

Badminton England Coaching Awards Guidance

At Badminton England, we are proud to support and have a vast network of qualified coaches that can offer coaching to help players learn, improve and enjoy badminton whatever their playing experience or level.

If you are trying to find a badminton coach for private, group or club coaching sessions then please use our Find a Coach tool on <https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/on-court/find-a-coach>. We recommend that everyone uses this tool to ensure that their coach is on the Badminton England Coach Accreditation scheme and has the relevant qualifications and CPD. The tool also shows coaches' contact details if they have agreed to be contacted directly regarding coaching opportunities. As Badminton England has awarded a number of different coaching qualifications through the years, please see the below tables to clarify their meaning and status.

For any further information, please contact coaching@badmintonengland.co.uk or 01908 268400.

Year	Pre-1972	1972 - 1985	1985 - 1994	1994 - 2004	2004 - 2007	2007 - 2020	2020 - Present
Qualification	Club	Elementary	Instructor	Coach (Part 1)	BE Level 1	UKCC Level 1	Foundation Award
		Intermediate	Coach	Coach (Part 2)	BE Level 2	UKCC Level 2	Coach Certificate at Level 2 (Club & Talent)
		Advanced County	Advanced County	Coach (Part 3)		UKCC Level 3	
		National	Senior				

Key	What does this mean?	More information
Head Coach	This coach is qualified to lead the development of high-level badminton players through annual planning whilst applying advanced coaching principles to all aspects of coaching.	If you are looking for a head coach in an academy or performance environment, we would recommend this qualification. This coach should be working with players who are competing within a structured and competitive tournament programme on a regular basis.
Independent Coach	This coach is qualified to coach independently through planning, leading and reviewing coaching sessions and develop coaching programmes to support the development of players.	If you are looking for a coach to lead our ESSENTIALS* or The Racket Pack*, lead a coaching session or any 1-1 coaching, this is the minimum level of qualification required.
Assistant Coach	This coach is qualified to operate as an assistant coach, to support the L2 or above coach during coaching sessions. This support role might include leading warm up and cool down, observation of practice, feeding and group management. They are also able to lead game-based sessions or programmes of this nature.	If you are looking for a coach to take on a role of a No Strings Coordinator*, SmashUp! Activator* or someone to lead game-based sessions or The Racket Pack Lite*, an assistant coach is the minimum requirement for this.

*The No Strings Coordinator and SmashUp! Activator credentials are now a component of the Foundation Award qualification. They are also a component of the Coach Certificate at Level 2 qualification along with ESSENTIALS and The Racket Pack credentials. A coach will otherwise be required to complete a training e-learning module to receive a credential in one of the Badminton England endorsed programmes. This will appear on their credential tab if they are already endorsed.