



Axe Vale Canoe Club (AVCC)

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Affiliated to Paddle UK



Coaching and Leading Scheme

This scheme is overseen by the Club Coaching Panel and is designed to encourage and support members who wish to develop their skills as coaches and leaders within the club.

Our aim is to make training accessible while ensuring the club can sustainably support those who actively contribute to our programmes and activities.

How the Club Supports You

Where possible, training courses will be delivered in-house, making use of our facilities and the water conditions specific to our club activities.

The club will look to support members with training costs where:

- There is a clear benefit to the club, and
- The member is committed to supporting club activities going forward

Support is offered at the discretion of the Coaching Panel and will depend on club resources at the time.

Members are also welcome to undertake training independently through external providers. Please note that leading or coaching club activities will require approval from the Coaching Panel.

Paddlesport Instructor

If you are interested in becoming a club coach, we will support you through the following pathway:

1. **Commitment to the Club**

We ask that you are willing to:

- Support at least one beginner course each year, and
- Assist an improver group in working towards the Explorer Award each year

2. **Register Your Interest**

Please contact the Club Coaching Chairs to express your interest.

3. **Gain Experience**

You will be asked to assist a qualified coach on at least one beginner course.

4. **Training Support**

Where the club is in a position to do so, the Coaching Panel may contribute towards or cover the cost of:

- Foundation Safety and Rescue Training
- Paddlesport Instructor Course
- Leadership Courses

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5. Membership Requirement

You will need to join British Canoeing to be registered as a coach.

Coach (Sheltered Water Kayak/Canoe)

The Coaching Panel will encourage and support existing Paddlesport Instructors who wish to progress to Coach level.

Subject to club resources and needs, the club may cover training and assessment costs. This pathway includes:

- A recognised First Aid qualification
- A Safeguarding course

Leaders

Members wishing to gain Leadership awards are encouraged to apply.

Where the club is able, the Coaching Panel may support:

- White Water Safety training
- Leadership training and assessment

In return, we ask that you support the club by assisting in leading groups and activities.

Self-Funded Training and Gift Aid

We recognise that some members may prefer to fund their own training.

If you choose to do this, you may opt to make your payment to the club as a donation (where applicable), allowing the club to claim **Gift Aid**, which increases the value of your contribution at no extra cost to you.

This helps the club continue to invest in training and development opportunities for all members.

General Notes

- All funding decisions are made by the Coaching Panel and depend on club priorities and available funds.
- The club aims to support those who actively contribute to its activities and development.
- We are committed to creating a positive and supportive environment for all members progressing through coaching and leadership pathways.

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