



Great Britain BCP Squad Coach

Role description

The role of the GB BCP squad coach is to select, prepare and coach the BCP squad. This includes providing training programmes for individual athletes to prepare them to perform at the highest standard possible in the World Championships and supporting athletes' overall wellbeing throughout the campaigns.

It is the GB BCP squad coach's responsibility to ensure that competitive teams are entered into each competition based on suitable benchmarks.

The term of office spans the World Championships in 2027.

Responsible to: Team GB Manager; BDA Executive Committee

Responsible for: athletes in the BCP squad; assistant BCP squad coach/es (if applicable); BCP squad admin manager; any additional people included within the BCP squad management team

Duties and responsibilities

- Plan, set up, run and attend regular training sessions throughout the year, working under the BNTS banner until the GB squad is selected
- Run an appropriate selection procedure and select the most competitive squad to represent Team GB at the World Championships
- Attend the World Championships in 2027
- Work closely with the Team GB Manager and provide updates and reports on the team as required
- Maintain high ethical standards in coaching
- Encourage paddlers to conduct themselves in a professional manner and to represent GB with pride
- Maintain accurate records for audit and provide yearly reports on the financial running of the squad
- Advertise and manage GB and BNTS training sessions
- Ensure the squad admin manager and squad assistant coach/es carry out the responsibilities as outlined in their job descriptions

Skills and experience required

Applicants for the GB BCP squad coach role should:

- Hold an appropriate coach qualification (BDA Level 3 or above)
- Have good knowledge and understanding of dragon boat racing
- Have great organisational skills
- Be confident, with good leadership skills
- Be able to communicate with groups of individuals and to delegate
- Be enthusiastic and a good motivator
- Be able to demonstrate awareness of safeguarding and wellbeing issues and how to respond appropriately to the needs of vulnerable individuals, including signposting to support services where necessary
- Be a full member of the BDA (to ensure adequate insurance cover)

Note that successful applicants will be asked to provide a DBS check dated within the last three months before taking up the position.