

Level 1 Award in Coaching Angling: Angling Support Coach

What's involved and what happens next

Event-specific



Online booking will close automatically at the stated deadline.

Although it might be possible to include further applicants at this point if the course is not full, there is no guarantee of securing a place and it's advisable to book in good time.

Course fees: what they cover

The cost of a Level 1 course includes tuition, resources, registration and certification, but not meals, travel or accommodation. By taking your coaching qualification through Angling Trust's Coaching Centre you'll also be eligible for the first year of coach licensing without the usual annual fee. It's assumed that coaches will wish to take advantage of this, but you can opt not to do so.

DBS checking isn't required to take a coaching qualification, but if you take up coach licensing when you're qualified you'll be required to undertake an appropriate Enhanced DBS check, which the Coaching Centre will arrange for you.

You don't need to be an individual member of the Angling Trust in order to undertake a qualification in coaching angling – in fact if you take up coach licensing after qualifying you'll get your individual membership as part of the licence.



A Level 1 course is designed to impart and develop skills in coaching what you already know, and isn't a masterclass or a "teach you to fish" course. Everyone's interests, specialisms, expertise and experience will be different.

Programme Outline

The new Angling Support Coach qualification is focused on applied coaching practice, so that Learners can expect to start practical delivery within half an hour on Day 1, and that will continue through to the assessment.

The course is pitched at those who have angling experience but may lack the confidence and broader experience to deliver a supported session. It would be appropriate for example for supportive parents who want to become more involved in angling, as well as those existing anglers who want to take their first step on the coaching ladder.

Paperwork is kept to the minimum, with brief tasks to complete – no essays or written tests required.

- ◆ For attended courses, Learners should be prepared to attend on each day between 9:30 am and approximately 5 pm.
- ◆ Schedules for online Level courses vary, with group sessions typically being 2 to 3 hours each: these may be in the daytime, in the evenings or a combination of the two.

A Level 1 course breaks down coaching delivery into three areas:

- ▶ **ACTIVATE**, including interpretation of the working relationship of lead and support coaches; planning for the needs of the individual angler; dynamic risk assessment and keeping it safe
- ▶ **DELIVER**, including giving instructions; demonstrating; using open questions; building rapport; making it fun and keeping it safe; using praise appropriately
- ▶ **REVIEW**, including safeguarding responsibilities; closing the session; reviewing the learning that's taken place; setting the topic for the next lesson; feedback to the Lead Level 2 Coach on individual learning; self-review and personal goal-setting

After you've booked online

We'll send a confirmation with some information about what to expect next, and Accounts staff will email a receipt for your payment.

Shortly before the start date of your selected course, we'll send you either a Welcome Pack by post or a set of pre-course material by email. For attended courses this will include details of what to bring with you, or for online events, what to have ready for group sessions. There will also be contact details for the course tutor in case you should have questions with which Admin staff can't assist.

- ▶ For attended events the pre-course information is normally dispatched on the Monday 12 days prior to the start date;
- ▶ for online courses the details will usually go out the day after booking closes.



Your pre-course Welcome Pack or mailing will also include information about the Licensed Coach Scheme.

How soon will I be qualified?

You have to take part on all the course dates and complete all the work to the required standard. Your work must be assessed and internally verified before the Coaching Centre can apply to 1st4sport for a certificate in your name. However it's usually possible for tutors to authorise the Coaching Centre to request certification in the week following the end of your course.

Once your certificate is issued to the Coaching Centre, we will forward it to you as quickly as possible and assist you in applying for coach licensing (unless you don't wish to become licensed). By taking your Level 1 qualification through the Angling Trust's Coaching Centre you're eligible to take up the first year of licensing without the usual annual fee.



Progressing to Level 2

If you're aiming to go on and undertake your Level 2 qualification as soon as possible, please note that it's necessary to have confirmation of Level 1 certification before Angling Trust can register you as a Learner on a Level 2 course. Since the launch of the new Level 1 Angling Support Coach qualification in 2019 this confirmation is now usually available within a few days of the end of your course.

However you'll still need to meet the stated booking deadline for your preferred Level 2 event.

Although it is possible to book your Level 2 course before completing Level 1, you should be aware that if for any reason you couldn't complete Level 1 as planned (for example if you were ill or if your Level 1 event had to be postponed for any reason), it could affect your timescales for undertaking and achieving a Level 2 qualification.

Availability of other events

As soon as we have new public events ready to advertise and open for booking, we'll add them to the online booking facility. If you don't see an attended event for which the dates and location would be suitable for you, it doesn't mean we don't run them in your area, just that currently there isn't a course available there.

Coaching Centre staff won't generally be able to tell you in advance what other events may become available later on, but you might like to be added to our Enquiry List.

If so, please email coachingbookings@anglingtrust.net with your name and approximate location. We aim to send out alerts when new events are about to become visible on the online booking facility, and your location will help us to bring to your attention forthcoming courses for your region.