



COACHING

STATEMENT ON THE RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING AND THE ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR ACHIEVEMENT (July 2021)

In July 2021 The Aikido Alliance was created as a governance organisation for independent aikido organisations

Any coach who has achieved the BAB's Coaching Award (Coach Level 1 aka CL1) will have attended a 2 day course including both theory content and practical assessment.

There is an accepted protocol in education that no one should have to re-learn what they already know or (subject to certain caveats) be re-assessed where competence has already been determined. It is therefore appropriate that the Alliance recognises this existing competence and underpinning knowledge.

Subject to any quality assurance checks, the Alliance will therefore award an Alliance Level 1 Coaching Certificate to all those who hold a BAB CL1 qualification¹.

To lead a class within an Alliance affiliated club, the minimum requirement is to hold the Aikido Alliance's Level 1 Coaching Certificate.

Aikido Alliance Tutors and Assessors

Sue Ward is a fully qualified tutor/assessor/internal verifier. She delivers courses in sport, fitness and child protection from Level 2 through to Degree Level. She has been trained by the NSPCC with regard to safeguarding in sport and was approved to deliver coaching modules within the British Aikido Board. Sue also conducts assessments for several sport and activity organisations including Chartered Assessments at Level 4 and above.

Sue Ward is therefore accredited through RPL/APA as an Alliance Tutor, Assessor and Lead Quality Assurer

Brian Stockwell is a fully qualified teacher and assessor and a qualified sports coach UK Tutor. He is also an approved 1st for Sport tutor and assessor. Brian was a Coach tutor for the British Aikido Board and has developed CPD courses and programmes for his own Association for many years

Brian Stockwell is therefore accredited through RPL/APA as an Alliance Tutor, Assessor and Coach Development Officer

Additional tutors will be approved ad hoc, as required, subject to application of RPL and APA or in house training.

¹ In November 2021 this recognition was extended to cover anyone holding a BAA coaching qualification.

PROPOSED PATHWAYS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Level of Award	Details	Entry requirements	STATUS
Assistant Junior Coach	As the name implies – this role is restricted to Junior classes. The course provides the basic knowledge and understanding required assist in a junior class under the supervision of a Level 1 Coach. The syllabus will include specific content relating to the teaching of children and young people.	To be determined at Club/association level. Knowledge of aikido will be required.	Agreed as a useful role for AA clubs
Assistant Coach	This course provides the basic knowledge and understanding required to assist in a class under the supervision of a Level 1 Coach.	3rd kyu	
AA Level 1 Coaching Certificate (L1CC)	This course provides the basic knowledge and understanding required to lead a safe aikido session. This is the minimum qualification required to lead (run) a class.	1 st kyu	Approved for delivery including via blended/distance learning.
IAA Module Safe use of Weapons	This on line module covers the basic requirements for the safe use of weapons in aikido/iaido classes	Must hold L1CC	
AA Coaching Module Children and Young People	This module will build on the content within the AA L1CC. The content will focus on the physiology and emotional development of children and young people, appropriate session planning and class management strategies.	Must hold L1CC It is recommended that all those teaching children undertake this module.	
AA Welfare Officer	On line training for those working at club level in a role of Welfare Officer. May be substituted by the CPSU's Time To Listen course.	It is recommended that all those in Welfare Roles undertake this module.	