

COACHES COMMISSION

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On 9 March 2005, I attended the UK Coaching Certificate (UKCC) Phase 3 Sports' Orientation Day along with Craig Handford, EVA Technical Officer. Volleyball other sports included in this final phase received the background knowledge and information concerning UKCC, plans for progression and level of support available. Coaches Commission, with the assistance of professional staff and volunteers, will provide the lead on behalf of the EVA and work where necessary with other home associations to align volleyball coach education programmes to the new framework.

UKCC will fundamentally affect the EVA's coach education programme across administration, delivery and assessment. Its development and implementation will not expand the scope of Coaches Commission business but will increase the volume of work and we will be driven by tighter deadlines set externally. As support from SportsCoach UK will be more limited than for sports in Phases 1&2, I anticipate that over the next three years UKCC will take up a significant amount of time of members of Coaches Commission and other volunteers.

Continuing professional development will be an integral feature of UKCC. Coaches Commission is therefore beginning to extend its development programmes specific to the needs of its identified "client groups". In addition to Staff Tutors and coaches in the National Talent Development Programme, conferences and workshops are being introduced to include performance and NVL team coaches.

Our professional Technical Officer (Craig Handford) has been working on the final module of the revised Level 1 course, producing new resources to support the course. The new resources will be incorporated later this year and Staff Tutors will be trained to deliver the new modular course.

The introduction of the EVA Beach Coaching Award, has been the result of dedicated work by Denise Austin. The pilot course took place in Summer 2004 and a revised version was held in Brighton in early Spring 2005. An editorial team from Coaches Commission is currently reviewing the draft course handbook.

Jefferson Williams and Keith Trenam have been combining their work with national teams to assist with coach development and mentoring as well as providing technical input to the coach education programme.

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

| | 03/04 | 04/05 |
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| VolleySport Card | 6 | 9 |
| VolleySport Card (Coaching for Teachers) | - | 4 |
| KS2/3/4 (Coaching for Teachers) | 2 | 0 |
| CSLA | 36 | 43 |
| L1 (inc. Coaching for Teachers L1s) | 56 | 38 |
| L2 | 4 | 3 |
| Beach Coach | 0 | 1 |
| L3 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 105 | 98 |

Finally, a thank you to all Staff Tutors and CSLA Tutors for their continuing commitment and enthusiasm in delivering coaching award courses. Thanks also to the CEO and the staff at the National Office for providing invaluable support to the work of the Commission.

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