

# BRITISH TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION



## Coaching for the Future

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## 1.0 Introduction

As part of our program of continuous improvement the BTBA Coaching Management team have been asked to review and where necessary update our coaching development program. This program has three primary objectives:

- To provide all our members with the best possible coaching resources available that will help them to improve and develop their game and assist them to reach personal goals, whether they are to:
  - Improve their game to compete in local, county, or international events
  - Adapt their technique to fully utilise newer ball technologies and styles of play
  - Improve their accuracy and/or consistency
  - Or, just add a few pins to their game.
- To ensure that every member feels safe and secure when dealing with BTBA coaches with the knowledge that they hold a licence that has been issued by the BTBA they:
  - Will have been DBS checked, revised annually
  - Will have public indemnity and personal liability insurance
  - Will have a recognised coaching qualification.
- To provide support and training to members that wish to become coaches or those that are or have previously been coaches to develop and update their skills.
  - Training in tried and trusted methods used consistently throughout the BTBA
  - Ongoing updates and seminars to keep skills fresh and up to date
  - Have access to a full suite of training courses dedicated to safeguarding and the duty of care to Children and Adults.

We know that people new to bowling are our future and if we can help them at an early stage then they may well turn out to be bowlers for life. We are therefore continuing to focus attention on YBC's as a priority but not exclusively.

New bowlers come in all shapes and sizes and with the development of Graded Coaches and Local Association training days, we will be able to provide regular learning opportunities for all.

## 2.0 Coaching Qualification Levels

- BTBA Grade 1 - Local (YBC) Coach
- BTBA Grade 2 - Local Association Coach
- BTBA Grade 2+ - Local Association Coach Plus ETBF Level 1



- BTBA Grade 3 - National Coach
- BTBA Grade 3+ - National Coach Plus ETBF Level 2

All BTBA Coaches must be at least 18 years of age and must hold a current Standard or International Gold membership of the BTBA.

All coaches and applicants will need to have undertaken, and passed, an enhanced DBS check and the certificate must be registered with the DBS update service. This will then allow the BTBA to view the DBS status, online, at any time.

Those who hold or can prove they have held a coaching qualification recognised by the BTBA can apply to become a BTBA Graded Coach.

Following DBS clearance, coaches with current qualifications will be graded appropriately. Coaches with expired qualifications will be graded as a Grade 1 to refresh their own knowledge and get accustomed with new methods.

New applicants and Fundamental Coaches will be required to take the Grade 1 online exam.

All coaches must keep up to date with the Educare safeguarding training in accordance with BTBA guidelines.

All coaches will be required to maintain a log and complete a report form for each coaching related event they are actively involved with during the year (logs and forms will be supplied by the coaching department). To continue as a Graded Coach, logs and report forms must be submitted for review in the month before their licence expires. Following these reviews, coaches will be informed as to whether they have been approved to advance to the next grade (if applied for) or continue at their current grade. These reviews will be carried out by the Coaching Department.

The Coaching Department will hold several seminar days for Grade 2 and Grade 3 coaches throughout the year. Places will be limited and therefore priority will be given on a first come first serve basis.

## 2.1 Additional requirements - specific to each level

### BTBA Grade 1

Applicants that have not previously held a coaching license recognised by the BTBA, are required to contact their local Youth Bowling Support Officer (email on coaching page of BTBA website) to make an appointment to take a Safety & Lane Etiquette tutorial before progressing. Following DBS clearance, applicants must apply and pass a free online exam (the pass mark for this exam is 80% or higher).

**Grade 1** Coaches will be required to present Safety & Lane Etiquette tutorials and assist at one Local Association Training Day throughout the year.



**Grade 1** Coaches will be eligible to coach at YBC events (if officially invited to do so).

### **BTBA Grade 2**

Approved Grade 1 Coaches must maintain a current DBS clearance and take an ETBF level 1 course and qualify. When the necessary coaching hours have been attained, an ETBF pass will be awarded and the coach will be graded as a Grade 2+ Coach.

**Grade 2 & 2+** Coaches will be required to present Safety & Lane Etiquette tutorials and assist or run two Local Association Days throughout the year.

**Grade 2 & 2+** Coaches will be eligible to coach at YBC & County Events (if officially invited to do so).

Only approved Grade 2+ Coaches may Advance to BTBA Grade 3.

### **BTBA Grade 3**

Approved Grade 2+ Coaches must maintain a current DBS clearance and take an ETBF level 2 course and qualify. When the necessary coaching hours have been attained, an ETBF pass will be awarded and the coach will be graded as a Grade 3+ Coach.

**Grade 3 & 3+** Coaches will be required to present Safety & Lane Etiquette tutorials and organise, run or assist two Local Association Days throughout the year. They may also be asked to assist at Grade 2 Seminar Days and / or Team England Training Days.

**Grade 3 & 3+** Coaches will be eligible to coach at YBC & County Events (if officially invited to do so), and National events. Grade 3+ Coaches are also eligible for International Events (both National and International appointments will be via a BTBA coaching pool).

### **BTBA Lead Coach**

Will be by invitation from the Head of Coaching. They will assist in organising and running all aspects of the BTBA Coaching programs.

## **3.0 International requirements**

**As of January 2021:** "A coach must be certified as an ETBF Level 2 coach or equivalent by one of the national or international programmes approved / recognised by ETBF and or World Bowling to be able to coach in ETBF's Championships".