaching Commission.](#)

Advanced Club Coach Course.

The objective is to provide a qualification that can act as a stepping stone for those wishing to further advance into becoming a County Coach in due course.

This level is achieved by attending a number of external and internal courses taken over a period of time, verified and signed off.

External Certificated courses for;

1. Safeguarding children and vulnerable persons
2. Equity in sport course
3. First aid (Basic course)

Internal EPA courses to be taken.

1. Attend a one day dedicated coaches `Rules Awareness` course. (Arranged by Umpire Commission)
2. Attend a one day tactical work shop, based around a number of tactical scenarios and discussions. (Arranged by Coaching Commission)

There is NO EPA fee being applied to the Advanced Club Coach course but The fees for the external courses, would be applied at and by the course supplier.

Eligibility

Applicants will need to have been coaching for a minimum period of one year, within the EPA coaching structure and be able to provide confirmation of their coaching activity via regular coaching reports.

[Addition information and applications form for the Advance level via Chair of the Coaching Commission.](#)

County Coach Course.

In Preparation