

BCU Star Award Equivalents for Competition Paddlers

Introduction:

Where there is a requirement of having a Star Award as a prerequisite of becoming a 'Boat Based' Coach an appropriate ranking or status within their competition discipline can be used as an alternative. The competition status does not give the paddler the star award itself, it is only recognised for the purposes of equivalency in respect to the prerequisite standards required to become a coach.

It is noted that having to gain Star Award/s to access BCU Coaching courses can be a huge hurdle for paddlers/coaches who are fully committed competition paddlers and are not involved in the Star Award process in their general paddling activities.

This document outlines the process to recognise the achievements of these paddlers in their respective disciplines where a Star Award does not exist.

Alternatives are not listed for Wild Water Racing or Freestyle where star awards are available. Alternatives are recognised in Racing, Marathon, Slalom and Polo.

They would not have to currently be paddling at that level but need to have achieved the level at some stage in their paddling career.

- BCU (UKCC) Level 1 Boat Based Coaches require BCU 2 Star or the alternative listed overleaf
- BCU (UKCC) Level 2 Boat Based Coaches require BCU 2 and 3 Star or the alternative listed overleaf
- For BCU (UKCC) Level 3 Boat Based Coach Status in the competition disciplines the alternative listed overleaf is required

Please note: As part of the Coach Training / Assessment boat-based candidates are required to demonstrate personal paddling ability, the level is described within the award syllabus.

All potential coaches still need to gain the appropriate Safety Training for their discipline at Level 3 and have FSRT for Levels 1 and 2.

Process:

Where a candidate is registering for a BCU coaching award and does not have the appropriate star award prerequisite (or where one does not exist), evidence of the recognised alternative should be presented to the Home Nation. Evidence can be taken from Ranking Lists, Year books, or race results.

Recognised Alternatives

Slalom

- 5 Star Senior National Team/Premier Paddler
- 4 Star Division 1 Paddler (or higher)
- 3 Star Division 2 Paddler (or higher)
- 2 Star Division 3 Paddler (or higher) in both Canoe and Kayak Disciplines

Racing

- 5 Star Senior National Team; Adult 'A' Ranking
- 4 Star Junior National Team; Adult 'B' Ranking (or higher)
- 3 Star Adult 'C' Ranking or Junior 'A' or 'B' Ranking (or higher)
- 2 Star Adult 'C' Ranking or Junior 'A' or 'B' Ranking (or higher) in Canoe and Kayak

Marathon

- 5 Star Senior National Team, Division 1 (Men); Division 3 (Women and C1); sub 18 hours DW Time (Men) Sub 20 hours DW Time (Women)
- 4 Star Junior National Team; Divisions 2, 3 (Men); Divisions 4 or higher (Women and C1); sub 19 hours DW Time (Men); Sub 21 Hours DW Time (women)
- 3 Star Divisions 4, 5, 6 (Men); Divisions 5, 6 (Women) or higher
- 2 Star Divisions 4, 5, 6 (Men); Divisions 5, 6 (Women) or higher in both Canoe and Kayak

Polo

- 5 Star Senior National Team; Division 1
- 4 Star Junior National Team (u18), Division 2 (or higher)
- 3 Star Divisions 3 or 4 (or higher)

All of the above would also require a minimum of 2 years ranked at that particular level to ensure that there has been a period of time of involvement.