

Coach Award Stand Up Paddleboard (Race) Training Programme and Session Plans



## Introduction

This document provides an example Stand Up Paddleboard (Race) Coach course programme and the accompanying session plans. It is intended to be used in addition to the Coach Award Tutor and Assessor Notes.

In order to ensure that the content is pitched at the right level, Tutors must also be familiar with the Coach Award Assessment Guidance and eLearning; these will both help the Tutor integrate the relevant content and themes through the delivery of their programme.



## STAND UP PADDLEBOARD (RACE) COACH

#### TRAINING PROGRAMME

Day One		
Session	Time	Session Outline
Session 1	30	Introduction and paperwork
Classroom	mins.	Structure of Scheme linked to 'What it Takes to Win'
		(WITTW)
		Athlete Talent Pathway
		Role of the SUP Race Coach
		Structure of British Canoeing Awarding Body qualifications
		Coaching pathway and journey to assessment
		Overview of training course
Session 2	30	Coaching philosophy:
Classroom	mins.	- personal coaching philosophy
Session 3	30	Warm-ups:
Practical	mins.	- types of warm-up
(Theory and		- selection or relevant warm-ups
Practice)		
Session 4	45	Information gathering – skill and Athlete observation:
Practical	mins.	- observing the 'What' of coaching – the skills
(Theory and		- observing the 'Who' and 'How' of coaching – the
Practice)		learners
		- how observation feeds decision-making
		- fundamentals – active posture, connectivity, power
		transfer, feel
Session 5	90	Is it working? Analysis and evaluation of performance:
Practical	mins.	- analysis and evaluation of skill (the 'What')
(Theory and		- analysis and evaluation of learning and coaching (the
Practice)		'Who' and 'How')
		- how this feeds decision-making



Lunch		
Session 6	90	Site specific coaching:
Practical	mins.	- coaching behaviours
(Theory and		- structuring the session
Practice)		- methods of practice
		- learning and optimum environment
		- safety frameworks and coach's positioning
Session 7	60	Coaching on the move:
Practical	mins.	- structuring the session
(Theory and		- developing learner decision making to support:
Practice)		- coaching styles
		- feedback
		- group management, responsibility and risk
		management
Session 8	30	Review of day
Classroom	mins.	Reflective practice:
		- Reflecting on the learners' needs, the coaching
		approach and the effectiveness (is it working?)
		- how are we developing as a coach?
Session 9	45	Between training and assessment:
Classroom	mins.	- development phase
		<ul> <li>support mechanisms for a successful assessment</li> </ul>
		- pre-assessment task
		- assessment day process
Session 10	15	Session planning
Classroom	mins.	- adaptive
		- personalised (written, list, memory)
		- progressive and linked
		Planning 15-minute coaching session for Day 2 – can they
		incorporate their Coaching philosophy
Homework	30	Plan Day 2 coaching session
	mins.	



Day Two		
Session	Time	Session Outline
Session 11	15	Introduction to Day 2
Classroom	mins.	Re-cap and questions from Day 1
Session 12	45	Session plan peer review:
Classroom	mins.	- content (technical/tactical)
		- planned delivery (coaching and learning behaviours)
		- link to coaching philosophy
Session 13	120	Coaching sessions:
Practical	mins.	- peer and tutor review of coaching sessions
(Theory and		<ul> <li>complete coaching session reviews</li> </ul>
Practice)		
Lunch	1	
Session 14	60	Developing Performance:
Practical	mins.	- meeting athletes' needs
(Theory and		- performance analysis
Practice)		- video analysis
		- stopwatch features
		- GPS
		- Time/distance breakdown
		- 'What', 'Why' and 'How' do we use the information we
		are measuring
Session 15	90	Incident management and rescue skills
Practical	mins.	
(Theory and		
Practice)		
Session 16	30	Review of day
Classroom	mins.	Training course review and action planning
Session 17	60	Individual debriefs and actions planning
Classroom	mins.	



## **SESSION 1**

Session Title:	Introductions and Paperwork	
Session Number:	1	
Time:	30-minutes	
Venue:	Classroom	
Craft:	n/a	
Session aim/s:		
Make everyone feel w	velcome and at ease – create a positive learning	
environment.		
Set the scene for the course.		
Introduce the Coach Award pathway, role and remit and link to the 'What it takes		
to Win' (WITTW) model.		
Introduce the British Canoeing Awarding Body Coaching Pathway.		
Delivery:		
One large group:		
Tutor on hand to offer individual support, answer questions, etc.		
Welcome and introductions:		
<ul> <li>Welcome to venue and course (including domestic arrangements);</li> </ul>		
• Introduce staff and each other, round the table introductions (background to		
paddling, why you want to get into coaching, anything specific you want to		
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- get out of the course);
- Any questions? Always feel free to ask.

Paperwork matters to check (maybe done whilst waiting for people to arrive):

- Check prerequisites;
- Hand round Course Schedule for people to fill in.

Introduction to the Course, Coach Award Pathway, Role and Remit and British Canoeing Awarding Body Coach Pathway:

- Provide an overview of the journey of how the SUP Race Coach course was formed linking it to the WITTW;
- Provide an overview of the role and remit of the SUP Race Coach;



- Provide an overview of the journey to SUP Race Coach Assessment and the options;
- Provide an overview of the qualifications beyond the Coach Award to allow further individual discussion as is required during the course;
- Quick run through of programme for the course and in more detail Day 1;
- Identify resources (eLearning, books, etc.) available for them to get stuck into.

Any questions?



## **SESSION 2**

Session Title:	Coaching Philosophy
Session Number:	2
Time:	15-mins.
Venue:	Classroom
Craft:	n/a

#### Session aim/s:

Explore and develop the coaches' personal coaching philosophy.

#### Delivery:

This session should act as a bit of an icebreaker as well as meeting the session aims:

- 1. Tutor to introduce/remind students of the concept of a coaching philosophy and facilitate group discussion around how theirs is developing.
- 2. Tutor to show British Canoeing Awarding Body's coaching philosophy and facilitate discussion on how students' values/beliefs match with this.
- 3. Students to discuss, in pairs, what they believe in as a coach and how this is shaping their philosophy.
- 4. Tutor to support students in continuing to develop their own philosophy true to their values and beliefs, whilst respecting others.



### **SESSION 3**

Session Title:	Warms-Ups
Session Number:	3
Time:	30-minutes
Venue:	Classroom and Water
Craft:	Stand Up Paddleboard
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#### Session aim/s:

To ensure understanding of the value and range of purposes of warm-ups.

To ensure understanding of how to use warm-ups to support the development of performance.

To develop coaches' decision-making skills.

#### **Delivery:**

- Tutor to facilitate discussion on range of purposes for warm-ups (physiological, social, cognitive, skill specific preparation). To include the role of warm-ups to prime athletes/learners for the session to come, and as an opportunity to bring previous learning back into their minds.
- Tutor to facilitate discussion about how to select relevant warm-ups for the athletes and the planned session and how they can enhance skill development.
- 3. Students to deliver their planned warm-up/introductory session to the other groups.
- 4. Tutor to facilitate discussion at the end of each session to discuss the 'aim' and how it shaped a skill, promoted adaptation within that skill and required perception-action coupling.
- In addition, tutor to get groups to 'decide' where they would progress the session and why. Recapping on some of the coach decision-making methods that will have supported the decision.



## **SESSION 4**

Session Title:	Information Gathering – Skill and Athlete Observation
Session Number:	4
Time:	45-minutes
Venue:	Water
Craft:	Stand Up Paddleboard

#### Session aim/s:

To develop understanding of observation methods.

To develop tools to aid accurate observation.

To develop awareness of common observational mistakes and strategies to avoid these.

To develop understanding of how observation feeds decision-making for the 'Who' of coaching (learner motivations/aspirations), the 'What' of coaching (skill

observation) as well as the 'How' of coaching (learner learning observation).

To continue development of understanding and application of the fundamentals of paddlesport.

#### Delivery:

The delivery will be in smaller groups with big group sharing of knowledge; Tutors should support this process appropriately.

- 1. Tutor to facilitate small groups to go out and explore Active Posture and come up with how you go about observing when someone has good posture.
- Tutor to facilitate groups feeding back their findings, focusing on the following methods and how they link to decision-making: Holistic (unconscious decision-making), Deductive (unconscious and conscious decision-making) and Systematic observation (conscious decision-making). Ensure the pros and cons for these are discussed and how they complement each other.



- Focusing on power transfer students to go out in groups and explore how this changes and can it be observed by the coach as well as felt by the athlete in Forward paddling.
- 4. Tutor to lead discussion on how the students went about observing the performances to identify whether power transfer was happening. Including the methods already discussed along with highlighting the tools and observational triggers used: BBB, TTPP, positioning, repetitions, shapes, noises, rhythm, etc.
- 5. Tutor to facilitate discussion around how observation was used to identify how performers were learning/feeling during the practical. This to clarify that observation feeds decisions on what we coach (the 'what' of skill observation) as well as how we coach (the 'who' and 'how' of learner observation).
- 6. Throughout practical sessions and discussions, Tutor to facilitate identification of common observational mistakes and how to avoid them (cause and symptoms).

Tutor to bring together the findings from the groups so the knowledge is shared.



## **SESSION 5**

Session Title:	Is it working? Analysis and Evaluation of Performance
Session Number:	5
Time:	90-mins.
Venue:	Water
Craft:	Stand Up Paddleboard

#### Session aim/s:

To develop the students' performance models.

To create a greater understanding of the performance models and to develop observation of performance.

To explore evaluation methods to aid analysis of performance.

To continue to analyse the learning and coaching.

How does this feed the coaching decision-making.

### Delivery:

Session starts with entire group observing and working together, then split into smaller groups.

- 1. Tutor to create an appropriate learning environment to explain the SUP technique/tactics and bring this to life.
- 2. Whilst doing the above, the tutor is to help students with ways of evaluating the performance by using measurable outcomes and helping with their observation, e.g. how far can you travel on one/each stroke forward?
- 3. In smaller groups of 3 or 4 students, use video to evolve their performance models of the SUP race stroke. Tutor to facilitate and grow their knowledge of the performance models for this discipline and tactical application.
- 4. Tutor to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, drawing out the main evaluation methods and observational techniques used.
- Tutor to link this into how this feeds the decision-making of the 'What' of coaching (the starting point, monitoring, changing session aim, individualising, etc.)



6. Tutor to support students in their technical/tactical knowledge and understanding.



## **SESSION 6**

Session Title:	Site Specific Coaching
Session Number:	6
Time:	90-minutes
Venue:	Water
Craft:	Stand Up Paddleboard

#### Session aim/s:

To develop understanding on how to structure site-specific coaching sessions to maximise learning.

To develop understanding and use of a range of skill acquisition approaches.

To consolidate understanding of coaching behaviours, learning behaviours and creating an optimum learning environment.

To develop decision-making in discipline.

To develop technical/tactical knowledge and understanding.

#### Delivery:

This session is designed to contextualise some of the key learning from the Core into their discipline and provide a range of discipline specific skill acquisition methods (structure of practice, traditional cognitive approach to skill acquisition (chaining, sequencing, drills, whole-part-whole, part progressive) and a more dynamical systems approach to skill acquisition (constraints, shaping, games with aims, game sense). All of this should support development in their technical/tactical understanding of SUP and highlight how best to structure the session to support learning considering the environment. Examples:

 Tutor to facilitate each student delivering a 5-10 minute session peer coaching on SUP, with one peer observing. After the session, the observer identifies examples of Coach Award coaching behaviours, learning behaviours and optimum learning environment considerations and the coach discusses their decision-making. Tutor supports in this and then identifies what skill acquisition methods were used. At the end of the



students' sessions, Tutor to deliver a session on SUP to support understanding of session aims, it is anticipated this could well be about a dynamical systems approach.

- 2. Tutor to coach students to develop their technical skill and understanding of a skill required for the moderate open water environment for a short session. After the session, Tutor facilitates discussion of Coach Award coaching behaviours, learning behaviours and optimum learning environment considerations used in the session along with what skill acquisition methods were used and the decisions made. The Tutor then delivers another short session of a skill required for the moderate open water environment to demonstrate additional skill acquisition methods, along with further Coach Award coaching behaviours, learning behaviours and optimum learning environment considerations and the decisions made. Tutor to facilitate further discussion to ensure session aims are met.
- 3. Tutor to coach students to develop their technical skill and understanding of a skill required for the moderate open water environment for a short session. After the session, Tutor facilitates discussion of Coach Award coaching behaviours, learning behaviours and optimum learning environment considerations used in the session along with what skill acquisition methods were used and the decisions made. After this, students work in two groups, one planning to deliver a session showing a more cognitive approach to skill acquisition on SUP (chaining, sequencing, drills, whole-part-whole, part progressive) and one using a more dynamical systems approach to skill acquisition on SUP (constraints, shaping, games with aims, game sense). Once planned, the groups deliver their planned sessions to each other and Tutor facilitates discussion to support and develop understanding.



## **SESSION 7**

Session Title:	Coaching on the Move
Session Number:	7
Time:	60-minutes
Venue:	Water
Craft:	Stand Up Paddleboard

#### Session aim/s:

To develop understanding on how to structure sessions when coaching on the move to maximise learning.

To understand how developing athlete decision-making and strategically using coaching behaviours to do this can support coaching on the move.

To ensure understanding of appropriate group management, responsibility and risk management.

To further consolidate understanding of coaching behaviours, learning behaviours and creating an optimum performance learning environment.

To further develop technical/tactical, knowledge and understanding.

#### Delivery:

The session is run as two parts:

Part 1

This session is about developing understanding on how to structure coaching on the move, developing athlete decision-making and strategically using coaching behaviours to support this, with the focus being on use of coaching styles (e.g. reciprocal, self-check, guided and convergent discovery) and feedback (e.g. selfgained considering knowledge of process and how this affects results). Examples:

 Tutor delivers a variety of on the move coaching sessions to develop students' technical /tactical understanding. At the end of each 'mini' session, the tutor facilitates reflective discussion on what happened to enable coaching on the move and how coaching styles and feedback were strategically used to enable it.



2. Tutor delivers a short on the move coaching sessions to develop students' technical/tactical understanding. At the end of the session, the tutor facilitates reflective discussion on what happened to enable coaching on the move and how coaching styles and feedback were strategically used to enable it. Tutor then gets students, in small groups, to plan their own 5-minute on the move coaching session; this done, tutor facilitates the students delivering their coaching sessions to each other. Tutor facilitates reflective discussion on what happened to enable coaching on the move and how coaching sessions to each other.

#### Part 2

This session is about ensuring understanding of appropriate group management, responsibility and risk management for the environment.

Tutor to facilitate discussion on group management, risk assessment considerations (dynamic and considering risk benefit analysis).

- 1. Tutor to set scenarios for groups to discuss and feedback on with different craft and environmental considerations for group management.
- 2. Tutor to show additional examples of group management strategies as is required.
- 3. Emergency procedures should be considered and discussed for a range of environments and conditions.



## **SESSION 8**

Session Title:	Review of Day and Reflective Practice
Session Number:	8
Time:	30-mins.
Venue:	Classroom
Craft:	n/a

#### Session aim/s:

Review the day to capture learning and understanding, considering the 'Who',

'What', 'How' and 'Environmental Considerations' of coaching.

Confirm understanding of reflective practice.

Explore principles and models that are supporting achieve this.

Explore how students feel they are developing as coaches, identifying the learning opportunities helping to do this.

### Delivery:

- Tutor to facilitate interactive review of day using the 'Who' you are coaching (motivations, goals/aspirations, optimum learning environment), 'What' you need to coach (performance models, progressions) and 'How' you coach (learners learning, coaches response) model to bring the day together. Within this, how the 'Environmental Considerations' have an impact. Ensuring thoughts are captured, done through the use of flip chart, discussion and note taking as preferred.
- 2. Tutor to facilitate reflective practice around the following key areas of coaches' decision making:
  - a) Did we meet the learners' needs?
  - b) Did the coaching approach work?
  - c) Was the session effective did it work?
- Tutor to facilitate group discussion on strategies being used to support reflective practice and help develop coaches, including peer based strategies – advice seeking, joint construction and reflective transformation;



and independent strategies – coaching materials, creative thought and coaching repertoire).

- 4. Tutor to support in clearly identifying both the formal and informal opportunities to develop as a coach ensuring the concept of Communities of Practice is discussed.
- 5. Tutor to ensure students have a system in place to capture the day's learning and support their reflective practice.



## **SESSION 9**

Session Title:	Between Training and Assessment
Session Number:	9
Time:	45-minutes
Venue:	Classroom
Craft:	n/a

#### Session aim/s:

Introduce the development phase of the process.

Support students with how to get the right experiences.

Support students with how they will know they are ready for assessment.

Ensure understanding of the assessment process.

Explore how Communities of Practice may be available to help them.

#### Delivery:

- 1. Tutor to introduce the development phase of the Coach Award process and the support mechanisms in place.
- Tutor to support discussions about getting the 'right' experiences/activities to support their development and how to ensure they are ready for assessment:
  - Reflective practice
  - Experience learning on the job
  - Watching or working with other coaches
  - Discussions with other coaches and peers
  - Learning from athletes/participants
  - Gaining, and responding to, feedback
  - Evaluation to measure effectiveness
  - Other formal/informal learning
  - Working with a mentor
- 3. Tutor to discuss the pre-assessment task.
- 4. Tutor to discuss the practical assessment day process.



5. Tutor to discuss how Communities of Practice can support the process, and explore what their COPs are.



## **SESSION 10**

Session Title:	Session Planning
Session Number:	10
Time:	15-minutes
Venue:	Classroom
Craft:	n/a

#### Session aim/s:

To support students in their personalised approaches to session planning.

To ensure their session plans can be adaptive and progressive.

To plan a coaching session.

To consider gathering information on 'who' we are coaching, 'what' we need to coach and 'how' we are going to coach, with 'environmental considerations'. To consider how the plan links to our coaching philosophy.

#### Delivery:

- Tutor to facilitate group discussion on how they currently plan their coaching sessions, how they cater for adaptations that may be required and how they plan a progression of sessions, all considering the 'Who', 'What', 'How' and 'Environmental Considerations'.
- 2. Tutor to support further discussions, exercises or examples as is required.
- 3. Tutor to support in information gathering for their sessions considering the 'Who', 'What', 'Why' and 'Environmental Considerations'.
- 4. Tutor to introduce the following day's coaching session which students will plan that evening. This will be about a 15-minute session on an appropriate SUP Race skill. The session should fit with the coach's philosophy of coaching previously discussed.



## **SESSION 11**

Session Title:	Introduction to Day 2
Session Number:	11
Time:	15-minutes
Venue:	Classroom
Craft:	n/a
Session aim/s	

#### Session aim/s:

Confirm understanding of Day 1 learning outcomes.

Outline Day 2 learning outcomes and structure.

## Delivery:

- 1. Tutor led recap of Day 1 with opportunities for questions from overnight reflections.
- 2. Recap of 'Who', 'What', 'How' and 'Environmental Considerations' model; as part of recap of Day 1 and introducing Day 2.
- 3. Tutor to provide outline of the day and learning outcomes.



## **SESSION 12**

Session Title:	Session Plan Peer Review		
Session Number:	12		
Time:	45-minutes		
Venue:	Classroom		
Craft:	n/a		
Session aim/s:			
To further develop a p	personalised approach to adaptable session planning.		
To further develop teo	chnical/tactical content knowledge.		
To further develop de	livery (coaching and learning knowledge).		
To further develop un	derstanding and application of personal coaching		
philosophy.			
Delivery:			
1. In pairs, stude	1. In pairs, students to discuss their lesson plans focusing on the following:		
<ul> <li>Technical/Tactical content;</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>How the set</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How the session is planned to be delivered considering the 'Who',</li> </ul>		
'What', 'How' and 'Environmental Considerations';			
<ul> <li>How planned delivery demonstrates coach's values and beliefs in their</li> </ul>			
coaching philosophy.			
2. Tutor to support pairs in their discussions and provide opportunity for group			
questions/discussion as required.			



## **SESSION 13**

Session Title:	Coaching Sessions
Session Number:	13
Time:	120-minutes
Venue:	Water
Craft:	Stand Up Paddleboard

#### Session aim/s:

Opportunity for the students to practice their coaching, receive and provide feedback.

#### Delivery:

Students to deliver their planned session.

Each student to have approximately 15 minutes' delivery, followed by a 15-minute discussion and further tutor practical support.

Considerations for discussion:

- Coach to chat through the coaching behaviours they used and how they felt the session worked out, along with how they would progress the skill taught in a further session;
- Observers to provide feedback from their observations, focusing on 'what' they saw that demonstrates coaching/learning/learning environment subject areas covered the day before;
- Participants to provide feedback from their experience;
- Tutor to support with any additional (positive/supportive) comments to support individual and group learning;
- Tutor to practically add to the sessions to further develop/clarify understanding and/or add further coaching tools and examples. This done as much as time allows.

After session, Tutors to discuss with each other students' strengths and weaknesses and agree how these can be developed/supported as part of the students' development phase.



## **SESSION 14**

Session Title:	Developing Performance
Session Number:	14
Time:	60-minutes
Venue:	Classroom and Water
Craft:	Stand Up Paddleboard

#### Session aim/s:

To understand how accurate analysis of athletes' performance needs are met.

To further explore methods to observe and analyse appropriately to meet individual needs.

To look at methods to record athletes' performance.

To support the development of technical models and tactical awareness.

To understand the different tools available to measure athletes' performance and assist the coach in their analysis.

#### Delivery:

This session further develops the student's awareness of the importance of performance analysis, good technical / tactical knowledge and tools to support this. The session should involve introducing the concept of performance models and a check and challenge approach to developing them, to ensure they are individualised to meet learners' performance needs. The use of video should be discussed as a tool to support this, along with other ways of recording students' performance needs.

Examples:

- 1. Tutor to show video footage of an athlete competing in a race:
  - a) Students to watch video in small groups and identify the strengths and weaknesses. These to be fed back and discussed as big group;
  - b) Tutor to facilitate discussion on what observation, evaluation and measures were used to identify the TTPP strengths and weaknesses;
  - c) In groups, students to prioritise areas for improvement based on their observations. This fed back and discussed as a big group;



- d) Tutor to discuss the advantages of analysing performance by watching video footage.
- 2. Tutor to introduce various stopwatches that can assist the coach, GPS Systems and the time/distance charts to further help analysis.
- 3. Tutor to organise small groups, with each group's task to develop short/long term goals for an athlete moving forward to improve performance. To aid this, video cameras and any other analysis tools can be used. Once groups are happy with their analysis and plan, then discuss as small groups or as a large group.

Tutor to introduce the Coach Award Session Review: Participant Performance feedback form. Students to individually fill this out based on their group's/pair's conclusions from one of the sessions above. Tutors to support this process and highlight the 'what next' for the performer is all about good decision-making, which in turn is based on strong performance models and tactical awareness that meets the learners' needs.



### **SESSION 15**

Session Title:	Incident Management and Rescue Skills	
Session Number:	15	
Time:	90-minutes	
Venue:	Water	
Craft:	Stand Up Paddleboard	

#### Session aim/s:

To develop knowledge and ability for rescues required by a SUP Race Coach. To develop confidence in dealing with a range of incidents appropriate for the environment.

#### Delivery:

This is an opportunity to revisit rescue skills appropriate for a SUP Race Coach, practice these skills and develop a range of options to effect efficient rescues for SUP in a variety of conditions. The session can be individualised to meet needs but the students must leave with a clear idea of what will be expected at assessment as well as an increased range of rescue options, along with incident management awareness.



## **SESSION 16**

Session Title:	Review of Day
Session Number:	16
Time:	30-minutes
Venue:	Classroom
Craft:	n/a
Session aim/s:	

Review the day to capture learning and understanding.

Facilitate training course review and action planning process.

#### Delivery:

- 1. Tutor to facilitate interactive review of day ensuring thoughts are captured.
- 2. Revisit the 'Who', 'What', 'How', 'Environmental Considerations' model to bring the course together.
- 3. Tutor to facilitate time for training course review and action plan to be completed, with support as required.



## **SESSION 17**

Session Title:	Individual Debriefs and Action Planning	
Session Number:	17	
Time:	60-minutes	
Venue:	Classroom	
Craft:	n/a	
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#### Session aim/s:

To ensure all students get individual feedback and support regarding their journey towards an appropriate Coach Award assessment.

To ensure all students leave with an agreed and appropriate action plan.

## Delivery:

This can be delivered with tutors working individually with each seeing half of the students or with tutors working together and both seeing all the students.



## British Canoeing Awarding Body Stand Up Paddleboard (Race) Coach Training – Support Notes

This document provides the technical content as well as the level to be used to support the British Canoeing Awarding Body Stand UP Paddleboard (Race) Coach training.

#### Overview

The British Canoeing Awarding Body Stand Up Paddleboard (Race) Coach Training targets coaches who want to gain more knowledge about coaching athletes racing SUPs. This course provides the techniques and strategies for coaching Race SUP techniques to support the Course Training Programme. The course is a mix of theory and practical activity to ensure everyone has time to try things out. The course seeks to support the continuing process of good coaching practice from the Coach Core Module with the syllabi written to focus on coaches who are likely to be supporting paddlers at introductory to intermediate level.

### Delivery

Practical activities are in context of the core skills. Coaches will work towards understanding these core skills, while building specific coaching tools to aid the delivery of fun and productive sessions. The course will involve a mix of theory and practical sessions to aid the cognitive understanding and skills to be efficient on a board in the context of racing.

Providers must realise that not all the skills and content within this document can be covered and that by information gathering and understanding your participant needs will steer what aspects you will cover on the programme in specific sessions such as Session 3 – Warm-



ups, Session 4 – Information Gathering, Session 5 – Analysis and Evaluation, Sessions 6, 7 and 13 – Coaching Sessions, Session 14 – Developing Performance and Session 15 – Incident Management.

The content within this document will also aid both provider and candidate with reviewing and action planning as well as establishing their current knowledge and understanding with specific areas that may need developing before their assessment.

#### **Linked Outcomes**

- Recognise and understand the key components of SUP Race Skills, (Technique, Tactical, Physiology, Psychological)
- Understand the key concepts of SUP Coaching

During the course, participants will also:

- Have been introduced to planning and organising a SUP Race session;
- Have experienced SUP Race coaching in a small group;
- Have decided what you do next as an SUP Race Coach;
- Where to find help and more information.



# British Canoeing Awarding Body Stand Up Paddleboard (Race) Coach Training – Support Notes

Торіс	Link to	Outcome	Key Content
	session(s)		
British Canoeing	Session 1, 8,	Coaches have an overview understanding	Coach Award options:
Awarding Body	9, 10, 16, 17	of where SUP fits into British Canoeing	- BC SUP Coach – Sheltered Water
Pathways		Awarding Body and the options that are	- BC SUP Coach – White Water
		available.	- BC SUP Coach – Open Water
		Coaches have an awareness of the	Personal Performance Awards:
		Personal Performance awards and the	- BC SUP Sheltered Water Award
		options/resources that are available for	- BC SUP White Water Award
		SUP.	- BC SUP Paddle Surf Award
History	Session 1	Coaches have an awareness of the	Covering:
		history of SUP and the role of the BC SUP	- BC Environmental Definitions and Deployment
		Race Coach.	Guidance for Instructors, Coaches and Leaders
			- History of SUP in the UK
Equipment	Session 1, 3,	Coaches to understand equipment issues	Covering:
	4, 5, 6, 7, 12,	and how these aid/hinder participants in	- The range of Boards available and differences
	13, 14, 15	their Paddleboarding:	between hard Boards and ISUPs.



		- Experience	- Types of fins
		- Performance	- Including fin placements
		- Safety	- Leashes – types and attachments to paddler
			- Types of paddles and their performance differences
			- Suitable clothing
			- Any safety equipment required
Other organisations	Session 1, 16,	Coaches to be aware of the landscape of	Covering:
	17	SUP and what options are open to them.	- Water Skills Academy (WSA)
			- Academy of Surfing Instructors (ASI)
			- British Stand Up Paddle Association (BSUPA)
Kneeling Paddling	Session 3, 4,	Coaches to be aware of the competencies	Covering:
Skills	5, 6, 7, 13, 14	required to kneel and paddle.	- Positioning on Board:
		Coaches to understand and perform:	- Knees together/apart/middle of Board/side of
		- Coaching progressions	Board/back of Board
		- Performance gains for efficiency	- Holding paddle
		- Benefits for safety	- Forward Paddling
			- Static turning:
			- Options including sweeps and draws
			- Turning on the move:

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#### - Options including sweeps and draws, pitching of blade and different positions on Board Coaches to be aware of the competencies Standing Paddling Session 3, 4, Covering: Skills 5, 6, 7, 13, 14 required to stand and paddle. - Moving from knees to feet: Coaches to understand and perform: - Options including use of paddle, use of another Coaching progressions person, where to look, where to places hands/feet, \_ Performance gains for efficiency getting the Board moving - Stances: - Surf versus squared off stance, toe position, width of feet, position on Board - Forward Paddling: - Different styles from race through to touring - Static Turning: - Options including sweeps and draws - Turning on the move: - Options including sweeps and draws, pitching of blade and different positions on Board - Steering:



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			- Using draws and pitching of the blade to assist
			steering from bow
			- Use of edge
			- Use of feet pressure
Fitness and Training	Session 3, 4,	The coach understands the principles of:	Covering:
for Racing:	5, 6, 7, 13, 14	The physiology of Racing,	Energy systems and endurance/Strength and
- Physiology of		Endurance and strength training, Cross-	conditioning/Time trials/Flexibility and mobility Injury
warming up and		training	prevention/Hydration and nutrition/Interval
cooling down		Training adaptations	training/Session intensity and balance/Resting and
- Training increase		The training cycle - (work/rest/adapt)	recovery/Daily, weekly and monthly sessions/All-round
performance		The coach can deliver/manage:	athlete/Mental strength and confidence
- Periodisation and		A training session including warm up and	- Planning race training:
peaking		warming down	Periodisation
		A training programme	Goal setting - (TTPP input)
		Monitoring progress	Data analysis feedback into training plans
			Race reviews and wash-ups feedback into
			training plans



			Long term athlete development: putting training into
			context.
The Principles of	Session 3, 4,	The Coach Understands:	Covering:
Racing:	5, 6, 7, 13, 14	The importance and principles of efficient	Develop efficient forward paddling
Core foundations:		forward paddling.	Develop Racing skills
- Efficient forward		The coach can:	Develop board and water skills
paddling		Observe and analyse the stroke/Provide	Crew boards training and racing
- Race training and		advice	Psychological skills and strength
preparation		Set up and deliver simple drills to improve	Race day planning and techniques
- Race skills and		paddle technique	- Pre-Race
tactics		Set up training to introduce race	- Race Tactics
- Fair Play		techniques	- Race review and wash-ups
		Encourage decision making	- Coaches feedback, what, when and how.
		The benefit of developing the all-round	Race ethics
		athlete	
Incident Management	Session 15	Coaches to be aware and understand	Covering:
and Rescue Skills		what is required at assessment.	- Group skills and proactive solutions:
			- Working as a team to move – options including use
			of Boards on top of each other, going tandem, etc.

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Coaches to have a range of options for	- Towing/assisting:
solving common Paddleboarding	- Using tow systems/understanding the potential
scenarios.	issues of towing from the body/understanding the
Coaches to understand how to coach	need to keep the leash on/systems where person
paddleboarders to stay safe and rescue	being assisted is paddling as well
others.	- Assisting back on Board:
Coaches to understand and perform:	- Options of getting a swimmer back on the board
- Coaching progressions	who need help/use of other Boards, paddlers/use of
- What equipment is required	paddles/use of stir-ups/coaching progressions for
- Looking after equipment	the swimmer
- Safe, effective and efficient	- Unconscious casualty:
rescues.	- Ways to get the person out of the water back onto a
	Board/the understanding of 'what next' should be
	explored.