

Coaches Commission

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The UK Coaching Certificate (UKCC) and World Class Coaching Programmes are driving changes in coaching standards across the UK. There are key performance indicators (KPIs) related to coaches that we must achieve in the Whole Sport Plan (WSP). Additionally there is our traditional volleyball "market" where Coaches Commission is trying to fulfil the aspirations and personal development needs of many coaches, at many levels. Trying to balance these internal and external demands is becoming an increasingly difficult task for volunteers. The appointment during the year of Steve Jones as our Coach Education and Development Officer is a significant first step to addressing these demands.

Volleyball is in the final group of sports to introduce UKCC. All sports in this phase are in a similar position, having few people, little time and no funds to concentrate efforts to introduce it. Sportscoach UK have recognised our difficulties and will be providing more of the learning, templates and ideas from the Phase 1 and 2 sports to kick-start some activity. Craig Handford and Steve Jones have been attending the progress review meetings during the year, but until we have a person dedicated to managing its introduction it will take longer for volunteers to meet the requirements of UKCC.

We achieved our KPI for the WSP with the total number of "active" coaches registered at 378 for the last year -3 above target.

In September a two-day Conference was organised for NVL Coaches in conjunction with Performance Commission with the aims of sharing expertise and to contribute to raising the standard of play in the NVL. Over twenty coaches attended the excellent presentations from Ian Legrand and Jefferson Williams.

The Staff Tutors Conference was incorporated with the EVA Big Bash on 10th and 11th September 2005. The conference was designed to help tutors prepare for the new requirements of UKCC including an introduction to assessor training.

Coaches Commission continues to support coaches involved in the Performance programme with their continuing professional development. Two coaches received financial support to help ease their costs in attending FIVB coaching courses.

During the past year Mini Volley, part of our modular Level One has been introduced, with its individual resource pack. Two pilot courses for Beach Volleyball Coaching took place during summer 2005. The resources for this course are nearing completion.

Number of Coach Award Scheme Courses organised during the year compared with last year:

	04/05	05/06
VolleySport Card	9	10
VolleySport Card (Coaching for Teachers)	4	1
Mini Volley	0	1
Mini Volley (Coaching for Teachers)	0	1
CSLA	43	42
L1 (inc. Coaching for Teachers L1s)	38	50
L2	3	6
Beach Coach	1	2
L3	0	0
Total	98	113

I would like to thank all our Tutors for their contribution in the last year and for the vital part they play in volleyball's continuous development. Thanks also to the CEO and the staff at the National Office for providing their enthusiastic support to the work of the Commission.

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