

COACHES RANGE OF OPERATION AND REMIT OF AWARDS

Snowsport England operates a coach licencing system and has done for over 30 years.

The registration and licencing of coaches refers to a three-tier scheme that can help us manage the quality of coaching delivery and coach development:

- Membership for individuals, and a basic range of services for coaches or those interested in coaching; helps build a working relationship with coaches.
- Registration of active and qualified coaches allows Snowsport England to support and mentor instructor and coach development.
- A licence to practise as a coach within snowsport is a measure of currency of coaching practice that builds upon qualifications; a licence can support the effective recruitment, employment and deployment of skilled coaches.

Award	Remit	Environment
UKSS Foundation Course	Operate under direct supervision only of a higher Licenced Instructor. The supervising Instructor is responsible for the safe conduct of the training session and must be in a position to intervene in order to prevent inappropriate actions by the trainee	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 1 Trainee	Operate under direct supervision only of a higher Licenced Coach. The supervising coach is responsible for the safe conduct of the training session and must be in a position to intervene in order to prevent inappropriate actions by the trainee	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 1 Licenced	A Level 1 instructor is authorised to operate at a local artificial ski centre, working with skiers ranging from complete novice to skiers approaching parallel skiing.	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre

Award	Remit	Environment
UKSS Level 2 Trained	Can only operate independently at the level they are licenced at. If operating with the scope of the level 2 award they must be under direct supervision	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 2 Licenced	A Level 2 Instructor is authorized to operate at a local artificial ski centre, working with skiers ranging from complete novice to skiers who are able to show continuously linked parallel turning and are ready to become more specialized in their development.	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 3 Trained	Can only operate independently at the level they are licenced at. If operating with the scope of the level 3 award they must be under direct supervision	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 3 Licenced	Level 3 Development Coaches can work independently with skiers from complete novice, to skiers who are able to show continuously linked parallel turning. They can work with those seeking further specialisation. They can profile, set goals and plan and organise coaching programmes over the short to medium term. It is envisaged that a Level 3 Coach is likely to make a significant contribution to the development of new coaches.	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 4 Trained	Can only operate independently at the level they are licenced at. If operating with the scope of the level 4 award they must be under direct supervision	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre

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UKSS Level 4 Licenced	The Level 4 Award allows the coach to operate, within the coaches' protocol, on artificial ski slopes and in the mountain environment and is authorised to operate worldwide working with skiers ranging from complete novice, to skiers who are able to show continuously linked parallel turning and seeking further specialization. In particular, a Level 4 Coach is likely to make a significant contribution to the development of new coaches. Level 4 represents the final step towards the international recognition offered with the IVSI international licence	Artificial ski slopes and in the mountain environment and is authorised to operate worldwide
IVSI Award	The IVSI enables its holder to coach their skiers in an alpine environment. It does not allow the coach to teach in a ski school setting or work with novice skiers.	artificial ski slopes and in the mountain environment and is authorised to operate worldwide

Snowboard Development

Award	Remit	Environment
UKSS Foundation Course	Operate under direct supervision only of a Level 2 or higher Licenced Instructor or Coach. The supervising Instructor / coach is responsible for the safe conduct of the training session and must be in a position to intervene in order to prevent inappropriate actions by the trainee.	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 1 Trainee	Operate under direct supervision only of a Level 2 or higher Licenced Coach. The supervising coach is responsible for the safe conduct of the training session and must be in a position to intervene in order to prevent inappropriate actions by the trainee.	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 1 Licenced	A Level 1 instructor is authorised to operate at a local artificial ski centre, working with boarders ranging from complete novice to skiers approaching basic turning.	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 2 Trained	Can only operate to the level they are signed off at, so for a Trained Level 2 that is the same as a Licenced Level 1	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre
UKSS Level 2 Licenced	A Level 2 Instructor is authorized to operate at a local artificial ski centre, working with skiers ranging from complete beginners who are able to show continuously linked turning and start to develop flatland freestyle skills	UK artificial ski slope. For clarification an artificial slope is a closed environment with an artificial surface. A 'plastic' ski slope or an indoor [snow] ski centre

UKCP (Alpine, Snowboard and Freeski)

Any coach holding one of these awards are not licenced to teach novice skiers and snowboarders unless they hold another award that allows them to.

Award	Remit	UK Artificial	UK Mountain Resorts	Mountains
UKCP Level 1 Trained (alpine over)	Operate under direct supervision only of a Level 2 or higher Licensed Coach. The supervising coach is responsible for the safe conduct of the training session and must be in a position to verbally intervene in order to prevent inappropriate actions by the trained coach.	Direct Supervision	Direct Supervision	Direct Supervision
UKCP Level 1 Licenced	<p>The Assistant Coach.</p> <p>Aimed at coaching entry level athletes, usually in the U12's age groups.</p> <p>Able to operate unsupervised in a UK closed environment (artificial surfaces: dryslope and indoor snowdomes) as part of a UK club or programme, but must be under direct supervision in a mountain environment where the supervising coach is responsible for the safe conduct of the session and must be in a position to verbally intervene in order to prevent inappropriate actions by the Level 1 Licenced Coach.</p>	Unsupervised (Club or Program)	Direct Supervision	Direct Supervision
UKCP Level 2 Trained	Able to operate unsupervised in a UK closed environment (artificial surfaces: dryslope and indoor snowdomes) as part of a UK club or program but must be under direct supervision in a mountain environment.	Unsupervised (Club or Program)	Direct Supervision	Direct Supervision

Award	Remit	UK Artificial	UK Mountain Resorts	Mountains
<p>UKCP Level 2 Licenced</p>	<p>The Club Coach.</p> <p>Aimed at coaching development level athletes, usually in the U14 and U16 age groups.</p> <p>Able to operate unsupervised in the UK and abroad as part of a UK club programme that is led by a Level 3 Licenced Coach</p>	<p>Lead Coach (Club or Program)</p>	<p>Unsupervised (Club or Program)</p>	<p>Unsupervised (Club or Program)</p>
<p>UKCP Level 3 Licenced</p>	<p>The Head Coach.</p> <p>Aimed at coaching FIS level athletes – age 15 and older.</p> <p>Able to plan, implement, analyse and revise annual coaching programmes. Able to work independently both home and abroad including offpiste within the ski area boundary as well as lead a team of coaches and devise an annual programme for on- and off-snow preparation. This award holds international recognition through IVSI.</p>	<p>Lead Coach (Club or Program)</p>	<p>Lead Coach (Club or Program)</p>	<p>Lead Coach (Club or Program)</p>
<p>IVSI</p>	<p>The IVSI enables its holder to coach their skiers in an alpine environment. It does not allow the coach to teach in a ski school setting or work with novice skiers.</p>			