



Volleyball England Return to Coaching Policy

This policy applies to volleyball coaches returning to coaching after an extensive period of absence unless the coach can provide their original award certificate and evidence they have remained up to date with contemporary coaching practice for example, as a lecturer in sports coaching or an active coach in another sport.

Rationale

Over recent years sports coaching practice in the United Kingdom has shifted from an emphasis on the technical and tactical towards a holistic approach that is person-centred, long-term focused, and based on the understanding of what development means both for the coach and the participants.

Likewise, the Volleyball England coach education system has evolved over time. Early courses focused on acquiring sport specific volleyball knowledge. The arrival of the United Kingdom Certificate of Coaching (UKCC) in the mid-2000s saw the emergence of “how to” coach skills such as observation, analysis, feedback, and communication. The most recent Assistant Coach (2021) and Coach (2023) awards also include inter and intrapersonal skills, so coaches better understand their participants wants and needs, and are more self-aware. Topics such as coaching ethics, safeguarding, learning theory, and reflective practice also feature on the contemporary curriculum.

To make sure volleyball coaches are equipped to succeed in the modern coaching environment Volleyball England will no longer recognise historic awards pre UKCC* unless the coach can provide their original award certificate and evidence they have remained up to date with contemporary coaching practice for example, as a lecturer in sports coaching or an active coach in another sport.

UKCC coaching qualifications are recognised but returning coaches will be required to meet minimum safeguarding requirements designed to reduce participant harm and demonstrate to any employer, deployer, participant, parent, or other stakeholder to easily verify that you are qualified, competent, and safe.

How to have a pre-UKCC award ratified.

This is pre 2009 for Assistant Coach (L1) and pre 2012 for Coach Award (L2). You will need to have a [VolleyZone account](#) and pay an administration fee* of £30 to have your qualification and coaching experience checked by Volleyball England. Once you have paid the fee, send the following information to coaching@volleyballengland.org :

- an electronic copy of your volleyball coaching qualifications
- your volleyball CV that shows how your coaching practice has remained up to date
- a statement that explains where and who you will be coaching in England and why you want to coach
- and for the Coach Award (L2) a copy of your current First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

Next Step

If successful, your qualification will be added to your VolleyZone account, and you will be able to register as a coach. At this stage you must apply for a DBS.

Coaches with UKCC awards

Volleyball England has a record of any coach with a UKCC qualification. To resume coaching you will need to set up a VolleyZone account and send the following to coaching@volleyballengland.org:

- a request to return to coaching and have your UKCC qualification ratified
- a statement that explains where and who you will be coaching in England and why you want to coach
- and for the Coach Award (L2) a copy of your current First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

Next Step

Once ratified, your qualification will be added to your VolleyZone account, and you will be able to register as a coach. At this stage you must apply for a DBS.

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From the [Event Registration Portal](#) find the event called Return to Coaching Administration Fee. Tick the box, Click on Purchase /Register for Events and follow the guidance through to payment.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Return to Coaching Administration Fee	This payment is to have your coaching qualifications evaluated after a period away from coaching. Please email the required documents to coaching@volleyballengland.org	30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Overseas Volleyball Qualifications Equivalency Fee	This payment is to have an overseas qualification assessed and awarded an equivalent Volleyball England grade. Please email the required documents outlined here: https://www.volleyballengland.org/get-involved/coach/overseas-qualifications to coaching@volleyballengland.org	30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Transfer Fee Extenuating Circumstances	This is the payment for transferring to a new course when your extenuating circumstance application has been accepted by Volleyball England. Please note all transactions are subject to a 3.2% + 50p admin fee.	35.00

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