

Ulverston Canoe Club
Paddler Development Policy

1. Ulverston Canoe Club is committed to supporting paddler development in order to deliver our Charitable Object and to increase access to Paddlesport generally.
2. Any Club member may apply for Paddler Development support for an appropriate course, training or assessment⁽¹⁾ by submitting a completed UCC Paddler Development Application Form to the Club Secretary or other Committee member. Application forms may be obtained from the Club website or from the Club Secretary.
3. On receipt of the completed Application Form, the Club Committee will respond to the Applicant within one calendar month if possible.
4. Current active members⁽²⁾ embarking on a REC Level 2 or equivalent⁽³⁾ First Aid course will automatically be granted the equivalent of the current year Adult Membership fee as a matter of course.
5. Any member may apply for up to 50% of the course fee for an appropriate course, training or assessment. Any such award granted for REC L2 or equivalent First Aid course will be in addition to the automatic award detailed in 4 above, calculated against the outstanding course fee after the automatic award is deducted.
6. Awards for assessments will, where approved by the Committee, initially be granted in principle. The award will be granted on receipt of the relevant Certificate or other evidence of successful completion as provided by the applicant to the Club Secretary.
7. The amount of an award which might be granted, up to 50% of a course fee, will be determined by the Club Committee upon consideration of any contribution to the Club made by the applicant up to the point of application, the course for which support is requested and potential benefits to both the applicant and Club.
8. Awards beyond 50% of the course fee may exceptionally be requested / offered if the Committee so determines. In any such case the matter will be discussed at a Committee meeting (closed during such discussion) and minuted.
9. A copy of this policy will be available to all club members.

(1) Appropriate courses include Coaching, Leadership and First Aid as well as other courses as might be approved by the Club Committee. Basic personal skills courses (e.g. Paddle Start, Paddle Discover and Paddle Explore) will not be considered.

(2) "Active" means that the applicant will have attended at least 4 club paddling activities or similar within the 12 month period prior to the date of the Development Application Form being completed.

(3) Any First Aid Course of 16 hours or more contact time and as recognised by British Canoeing as a suitable prerequisite course for Level 2 Coach, 4 Star (or Moderate Water) Leader will be accepted as equivalent to the REC Level 2 First Aid course.

Declaration of Intent

This policy was ratified by the club committee and adopted as policy on 17 Aug 2019