

UKCC FAQ's

What is the UKCC?

The UK Coaching Certificate is a key recommendation by the Coaching Task Force (UK wide group tasked with shaping the future of coaching) and will be a five-level flexible learning system, developed to build on good practice that already exists within existing coach education structures – and ensure equivalence of qualifications across sport.

Previously known as the National Coaching Certificate (NCC), Rt. Hon Richard Caborn MP, Minister for Sport & Tourism said:

"The official title, UK Coaching Certificate, was chosen after consultation with governing bodies of sports in the home countries. Although one agency, sports coach UK, is tasked with development, it has been vital to make the process consultative and inclusive, seeking the input of all stakeholders. The name 'UKCC' reinforces the need for organisations in the four countries to work together in the context of their individual sport. It also enables better international positioning of the UK as a nation at the forefront of coaching development"

"UKCC indicates the Government's intention to improve the quality and standing of coaching, which will be vital to the development of sport and individuals."

What does the UKCC mean for Coaches.....?

- The creation of nationally recognised standards for coach education will professionalise the role of the coach. Most professional industries have a standard for qualification. Now coaching does too.
- The UKCC will raise the profile of sports coaching.
- A UK wide qualification means it is easier for coaches to move between the Home Countries and gain employment as a coach.
- The transferable elements of core parts of UKCC qualifications mean it will be easier to move between sports.
- It will be easier to highlight your level of coaching to potential employers.

What does the UKCC mean for Athletes....?

- If your coach has a UKCC endorsed qualification you can be sure they are delivering the most up to date cutting edge coaching techniques.
- UKCC qualifications are coach and athlete centred, taking into account your needs and learning pathway.
- Sports delivering UKCC endorsed qualifications have commented on the improvement in the level of quality of coaches that have completed UKCC courses.
- All UKCC coaches are CRB checked - you can be sure your coach is safety and quality assured.

What does the UKCC mean for Sports....?

- Development of the UKCC has meant an opportunity for shared learning between sports as well as the chance to work closely with other Home Country governing bodies.
- The UKCC means that there will be a consistency of coach education between and within sports and across the UK
- The UK, through governing bodies of sport can become a world leader in coach education.
- Great coaching will result in greater sporting success and greater numbers of participants, at all levels, from playground to podium.
- The UKCC and the 2012 Olympics provide a focus on coaching that is supported by the government.