



Coaches and Officials Licencing Policy

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Introduction

The British Wrestling Coach and Official Licence Scheme provides assurance to athletes, parents, employers and clubs that the Licenced Coach or Official is:

- Trained and Qualified
- Vetted and checked through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), or similar schemes in Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Insured
- Working to minimum levels of standards of practice and behaviour
- Subject to appropriate codes of conduct, rules and procedures
- A fit and proper person to engage with athletes, including young and vulnerable people

The purpose of this policy is to set out the requirements for individuals to acquire and maintain a licence to coach or officiate under British Wrestling.

British Wrestling encourages all coaches and officials to maintain their licence and in particular anyone wishing to coach or officiate must maintain a licence:

- where they are coaching or intend to coach at any club affiliated to British Wrestling
- where they are coaching or officiating at any competition registered with British Wrestling
- where they are coaching at any level of the British Wrestling talent and performance pathway

Coaches Licence

Coach Licences are issued at British Wrestling's sole discretion. In order to be eligible to be granted a Coach Licence, the eligibility requirements below must be met:

1. hold a valid British Wrestling membership
2. commit to abide by the British Wrestling Code of Conduct
3. hold a British Wrestling coaching qualification or the equivalent
4. have an Enhanced DBS Certificate (or similar as applicable in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland), the contents of which are, in British Wrestling's opinion, satisfactory
5. have completed a minimum 3 hours of learning on safeguarding in the past 3 years
6. hold first aid certification that consists of a minimum of 3 hours of learning
7. not have had their coach licence or similar accreditation withdrawn by another governing body, teaching or coaching organisation

Officials Licence

Officials Licences are issued at British Wrestling's sole discretion. In order to be eligible to be granted an Official Licence, the eligibility requirements below must be met:

1. hold a valid British Wrestling membership
2. commit to abide by the British Wrestling Code of Conduct
3. hold a British Wrestling or UWW Official qualification or equivalent
4. have completed a minimum 3 hours of learning on safeguarding in the past 3 years
5. not have had their official licence or similar accreditation withdrawn by another governing body, teaching or officiating organisation

Licence Management

British Wrestling has sole discretion to award, suspend or revoke Coach or Official Licences based on eligibility criteria stipulated above. British Wrestling's decision shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal.

Licences are a live credential and failure to maintain any of the eligibility requirements will result in the license being inactive until such time as the eligibility criteria are achieved.

Licences will be provided in a digital format via the British Wrestling membership system.

National Licencing/Register

British Wrestling is committed to the safety and well-being of all including those out with the sport. Any coaches and officials licensed through British Wrestling will be registered on a national register of the sporting workforce when available. Further details including data protection information will be shared with individual licensees as appropriate.

