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Introduction

This document outlines the prerequisites for paddlesport leadership and coach awards. It is subject to change, therefore please ensure you check for the latest updates and version.

To obtain any of the following awards or qualifications you must ensure you have the right prerequisites. The following tables are a guide to assist you with this.

This is a guide, you should also **ensure your personal paddling and rescue skills are competent**. Training courses and modules (such as Paddlesport Safety & Rescue - PSRC, White Water Rescue - WWR, Navigation for Paddlers etc.) can assist you to learn, develop, and evidence this.

It is worth noting that simply because an award doesn't require something doesn't mean it couldn't be beneficial for your own personal and / or professional development.

Instructor

The Instructor Awards are qualifications that prepare paddlers to teach and introduce to beginners to paddlesports in a safe, fun, and supportive way.

Instructor - **Very Sheltered Water**							
Awarding Body Course	**Minimum Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**PSRC or FSRT**	**Registration**	**eLearning**
Paddlesport Instructor	14	Full	❌	❌	✔*	✔	Awarding Body Instructor (optional)
SUP Instructor	14	Full	❌	❌	❌	✔	Awarding Body Instructor (optional)

* Please note PSRC has replaced FSRT. (FSRT is accepted as an alternative to PSRC). Inland Open Water Safety & Rescue, Intro to White Water Safety, White Water Safety, Advanced White Water Safety, Sea Kayak Safety & Rescue, and Surf Kayak Safety & Rescue are all accepted alternatives also.

Leadership

The Leadership Awards empowers individuals to lead others in various paddlesport disciplines and environments. They are designed to formally recognise and certify individuals who have the skills, knowledge, and judgement to lead others safely and effectively on the water, across a variety of paddlesport environments and craft.

Leadership Awards are often a required prerequisite for Coach Awards (see Coach Award below).

Leader - **Sheltered Water**						
Awarding Body Course	**Minimum Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**Registration**	**eLearning**
Paddlesport Leader	16	Full	✔ (Min. 1 day)	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)
SUP Sheltered Water Leader	16	Full	✔ (Min. 1 day)	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Leader - **Moderate Water - Paddlesport**						
Awarding Body Course	**Min. Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**Registration**	**eLearning**

Paddlesport Touring Leader	16	Full	✔ (Min. 2 day)	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Leader - **Moderate Water - SUP**

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	White Water Safety	Weather	Tides	Surf & Swell	Navigation for Paddlers	eLearning
							or CNTP				
SUP White Water Leader	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)
SUP Inland Open Water Leader	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)
SUP Tidal Leader	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

* Please note WWS has replaced WWSR and Weather, Tides, Surf & Swell, and Navigation for Paddlers have replaced CNTP and OWNTP.

Leader - **Moderate Water - Canoe**

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	WWS	eLearning
Canoe White Water Leader	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)
Canoe Open Water Leader	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✖	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Leader - **Moderate Water - Sea Kayak**

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	Surf Kayak Safety & Rescue	Weather	Tides	Surf & Swell	Navigation for Paddlers	eLearning
							or CNTP				
Sea Kayak Leader (non-tidal & tidal)	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Surf Kayak Leader	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

* Please note Weather, Tides, Surf & Swell, and Navigation for Paddlers have replaced CNTP and OWNTP.

Leader - **Moderate Water - White Water (Kayak)**

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	WWS	eLearning
White Water Leader	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Leader - **Advanced Water - SUP**

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	Weather	Tides	Surf & Swell	Navigation for Paddlers	eLearning
						or CNTP				
SUP Coastal Leader	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Leader - **Advanced Water - Canoe**

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	Advanced WWS	eLearning
Advanced Canoe White Water Leader	18	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)
Advanced Canoe Open Water Leader	18	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	❌	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Leader - **Advanced Water - Sea Kayak**

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	Weather	Tides	Surf & Swell	Navigation for Paddlers	Open Crossings	eLearning
						or OWNTP or CNTP + Open Crossings					
Advanced Sea Kayak Leader	18	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership

(non-tidal & tidal)											(optional)
Advanced Surf Kayak Leader	18	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Leader - **Advanced Water - White Water (Kayak)**							
Awarding Body Course	**Min. Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**Registration**	**Advanced WWS**	**eLearning**
Advanced White Water Leader	18	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Rafting

Rafting Guide							
Awarding Body Course	**Min. Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**Registration**	**WWS**	**eLearning**
Rafting Guide Grade 2	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	Advanced WWS	eLearning
Rafting Guide Grade 3/4	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	eLearning
Stadium Raft Guide	16	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Raft Trip Leader

Awarding Body Course	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Registration	Advanced WWS	Relevant Rafting Guide Award	eLearning
Raft Trip Leader Grade 3	18	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)
Raft Trip Leader Grade 4	18	Full	✔ (2 day)	✔	✔	✔	✔	Awarding Body Leadership (optional)

Awarding Body Safety Award Equivalents

It is recognised that some aspirant Leaders, Guides, and Coaches may have alternative training, awards, and / or qualifications other than Awarding Body. For example, RYA Essential Navigation & Seamanship Course, WRT-REC etc.

Check Awarding Body Safety Awards Equivalency to see what equivalents can be accepted.

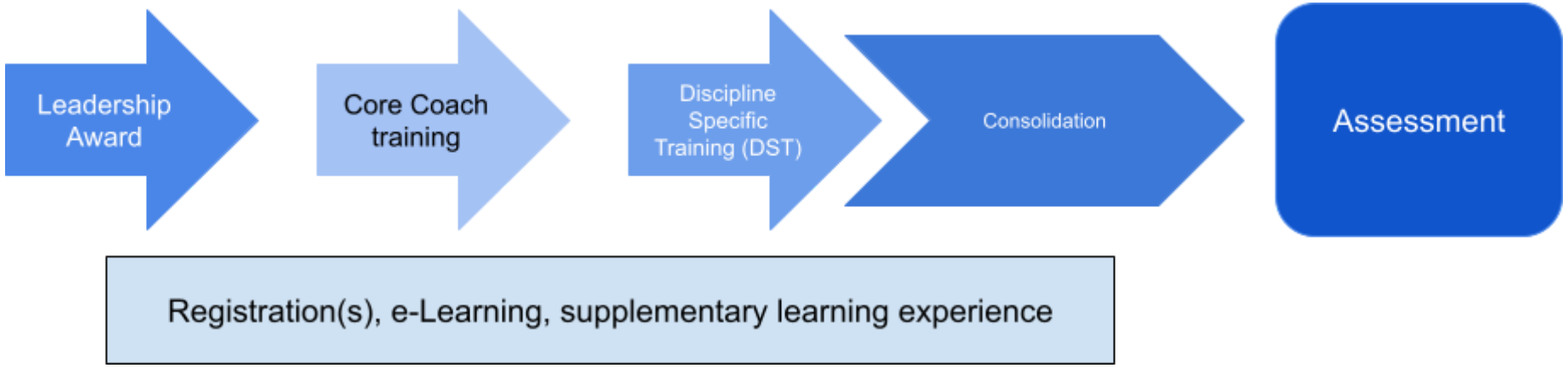
To submit an equivalent training, award or qualification for consideration, please see the Accredited Prior Learning Guidance.

Coach Award

The Coach Award is designed for people whose core function is to coach paddlers who want to gain/improve paddlesport skills within the discipline chosen. This will include coaching beginners new to the sport, or paddlers looking to develop their skills in the given discipline or environment.

The coach is able to plan, deliver and review progressive sessions safely, effectively and independently.

Coach Award Pathway



Coach Award - Discipline Specific Training (DST)				
SUP				
Discipline	**Min. Age**	**Membership**	**Core Coach Training**	**Leadership Award**
SUP Coach Training (Sheltered Water)	16	Full	✔	✘
SUP Coach Training (Open Water)	16	Full	✔	SUP Inland Open Water Leader [4]
SUP Coach Training (White Water)	16	Full	✔	SUP WW Leader
SUP Coach Training (Race)	16	Full	✔	SUP Inland Open Water Leader [4]

Coach Award - Discipline Specific Training (DST)

Canoe

Discipline	Min. Age	Membership	Core Coach Training	Leadership Award
Sheltered Water Canoe/Kayak Coach Training	16	Full	✔	✘
Open Water Canoe Coach Training	16	Full	✔	Canoe Leader or Canoe Open Water Leader [1]
Open Water Canoe Coach (Advanced Water) Training	18	Full	✔	Advanced Canoe Leader or Advanced Canoe Open Water Leader [2]
White Water Canoe Coach Training	16	Full	✔	Canoe WW Leader or Canoe Leader [1]
White Water Canoe Coach Training (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔	Advanced Canoe WW Leader or Advanced Canoe Leader [2]

Sea Kayak & Surf Kayak

Discipline	Min. Age	Membership	Core Coach Training	Leadership Award
Sea Kayak Coach Training	16	Full	✔	Sea Kayak Leader [1]

Coach Award - Discipline Specific Training (DST)

Sea Kayak Coach Training (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔️	Advanced Sea Kayak Leader [2]
Surf Kayak Coach Training	16	Full	✔️	Surf Kayak Leader [1]
Surf Kayak Coach Training (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔️	Advanced Surf Kayak Leader [2]

Kayak

Discipline	Min. Age	Membership	Core Coach Training	Leadership Award
Sheltered Water Canoe/Kayak Coach Training	16	Full	✔️	❌
White Water Kayak Coach Training	16	Full	✔️	WW Leader or WW Kayak Leader [1]
White Water Kayak Coach Training (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔️	Advanced WW Leader or Advanced WW Kayak Leader [2]

Freestyle, Slalom & Racing

Discipline	Min. Age	Membership	Core Coach Training	Leadership Award
Wild Water Racing Coach Training	16	Full	✔️	❌

Coach Award - Discipline Specific Training (DST)				
Racing Coach Training (Sheltered Water)	16	Full	✔	✘
Racing Coach Training (Moderate Inland Water)	16	Full	✔	✘
Slalom Coach Training (Grade 1/2)	16	Full	✔	✘
Slalom Coach Training (Grade 2/3)	16	Full	✔	✘
Freestyle Coach Training	16	Full	✔	✘

Coach Award Assessment

SUP

Discipline	Min. Age	Membership	First Aid	Safeguarding	Leadership Award	Core Coach Training	Registration	Coach Award Discipline Specific Training	Coach Award eLearning	Assessment Check In
SUP Coach (Sheltered Water)	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
SUP Coach (Open Water)	16	Full	✔	✔	SUP Inland Open Water Leader [4]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
SUP Coach (Race)	16	Full	✔	✔	SUP Inland Open Water Leader [4]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
SUP Coach (White Water)	16	Full	✔	✔	SUP WW Leader	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

Note 1: or 4 Star Leadership Award in relevant discipline
Note 2: or 5 Star Leadership Award in relevant discipline
Note 3: Candidates who hold Paddlesport Touring Leader taken in Canoe, can apply via APL to use this instead
Note 4: Candidates who hold Paddlesport Touring Leader taken in SUP (or SUP Tidal or Coastal Leader), can apply via APL to use this instead

Canoe										
Discipline	**Min. Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**Leadership Award**	**Core Coach Training**	**Registration**	**Coach Award Discipline Specific Training**	**Coach Award eLearning**	**Assessment Check In**
Sheltered Water Canoe/Kayak Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Open Water Canoe Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	Canoe Leader or Canoe Open Water Leader [1 3]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Open Water Canoe Coach (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔	✔	Advanced Canoe Leader or Advanced Canoe Open Water Leader [2]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
White Water Canoe Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	Canoe WW Leader or Canoe Leader [1]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
White Water Canoe Coach (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔	✔	Advanced Canoe WW Leader or Advanced Canoe Leader [2]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

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Sea Kayak & Surf Kayak										
Discipline	**Min. Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**Leadership Award**	**Core Coach Training**	**Registration**	**Coach Award Discipline Specific Training**	**Coach Award eLearning**	**Assessment Check In**
Sea Kayak Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	Sea Kayak Leader [1]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Sea Kayak Coach (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔	✔	Advanced Sea Kayak Leader [2]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Surf Kayak Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	Surf Kayak Leader [1]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Surf Kayak Coach (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔	✔	Advanced Surf Kayak Leader [2]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

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Note 4: Candidates who hold Paddlesport Touring Leader taken in SUP (or SUP Tidal or Coastal Leader), can apply via APL to use this instead

Kayak										
Discipline	**Min. Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**Leadership Award**	**Core Coach Training**	**Registration**	**Coach Award Discipline Specific Training**	**Coach Award eLearning**	**Assessment Check In**
Sheltered Water Canoe/Kayak Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
White Water Kayak Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	WW Leader or WW Kayak Leader [1]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
White Water Kayak Coach (Advanced Water)	18	Full	✔	✔	Advanced WW Leader or Advanced WW Kayak Leader [2]	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

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Freestyle, Slalom, Racing, & Polo										
Discipline	**Min. Age**	**Membership**	**First Aid**	**Safeguarding**	**Leadership Award**	**Core Coach Training**	**Registration**	**Coach Award Discipline Specific Training**	**Coach Award eLearning**	**Assessment Check In**
Freestyle Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Slalom Coach (Grade 1/2)	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Slalom Coach (Grade 2/3)	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Polo Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Racing Coach (Sheltered Water)	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Racing Coach (Moderate Inland Water)	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Wild Water Racing Coach	16	Full	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

eLearning

Instructor eLearning

The Awarding Body **Instructor eLearning** supports anyone taking part in or thinking about the Paddlesport Instructor or SUP Instructor courses, which are a great first step for those looking to deliver safe and enjoyable taster/starter sessions based on a group's needs and aspirations.

It is designed to support **Instructors** and aspirant **Instructors** through varying topics of knowledge and skill. There are 9 topics in all, along with a knowledge audit which will help you understand areas you may need to develop further.

- 4 hours
- 20 CPD points
- Added to your National Association record after completion
- Member price = £20.00, non-member price = £40.00

Leadership eLearning

This Awarding Body eLearning explores the Paddle UK Model of Leadership and supports all **Leaders** or aspirant **Leaders**.

It will help you to make informed decisions to the many questions posed when leading in a water-based environment. It takes you through the key principles behind the model and the influences on leader behaviour and leadership styles.

- 20 minutes
- 5 CPD points
- Added to your National Association record after completion
- Member Price = Free, Non-member price = £10.00

Coach Award eLearning

Supporting the Awarding Body Coach Award, this elearning can also be purchased separately as standalone CPD.

The 6-module elearning focuses on both the learner and the **Coach**. It covers planning, decision making and feedback, as well as the learning environment, coaching methods and coaching philosophy.

- Purchased as standalone CPD or accessed for FREE when you register for the Awarding Body Coach Award Qualification
- 20 CPD points
- Member Price (standalone CPD) = £20.00, non-member price = £40.00, Member Price (Awarding Body Coach Award Registered) = FREE
- Compulsory for those completing the Coach Award Qualification (must be completed before assessment)