

Coaching FAQs

Q: WHY DO I NEED A COACH LICENCE FROM THE ANGLING TRUST?

The Angling Trust is the National Governing Body for angling in England. Our Coach Licence proves to parents, children, groups, organisations and others that you are appropriately qualified and regularly engage in training in order to maintain the highest possible coaching standards. It also gives them assurance that you complete the following every 3 years:

- Safeguard training
- First Aid training
- Enhanced DBS check

Q: WHICH QUALIFICATION OR COURSE SHOULD I DO?

You have two options if you would like to become involved in helping people to fish.

Event Support Volunteer

This training requires people to complete the Intro to Safeguarding and Safe Delivery Essentials training modules and also complete an enhanced DBS. After completion, ESV's can assist licensed Coaches in the delivery of the coaches sessions, in order to support the coach, and also to gain experience within angling delivery.

Angling Trust Coach Qualification

This training builds upon the Event Support Volunteer modules and through a detailed online training program, Teams online training and face-2-face practical assessment days, trains anglers to become qualified and professional Angling Coaches. This qualification is the standard recognised by Sport England and most insurance companies.

Q: WHAT DO THE QUALIFICATIONS INVOLVE?

Event Support Volunteer (ESV)

The **Event Support Volunteer Award** involves completing two online training modules — **Intro to Safeguarding** and **Safe Delivery Essentials** — followed by an **Enhanced DBS check**.

Angling Trust Coach Qualification

To complete the full **Angling Trust Coach Qualification**, participants must:

1. **Complete all the Event Support Volunteer requirements**, including:
 - Intro to Safeguarding
 - Safe Delivery Essentials
 - Enhanced DBS check
2. **Complete all coach-specific online modules**, which build upon the ESV training and form the full programme of study for qualified Angling Coaches.
3. **Attend a 2-hour “Meet the Coaching Centre” Teams meeting** with a member of the Coaching Centre management team
4. **Attend a full-day practical assessment** at one of the Angling Trust’s national assessment venues.

Q: DO I NEED INSURANCE?

As a Coach it is essential that you have public liability insurance, but it is also essential that you hold professional indemnity insurance to protect your activity as a coach. This is provided as part of the coach licence which costs just £50.

It is essential that coaches read and understand the insurance policy cover which is included with their coach licence to ensure it satisfies their needs. It covers them as a coach, but is not business cover to insure the running of a company, nor does it include employers liability insurance, which is required to insure paid and voluntary staff and helpers.

Q: WHAT JOB CAN I DO WHEN I QUALIFY?

Event Support Volunteer (ESV)

Completing the **Event Support Volunteer** training does **not** give you a coaching qualification. However, once you finish the two online modules and DBS check, you can **assist licensed Angling Trust Coaches** during their sessions.

You must work **under the direction of a licensed coach** and **within their participant-to-coach ratios**

Angling Trust Coach Qualification

Once you complete the full **Angling Trust Coach Qualification**, you are recognised as a **qualified Angling Coach** and can begin delivering coaching independently.

This may include:

- Running coaching sessions as a **professional angling coach, guide or instructor**
- Delivering **club development programmes** within angling clubs

- Offering **paid angling tuition** to the public in coarse, sea or game fishing
- Working with **schools, education providers or alternative education programmes** that use angling as part of their curriculum or engagement work

Q: HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Event Support Volunteer Award costs **£50** and includes an **enhanced DBS**.

Level 2 Angling Event Lead Coach course costs **£290**, and includes the **first year of Coach Licensing and an enhanced volunteer DBS**. (Please note: if you are coaching on a paid basis then you need to complete 'Paid Role' DBS and this costs £63.78). If you have completed the Event Support Volunteer training within 3 years of completing the Coach Qualification, the additional Coach training will cost £240.

You will be required to pay for and complete **First Aid** training in order to complete your qualification, if you do not already have a First Aid certification recognised by the Angling Trust.

PLEASE NOTE – When attending your final **Assessment Day** you will need to purchase a day ticket for that venue. Day ticket prices vary.

Q: WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILS OF AVAILABLE COURSES AND BOOK A PLACE?

All courses can be booked on the Angling Trusts training page. You can find this through the Coaching page on the website www.anglingtrust.net

Q: HOW DO I APPLY FOR A FIRST COACH LICENCE?

Once you have completed the Angling Coach Qualification, we can provide you with your Coach Licence as long as we have an enhanced DBS check and evidence of completed First Aid training.

After 12 months, you will be sent a reminder email, detailing what you need to do to renew your annual Coach Licence.

Q: HOW DO I RENEW AN EXISTING LEVEL 1 OR LEVEL 2 LICENCE?

You'll receive **automated email alerts** when your **annual Coach Licence fee** is due, and when your **Safeguarding, First Aid, or DBS** certificates are approaching expiry. All three training requirements must be renewed **every three years**.

If you have any problems renewing your licence or updating your training records, please contact: coaching@anglingtrust.net

