

PADDLESPOrt ACTIVITY ASSISTANT

Role Description

The Paddlesport Activity Assistant (PAA) is an endorsement recognised by British Canoeing to support club and volunteer workforces. Paddlesport Activity Assistants can facilitate activity at any time; within the lines of their organisations' Standard Operating Procedures.

- The Paddlesport Activity Assistant must be 14 years+
- PAAs can use the endorsement as a stepping stone to further leadership qualifications such as the British Canoeing Paddlesport Leader Award.

Who is the Paddlesport Activity Assistant Endorsement for?

- To enable a volunteer or current paddler to become a Paddlesport Activity Assistant and / or, facilitator of a site / session specific paddling related activity.
- The Paddlesport Activity Assistant role can enhance what a club, centre or organisation already offers to recruit new volunteers.
- The Paddlesport Activity Assistant may already be involved in the organisation's activities, but this endorsement acknowledges their role as a volunteer with more responsibility.
- The Paddlesport Activity Assistant role offers an introduction into what facilitating a paddling session involves and offers the candidates a fully supported development path.

What Will the Training Cover?

- Meeting participant needs
- Planning for a safe environment in which to conduct the session
- Preparing of facilities and equipment
- Delivering and supervising the planned activities
- Evaluating the session
- Developing own practice
- Safety Management & Rescue Skills

By the end of the training Paddlesport Activity Assistants will be able to:

- Facilitate paddlesport or paddlesport related activity with specific participants
- Plan for a safe environment in which to conduct the activities.
- Enthuse people to build confidence, engage them and sustain their participation/performance
- Help up and run regular sessions; meet and greet participants and provide a social and welcoming atmosphere.
- Support participant(s)' behaviour and performance and choose activities and equipment according to the level of the participants.
- Provide site specific support to be used to bolster activities they are trained in

For more information on the Paddlesport Activity Assistants endorsement visit

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