

# 1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Registration Guidance Notes



The Level 1 Award in Coaching Badminton is the first step on the coaching ladder and will qualify successful candidates to act as an Assistant Coach. The course is not designed to teach you how to play badminton.

## Course Prerequisites

Learners are required to:

- be at least 16 years of age (on the first day of the course)
- have some experience of playing the game and can participate in a short rally or;
- can demonstrate knowledge and understanding of what is required when playing the game and the technicalities required when participating in a short rally

If you're unsure whether you fulfil the above criteria we have provided you with some self check questions. Please make sure you can answer 'yes' to every question before booking onto the course.

- Can you describe the court boundaries for singles and doubles?
- Can you describe the areas you are allowed to serve into for singles and doubles?
- Can you score both a singles and doubles game using rally point scoring?
- Can you identify the basic strokes used in badminton?
- Can you describe a sequence of strokes that would make up a typical badminton rally?
- Can you strike a shuttle underarm to a consistent position in order to provide meaningful practice opportunities?
- Can you sustain a simple rally involving a combination of underarm and overhead strokes?

If you are unsure about any of the information above please do not hesitate to contact the Education and Training team at BADMINTON England or your Regional Officer.

## Unique Learner Number (ULN)

On the course registration form we have asked you to provide us with your Unique Learning Number (ULN) if known. The ULN is a unique 10 digit number that every pupil, student, apprentice and learner is provided with at the point of registering on a qualification on the Qualification and Credit Framework (QCF).

The government introduced Unique Learner Numbers in 2008 with the aim of providing a mechanism to track the achievements of all learners and provide a portal for them to access their records through the Personal Learner Record (PLR). To date, nearly nine million individuals, predominantly those over 14 years of age in full-time education, have been issued with a ULN, which they will be required to use as they progress through their full-time education and beyond. Learners will retain the same number for

accessing their Personal Learning Record throughout their lives, whatever their level of learning and wherever they choose to participate in education, training and learning.

### **Where can I find my Unique Learner Number?**

Your ULN can be found on your exam result slip or certificate from your awarding body. Your school and college will also be able to provide you with your ULN.

### **I don't have a Unique Learner Number, how do I get one?**

BADMINTON England has been approved as a Learner Registration Body (LRB) which means that we are able to issue learners with a ULN should they not have one.

### **Can you opt out of having a Unique Learner Number?**

You cannot refuse to have a ULN if you are in education or training, but you can opt out of sharing your data with other users if you wish. Details of how you may opt-out of sharing your participation and achievement data within The Learning Record Service can be found at [www.learningrecordsservice.org.uk](http://www.learningrecordsservice.org.uk) or by telephoning the Learning Records Service's Customer helpdesk on 0845 602 2589.

It is extremely important that we collect or issue ULN's before we register you with the awarding body as achievements will only be recorded and valid if accompanied by a ULN.

Privacy Notice -

*The data you supply to BADMINTON England will be passed to Managing Information Across Partners (MIAP) service for the purpose of allocating you a Unique Learner Number (ULN) and creation of your Personal Learning Record. The ULN is used to enable collection and sharing of data within the education sector. The Personal Learning Record will be a lifelong record of your learning and qualifications, which will be accessible to you, organisations linked to your education and training and any other organisations you choose. For further details of how your data is shared and used by MIAP and how to change who has access to your record, please see the MIAP website – [www.miap.gov.uk](http://www.miap.gov.uk)*

### **Coaching Register Membership**

- 1. Online Coaches Area** - After the first day of the course you will receive an email which will provide you with a login and password that will enable you to access the coaches area on the BADMINTON England website. This access will last for one year from the month that you attend the day one of the course (e.g. if the first day of course is on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011, your membership will run until the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012). The online area will provide coaches with access to resources and forums that will aid their development as a coach by giving them opportunities to learn.
- 2. Free Upgrade to Coaching Register Membership\*** –At any point during the year you can upgrade your membership to become a coaching register member by satisfactorily completing a CRB check through BADMINTON England. Should you already have a valid CRB check through BADMINTON England then your membership will automatically be upgraded as soon as you have been found 'Competent' on the Level 1 course. To request a CRB form please email [coaching@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:coaching@badmintonengland.co.uk) or phone 01908 268400. It is in your interest to complete a

CRB check as soon as possible if you wish to join the register as your membership will still expire one year from the month that you attended day one of the course.

3. **Renewing your Membership** - When your Coaching Register membership is due for renewal, you will be sent an email that will explain how you can renew for the following year.

\*Benefits of joining the Coaching Register include:

- Civil Liability Insurance up to £10 million whilst coaching in the UK (This policy covers both Public Liability and Professional Indemnity insurance)
- Legal Expenses Insurance Cover
- Full Membership of BADMINTON England
- BADMINTON England 'Courtside magazine' four times a year
- Membership Card (photo card plus annual renewal card)
- Access to Coach Development Sessions
- Discounts on tickets to BADMINTON England Events
- Discounted Shuttles

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **How long will the qualifications take?**

The course is three days in length – the last day is the assessment day. During the course it is expected that you will do some off course learning.

### **I do not have a mentor to work with, can I still attend?**

We suggest that to get the most out of the course it is beneficial for all learners to have access to a mentor (someone that holds a Level 2 of equivalent badminton qualification). If you are unable to locate anyone please contact your Regional Officer who may be able to link you with a coach. Ultimately, it is the learner's decision to decide whether they feel it is necessary for them to work with a mentor during the course.

### **I can't attend all the days of the course. Can I still attend?**

You must be able to attend all three days when registering on the course. You are unable to mix days on different courses.

### **What happens if I miss any of the days of the course?**

If you miss any days of the course, unless there are extenuating circumstances (such as illness), you will be charged a fee of £25 to attend a different course. If you are unable to attend due to illness then you must provide BADMINTON England with a doctor's note within five working days of the day that you missed.

### **I am unsure that my badminton knowledge and experience is at the appropriate level for the course, what should I do?**

The course requires that you have some basic knowledge of badminton before attending. This is to give you the best opportunity of completing the course. If you are unable to answer 'yes' to any of the questions above then we would suggest that you are not ready to attend the course. To improve your badminton knowledge you could get involved with a club or a no strings badminton session – contact your BADMINTON England Regional Officer for further information.

**I will not be 16 years of age on the first day of the course, can I still attend?**

You must be 16 years of age on the first day of the course. There are no extenuating circumstances.

If you have any further questions please contact the BADMINTON England Coaching team – [coaching@badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:coaching@badmintonengland.co.uk) 01908 268400