



VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND RETURN TO COACHING POLICY

This policy applies to volleyball coaches returning to coaching after an extensive period of absence unless the coach can provide their original award certificate and evidence, they have remained up to date with contemporary coaching practice, for example as a lecturer in sports coaching or an active coach in another sport.

RATIONALE

Over recent years sports coaching practice in the United Kingdom has shifted from an emphasis on the technical and tactical towards a holistic approach that is person-centred, long-term focused, and based on the understanding of what development means both for the coach and the participants.

Likewise, the Volleyball England coach education system has evolved over time. Early courses focused on acquiring sport specific volleyball knowledge. The arrival of the United Kingdom Certificate of Coaching (UKCC) in the mid-2000s saw the emergence of “how to” coach skills such as observation, analysis, feedback, and communication. The most recent Assistant Coach (2021) and Coach (2023) awards also include inter and intrapersonal skills, so coaches better understand their participants wants and needs, and are more self-aware. Topics such as coaching ethics, safeguarding, learning theory, and reflective practice also feature on the contemporary curriculum.

To make sure volleyball coaches are equipped to succeed in the modern coaching environment Volleyball England will no longer recognise historic awards pre UKCC* unless the coach can provide their original award certificate and evidence, they have remained up to date with contemporary coaching practice for example, as a lecturer in sports coaching or an active coach in another sport.

UKCC coaching qualifications are recognised but returning coaches will be required to meet minimum safeguarding requirements designed to reduce participant harm and demonstrate to any employer, deployer, participant, parent, or other stakeholder to easily verify that you are qualified, competent, and safe.

* This is pre 2009 for L1 Award in Coaching Volleyball (QCF) and pre 2012 for the 1st4Sport L2 Certificate in Coaching Volleyball and Volleyball England Level 3.

HOW TO HAVE A PRE-UKCC QUALIFICATION RATIFIED

This is pre 2009 for L1 Award in Coaching Volleyball (QCF) and pre 2012 for the 1st4Sport L2 Certificate in Coaching Volleyball and Volleyball England Level 3. You will need to have a [VolleyZone account](#) and pay an administration fee of £25 (plus a service fee of 3.2% + 50p) to have your qualification and coaching experience checked by Volleyball England. Once you have paid the fee, send the following information to coaching@volleyballengland.org:

- An electronic copy of your volleyball coaching qualifications.
- Your volleyball CV that shows how your coaching practice has remained up to date.
- A statement that explains where and who you will be coaching in England and why you want to coach.
- A [valid safeguarding](#) certificate.
- And for the Club Coach Award (L2) or Volleyball England Level 3 a copy of your current First Aid qualification.

Next step

If successful, your qualification will be added to your VolleyZone account, and you will be able to register as a coach with Volleyball England. At this stage, you must apply for a [DBS check](#) if you are working regularly with children.

HOW TO HAVE A UKCC OR VE LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION RATIFIED

You will need to have a VolleyZone account and pay an administration fee of £25 (plus a service fee of 3.2% + 50p) to have your qualification ratified by Volleyball England. Once you have paid the fee, send the following information to coaching@volleyballengland.org:

- A request to return to coaching and have your UKCC or Volleyball England Level 3 (post 2012) qualification ratified. Although Volleyball England record of any coach with a UKCC or Volleyball England Level 3 qualification (post 2012), it will be helpful to send a copy of your original certificate.
- A statement that explains where and who you will be coaching in England and why you want to coach.
- A [valid safeguarding](#) certificate.
- And for the Club Coach Award (L2) or Volleyball England Level 3 a copy of your current First Aid qualification.

Next step

If successful, your qualification will be added to your VolleyZone account, and you will be able to register as a coach with Volleyball England. At this stage, you must apply for a [DBS check](#) if you are working regularly with children.

HOW TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATION FEE

You will need to have a [VolleyZone account](#).

If you do not have a VolleyZone account, please [click here](#) to create one in three easy steps. When prompted to select a membership, we recommend selecting the club volunteer category. We will advise on how to purchase a coach membership once your assessment has been completed.

Once you have created your VolleyZone account, you can find the 'assessment fee' on the [events portal](#) by searching by event group and selecting the 'Return to Coaching fee'.

Click register to log into your VolleyZone account and make payment for the assessment fee.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact Volleyball England's Workforce Team [via email](#) or by calling us on 01509 974700.