



Virtual Fisheries Forum | 09/01/2024 | Angling Coaching : Where to start

Q & A SESSION

Q. Level 1 Coaching Certificate is being phased out, what will be its replacement?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – The level 1 Coaching Certificate will be replaced with a Volunteer Support Coach scheme.

Q. Does The Angling Trust have a standard template for a risk assessment form.

A. (Richard Hadley) – Yes, we have produced a simple risk assessment form to encourage coaches to complete one. <https://anglingtrust.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Angling-Trust-Risk-Assessment.pdf>

Failure to complete a dated risk assessment links in with obligations to the Health and Safety executive and you could be sued - you must also demonstrate that your mitigation of the risks are deemed reasonable. This document should be kept for a min of 10 years.

Q. Who is the accrediting body for level 2 & 3 – and if I already have a level 5 coaching and monitoring qualification from (ILM), will I need to complete all modules or can those be stream-lined?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – The 'new' Level 2 award is endorsed by The Angling Trust but the new qualification is mapped in to **CIMSPA** Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity certificate. They will most likely both sit also with 1st For Sport. If you currently have a Level 5 as described earlier,

you would only need to do the four 'Linked' session plus an assessment with The Angling Trust at a cost of £35.

Q. What are Richard Hadley's contact details for any further details regarding Coaching etc.

A. (Richard Hadley) – richard.hadley@anglingtrust.net 07720974811.

Q. Is Fly Fishing included within the programme?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – Yes, fly fishing definitely is included – (GAIA) <https://gameanglinginstructors.co.uk/> have had some influence in this as have (AAPGIA) <https://www.aapgai.co.uk/> and in parallel with the coaching course there will be an event guide and an award equivalent to the Level 2 – this is currently in development.

Q. I am working towards getting my GAIA accreditation, do I still need to complete all of the elements in the Level 2 ?

A. (Richard Hadley) - There are subtle differences, the GAIA accreditation is more about personal development, whereas the level 2 coaching certificate is much broader – including communication, and the ability to coach a skill as opposed to just demonstrating. E.g. a person unable to perform the task / skill themselves, can still coach someone in how to correctly perform said task / discipline.

Q. Where are the Level 2 courses being held?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – Courses will be delivered in locations that will cover all regions of UK. We will also put on a course for you in your own area, in the event you can arrange suitable numbers of attendees.

Q. When are the Level 2 courses being held?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – New course details are available now here
<https://anglingtrust.net/get-involved/coaching/>

Q. How many hours does the Level 2 cover?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – Level 2 = 180 hours + resources and 4 linked tasks and an assessment.

Q. Do you think the Level 2 certificate should have an expiry date?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – Possibly yes, but in reality, perhaps CPD (continuing professional development) should be implemented and encouraged going forward.

Q. Can a course be organised with 6 attendees paying £270 with a total cost of £1,600 which was alluded to earlier?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – That is correct – and likewise, we can put on a course for 10 at a cost of £160 per attendee due to the economies of scale. Typical attendee numbers are between 6 and 10, but we have done up to 24 attendees in the past.

Q. To take a course, do you need to have knowledge wider than your usual chosen angling discipline?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – No, if you can understand, identify and analyse various aspect of an activity, you can coach any sport. A great example of this is the person who coached Mark Spitz to 7 Olympic medals - whom himself could not swim at all.

Q. What level of knowledge / skill do I need to become an angling coach?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – A good general understanding of water-craft, a high level of respect and care for the quarry (the fish themselves) in a minimum requirement.

Q. Outside of this forum and going forward, who is the best person to contact at The Angling Trust regarding the topic of encouraging more youngsters into angling?.

A. (Richard Hadley) – The Angling Trust's Reel education programme - <https://anglingtrust.net/get-involved/reel-education/> is brilliant with Neil Wiley covering the South – with Chris Holden covering the North. We have recently engaged nearly 17,000 children with over 8,000 interested in going fishing afterwards.

Key contacts from this forum meeting: -

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