

Coaching Officer – report to SCOA AGM – 9th June 2022

1. We are very pleased that we currently have 6 people attending a Level 2 Coaching course. The course tutor is Chris Poole assisted by me for part of it. There are 4 new SCOA Coaches being trained – all funded by the SCOA grant from the JK.

2. Coaching activities over the past year have still been subdued. Some Coaches have managed to do some coaching on line using Map Runs and the like.

2. The venue for the next Biannual Coaching Conference was going to be in the SWOA area in January 2023 – organised by the SCOA & SWOA Coaching reps. This has now changed and I am looking to move the Conference to a SCOA area. Hopefully this Conference will be 'live', not online as last year as an important feature is the opportunity to share ideas and practices in the informal breakout sessions. We do not have an overriding theme for the Conference as yet - the SCOA Club Coaching reps have been asked for ideas.

3. A reminder that Licenced Coaches are now required to attend a Safeguarding and protecting Children course to satisfy the National body - Child Protection in Sport Unit - particularly where they deal with Juniors or vulnerable adults. It is also a useful refresher. These are now self funding but organised via BOF.

4. The DBS requirement has gradually been taken up by current SCOA coaches.

It would be useful if all of the Club Reps could remind the Coaches in their Club that they must keep the BOF website up to date with their qualifications and do the required courses if anything has become out of date. The Admin person at BOF needs to be informed and hopefully she will update the site – the BOF office is rather short staffed

Insurance for Coaching activities requires the Coaches organising the sessions to be Licenced. This is not difficult to do – they must meet the following criteria:

- Are a current member of British Orienteering;
- Demonstrated competence against the standards at the appropriate Coaching Award Level;
- Signed to confirm you accept the British Orienteering Code of Conduct for Coaches - [British Orienteering Code of Conduct](#);
- An appropriate First Aid qualification – this is determined by their Coaching Qualification and a suitable area;
- Attend a relevant Safeguarding course (tutor led for children or online if you only coach adults)
A requirement from 1st June 2021.

They should also consider obtaining a DBS qualification if they are dealing with children and/ vulnerable adults.

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