



ANCAS Coach Accreditation & Currency

As from 1st October 2018 it is mandatory that all Dragon Boat Clubs affiliated with AusDBF via member states **only** engage Dragon Boat coaches / trainers that have **current** ANCAS accreditation to undertake coaching and training activities.

Current ANCAS accreditation also includes:

- Current senior first aid certificate.
- Current working with Children clearance (WWCC mandatory for all coaches).

History

The SPORTAUS (formerly ASC) devolved the responsibility of creating and maintaining coaching courses (as approved by the SPORTAUS course framework) plus coaching accreditation databases (including accreditation currency) to NSOs.

AusDBF now has a National Dragon Boat Coaching Accreditation database compiled from ASC and other coaching accreditation systems.

AusDBF has undertaken a complete review of the National Dragon Boat Coach accreditation database and established that there are many coaches who have gained initial accreditation but never sought reaccreditation on / after the expiry of this accreditation.

It has also been established that there are Dragon Boat Clubs registered with AusDBF member states who have knowingly engaged coaching / training services (Junior and Adult activities) from people who do not have any ANCAS accreditation.

Insurance

Under the AusDBF Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance Policy wording it states:

2.3.21 Qualified Instructors or Qualified Coach means an individual who has obtained recognised qualifications or accreditation in a particular activity or specialist occupation which allows them to supervise and train in that activity or occupation.

The insurance company's view is that if a club is knowingly engaging a coach / trainer that isn't accredited or accreditation has expired then they are accepting responsibility for any liability.

ANCAS Accreditation Currency

- Level 1 – coaches accreditation has an expiry date of 4 years from its date of issue.
- Level 2 - coaches accreditation has an expiry date of 4 years from its date of issue. Course content currently under review.

- Level 3 - coaches accreditation has an expiry date of 4 years from its date of issue. Course content currently under review.
- Level 4 - coaches accreditation has an expiry date of 4 years from its date of issue. Course content currently under review.

Prior to or at the time of expiry, **in order to continue coaching / training activities**, coaches must either

- Update their ANCAS accreditation thru the relevant re accreditation process.
- Or repeat the ANCAS coaching course equivalent to their current level in its entirety.

Please Note that coaches who were accredited under the AusDBF Level 1 - one day course will be required to repeat the ANCAS Level 1 Dragon Boat coaching course in its entirety.

Frequently asked Questions

- Q - Our club has coaches who have current accreditation and their contracts are expiring. We will be re-advertising the coaching positions. If we appoint a coach / trainer who doesn't have any or current ANCAS accreditation where do we stand?
A – Under the insurance definitions the club wouldn't be covered as the club is knowingly engaging under contract people to undertake coaching / training duties that aren't qualified instructors or ANCAS accredited coaches.
- Q – Club is holding a corporate or come and try event. Should there be an accredited coach / trainer on site?
A – Yes
- Q – our accredited coach is absent due to illness or other commitments. Can the coach assign training duties to a current accredited sweep?
A – Yes. As long as the training session plans etc have been compiled and explained to the sweep by an accredited coach currently engaged by the club it is OK. However, this is to be treated as a seldom scenario and not ongoing.
- Q – we have a coach / trainer who has attended the ANCAS Level 1 coaching course and is currently completing the post course requirements. Until the trainee completes all post course work and attains ANCAS Level 1 accreditation are they covered?
A – Yes. All trainees completing post course requirements are under the mentorship and having each component signed off by the head coach or coach who has current accreditation.
- Q – the club has a Head Coach who has current accreditation and has assistant coaches who are not accredited.
A – all coaches who undertake any coaching or training activities must have current accreditation.

- Q – we are a new club starting up but don't have a coach / trainer with current accreditation.
A – all new clubs commencing should enrol a coach(es) in the next available ANCAS Level 1 coaching course in their state and be under the mentorship of a current ANCAS accredited coach selected by the club or assigned by the state association until their coach(es) become accredited.
- Q – it is now past 1st October 2018 and our club has coaches / trainers who have never gained ANCAS accreditation or has gained accreditation but it has expired. Where do they stand.
A – if they wish to continue coaching / training they should (if never gained accreditation) - enrol in an ANCAS Level 1 training course and complete it in its entirety or if expired accreditation then re-accredit via methods mentioned above.