



Coaching Award FAQs

Introduction to Bowls Coaching Award (IBCA)

What do I receive on completing an Introduction to Bowls Coaching Award?

Upon completion of the award coaches receive a certificate from Bowls Scotland.

Do I have to sit an exam for the IBCA?

No, this is an attendance based coaching award.

I have achieved an Introduction to Bowls Coaching Award, what is the next bowls coaching qualification?

The next step on the coaching journey is the Level 1 Bowls Coaching Award which is aimed at coaches looking to develop and improve existing club players.

Level 1 Bowls Coaching Award (L1BCA)

What do I receive on completing the Level 1 Bowls Coaching Award?

Upon completion of the award coaches receive a certificate from Bowls Scotland.

I have heard that coaches holding a Club Coach Award are more senior to those holding a new qualification – is this the case?

No. The Club Coach Award is not more or less senior to the new coaching awards, it is from a different system that is no longer delivered.

Do I have to sit an exam for the L1BCA?

Yes. This course involves a number of tasks, some of which are completed in advance of the course and others over the 2 days. There is also a 10-minute assessed coaching session that coaches are asked to deliver on day 2.

What happens if I don't pass any part of the course?

Don't worry, our tutors are there to help you at every step of the way. There are opportunities to resubmit written work and coaches get up to 3 attempts to pass the practical coaching session.

I have achieved a Level 1 Bowls Coaching Award, what is the next bowls coaching qualification?

For many coaches the formal qualification journey will stop here. The next coaching award is the Level 2 Bowls Coaching Award which is aimed at coaches working with talented bowlers.

Level 2 Advanced Bowls Coaching Award (L2BCA)

What level of coach is this award aimed at?

This award will be aimed at coaches working with talented players who are operating at regional academy level and above.

When will the Level 2 Bowls Coaching Award be delivered?

The Level 2 Bowls Coaching Award is being developed and we hope to pilot this award in early 2019.

How do I register my interest?

Please contact development@bowlsscotland.com

Old Club Coach Awards

What was a Club Coach Award?

This was a coaching award delivered by the Scottish Bowls Coaching Committee (SBCC) on behalf of the Scottish Bowling Association (SBA).

Why is the Club Coach Award no longer being delivered?

The SBCC and SBA are no longer in operation and Bowls Scotland now develop and deliver all bowls coaching awards in Scotland. Bowls Scotland recognise that many great coaches came through the SBCC system, and aim to carry on the good work through a new coaching pathway designed to meet the needs of the coaches and clubs in modern times.

I hold a Club Coach Award – is this still recognised? Do I have to attend the new coaching qualifications?

Bowls Scotland still recognise the award although we strongly encourage coaches to strive to deliver the best coaching sessions they possibly can. To do this, coaches need to have attended up-to-date CPD.

As part of the Club Coach Award we covered safeguarding and Disclosure Checks – are these still valid to enable us to coach children?

No. Coaches should speak to their club's Child Protection Officer (CPO) who is responsible for the PVG process within their club.

I have lost/require another Club Coach Award certificate – where do I get this?

Bowls Scotland were not the body who issued these certificates and have no authority to issue replacements.

If you have any questions please email development@bowlsscotland.com