

SCOA Coaching Officer report

SCOA Coaches: a new SOC Coach is currently in training – planning to hold her 4 linked and a physical session over the summer with her Final assessment in late August/ September.

CPD updates: at the Coaching Conference in January, it was decided that inspection of CPD logs every 3 years was no longer required; Coaches are still expected to keep them to check their own progress in order to continue as Licensed Coaches.

Coaching Conference: the two day National Coaching Conference was held on 12th/13th January 2019 at the University of Nottingham. Reports were circulated. The next Conference will be in January 2021

SCOA Development Officer report

Junior Development Group: The Junior Development group has been working hard on a number of issues, via Emails & meetings.

These include:

- Continuing to promote the specific Junior events such as the Yvette Baker competition, particularly in the light of 2019 being 20 years since Yvette's epic win at the World Champs 1999, and the Peter Palmer relays.
- **Peter Palmer relays** – SAX have offered to host these in 2019 – at Hindleap warren on 8th September 2019
- **Yvette Baker Trophy/ Shield** – this appears to have been given a little more publicity this year; the Final is at Sandringham on Sunday 7th July.

Youth Strategy: a report on the first year of the implementation of the Youth Strategy – 'Every Junior Matters' is now available on the BOF website. The introduction to this states the following:

During the first year 2018-19 of implementation of the "Every Junior Matters" strategy, there has been good progress in several areas:

- **Club Junior Development:** *Many clubs have made significant improvements in junior development. As well as established clubs such as SYO & WCOC, others such as SARUM, SELOC, WAOC, DFOK & OROX have launched programmes and improved their provision for juniors.*
- **Improving the Sport for juniors:** *New team categories in the Yvette Baker and Peter Palmer Relays to help smaller teams and clubs. A new review of Talent and Performance will improve provision for high performing juniors.*
- **Providing more social and inclusive opportunities:** *A new Youth Advisory Board has been set up, and the series of youth camps for younger juniors has expanded.*

Talent & Performance & Every Junior Matters strategies: Mark Saunders is doing a survey to see how these strategies relate – this will report in September.

Webinars: a series of Webinars have been introduced and are now on You Tube for easy viewing. The sessions available are;

- Coaching for mixed abilities
- Planning for Light Green course
- Developing your club – SYO's journey
- Planning Focus – An introduction to planning
- Communication social media v traditional methods
- Coaching newcomers – DVO's experience of their newcomer programme
- Attracting and retaining juniors – SARUM's experience of their junior programme
- Growing your clubs' volunteers - Valuable tips and insight from Jenny Betteridge from Sport England.

