

British Canoeing Awarding Body Personal Performance Award Details

Introduction

The revised British Canoeing Awarding Body Personal Performance Awards have been available since 2nd January 2019. This follows a comprehensive review of the existing Star Awards.

Please see the British Canoeing Awarding Body website which includes a range of documents to support candidates and providers.

Background

In 2016, the British Canoeing Coaching Strategy Group initiated a review of the British Canoeing Awarding Body Personal Performance Awards to ensure that they met the needs of our sport. This resulted in the Head of Coaching and Qualifications commissioning an independent review carried out by Martin Chester. The review was completed in December 2016.

Phase 2 of the project was to establish an appropriate working group to discuss the review and consider a framework for the NEW Personal Performance Awards.

Phase 3 shared the framework to have wider consultation publically with 89.5% supporting the proposed framework.

The specific development of the NEW Personal Performance Awards started in January 2018 with the Technical Groups considering content and names of the awards to suitably represent each specific discipline.

Key Changes

- No dual discipline awards
- Five new disciplines including Stand Up Paddleboard, Polo, Racing, Rafting and Slalom
- Direct entry to all awards
- No age restrictions
- Personal Performance Awards without formal leadership
- Leaders and Bell Boat Helms will be able to provide awards
- Paddler focused

An Introduction to the Personal Performance Awards

The Personal Performance Awards are designed for paddlers wanting to gain recognition of their learning and development, in the craft and environment they choose.

The process of completing the awards is based on learning and, as such, the ethos of 'supporting the paddler' is the main focus of all the awards, encouraging individuals in their development.

Paddle Awards: Designed to develop enjoyment, safety and skills for those new to Paddlesport

The three Paddle Awards are for those getting into a boat for the first time, enabling them to feel confident in their chosen craft in a sheltered water environment. The awards help empower the paddler, enabling them to start their lifelong journey into paddlesport. The awards are designed to encourage those who get in a boat for the first time, to take on their next step, by taking a Paddle Discover and Paddle Explore, which providers will play a key role in shaping.



Name of Award	Description
Paddle Start	Encouragement award aimed at someone new to paddlesport
Paddle Discover	Enables the paddler to develop decision making and fundamental skills
Paddle Explore	An award that empowers and supports the individual paddler

Discipline Specific Pathway Awards

- Each of the **12 disciplines has three awards**.
- **Five new disciplines** have been introduced including Stand Up Paddleboard, Polo, Racing, Rafting and Slalom, which means there is something for everyone. With a range of different environments and crafts, this enables the individual to make choices on the type of craft and environment they wish to paddle.
- **All of the awards are direct entry**. Paddlers can choose which award they would like to work towards, developing their skills and decision making.
- There are **no direct links to Coaching and Leadership qualifications** as prerequisites.
The awards do provide appropriate milestones and acknowledgement of personal skills, setting up the paddler appropriately for British Canoeing Coaching and Leadership qualifications.
- There are **no age restrictions** for any of the awards. Providers should check paddlers' suitability, as well as having appropriate mechanisms for anyone under 18.
- All of the awards have been created and written with the **paddler at the heart** of the content and creates empowerment and ownership.

Discipline	Awards
White Water	White Water Award Progressive White Water Award Advanced White Water Award Stadium White Water Award Progressive Stadium White Water Award
Canoeing	Canoe Award Progressive Canoe Award Advanced Canoe Award
Surf Kayak	Surf Kayak Award Progressive Surf Kayak Award Advanced Surf Kayak Award
Sea Kayak	Sea Kayak Award Coastal Sea Kayak Award Advanced Sea Kayak Award
Touring	Touring Award Open Water Touring Award Multi Day Touring Award
Stand up Paddleboard	SUP Sheltered Water Award SUP White Water Award SUP Paddle Surf Award
Freestyle	Flat Water Freestyle Award Freestyle Award Advanced Freestyle Award
Rafting	Flat Water Raft Racing Award Stadium Raft Racing Award River Raft Racing Award
Polo	Polo Explore Award Polo Perform Award Polo Excel Award
Racing	Racing Explore Award Racing Perform Award Racing Excel Award
Slalom	Slalom Explore Award Slalom Perform Award Slalom Excel Award
Wild Water Racing	Wild Water Racing Explore Award Wild Water Racing Perform Award Wild Water Racing Excel Award

Achieving a Personal Performance Award

There are many ways a paddler can work towards achieving a Personal Performance Award.

An individual tries canoeing at a holiday camp, develops their skills and is awarded the Paddle Start certificate. The individual is keen to develop their skills further and finds their local club to undertake the Paddle Discover Award.

Paddlers may be out for a day trip on the sea or on the river and demonstrate their understanding and skills and be awarded a Personal Performance Award.

Club paddlers could use the awards as part of a series of sessions, developing their skills and understanding along the way.

An individual paddler can use the awards as a guide, to promote self-learning.

Paddlers could opt for bespoke training at their local centre, using the award as a checklist and then enlist a Provider to check they meet the requirements.

Racing, Polo, Slalom or Wild Water Racing paddlers can use the awards as progressive milestones in gaining developments in their skill and understanding of their chosen discipline.

Candidate Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for any of the awards. Providers should check paddlers' suitability, as well as having appropriate mechanisms for anyone under 18.

Provider Matters

Depending on existing roles held, there are a number of awards that Providers will move across to deliver. Instructors, Coaches and Leaders with existing qualifications can also work towards becoming a Provider. Please see the Personal Performance Awards Provider Requirements for full details.

Fees

Please visit your Delivery Centre website to find out the fees for awards.