

BJA COACHING PRIORITIES

Three-year vision for Coaching within the BJA: To ensure that the BJA Coach Award structure develops in line with the Government's UK vision for Coaching*, embracing the principles of and attaining the status of the National Coaching Certificate (NCC) at five distinct levels. To educate the Associations staff and volunteers accordingly in order to maintain and upgrade their existing skills and offer improved opportunities to all future Coach Award candidates within a Nationally recognised framework.

Existing Coach Award requirements and procedures will be reviewed and amended where necessary in order to ensure a 'consistently delivered quality curriculum' with natural progression both through and within all levels by the implementation of a modular awards system. The ultimate aim is to provide a comprehensive Coach Education structure catering for the needs of Coaches through from grass roots to High Performance level which also incorporates specialist modules, where appropriate, for Coaches who wish to further their knowledge for their activity in specifically targeted areas such as Schools Judo, Disability Judo, High Performance Judo etc. Throughout this transition period the overriding aim is to meet the needs and expectations of the Association's Coaches, recognising that they are the backbone of the Association.

The role of the BJA Coaching Commission in achieving this: It is the aim of the BJA Coaching Commission to instigate and support both the Technical and Developmental advancement of Coaching within the Association. The Commission are seeking to meet the Government's UK vision for Coaching* by embracing the implementation of the five-level NCC, as detailed above and also via the integration of Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) principles. The Commission will also be actively steering the continued development and expansion of the BJA's Coach Education Programme during this critical period in order to ensure that Judo remains at the forefront of modern day sports Coaching.

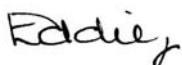
The Commission will work closely with the BJA's newly appointed Coaching Officer towards their common pursuit as detailed in the Associations three-year vision for Coaching above. The Commission will continue to be responsible for the appointment of Area Technical Directors (following recommendation from BJA Areas) and work closely with such post holders to ensure effective communication, particularly during this forthcoming period of policy review. The Commission will also hold or arrange seminars, conferences, networking events, etc. to promote the resulting evolution of the Coach Education structure.

*The UK Vision for Coaching has established the overall direction for the future development of coaching in the United Kingdom for the next ten years. It has been endorsed by sports coach UK, UK Sport, sportscotland, the Sports Council for Wales, Coaching Northern Ireland, Sport England, the British Olympic Association and SPRITO, the national training organisation for sport and recreation:

By 2012 the practice of coaching in the UK will be elevated to a profession acknowledged as central to the development of sport and the fulfilment of individual potential. Coaching will have:

- ***professional and ethical values and inclusive and equitable practice***
- ***agreed national standards of competence as a benchmark at all levels***
- ***a regulated and licensed structure***
- ***recognition, value and appropriate funding and reward***
- ***a culture and structure of innovation, constant renewal and continuous professional development standards.***

"I care passionately about our Coaches as I sincerely believe that they are the BJA's most valuable asset and form the very basis of our association. Coaches, Coach Education and good coaching practices are essential in the development of judo from grass roots to excellence. A considerable amount of thought and work has gone into preparing the above three-year vision, I feel it is the way forward and therefore I commend it to you all".



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'Better Coaches – Better Coaching'