

# UKCC Level 2 Certificate for Coaches in Badminton - U18 Learner Guidance



The UKCC Level 2 Certificate for Coaches in Badminton permits learners to coach independently and enables them to plan and deliver linked progressive coaching sessions. In order to coach independently within England you are required to be 18 years of age. Badminton England allows learners to start the UKCC Level 2 at the age of 17 if all of the Under 18 Learner Prerequisites outlined below have been achieved.

Should a learner successfully complete their UKCC Level 2 before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday they will not qualify or be permitted to coach independently until they turn 18 years of age. On their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday learners will be issued their certificate (subject to having attended a sports coach UK Safeguarding & Protecting Children Workshop) and will then qualify and be permitted to coach independently.

## **Under 18 Learner Prerequisites**

Learners are required to:

- be at least 17 years of age on the first day of the course
- hold a UKCC Level 1 Award for Assistant Coaches in Badminton
- have been approved by their UKCC Level 1 Award for Assistant Coaches in Badminton course tutor/ assessor
- have a Badminton England Registered Level 2 (or equivalent) Coach highlighted and in place as a mentor

For more information on these Under 18 Learner Prerequisites and supporting processes please see below:

### **Learners are required to be at least 17 years of age on the first day of the course**

Learners must be 17 years of age on the first day of the course. There are no extenuating circumstances.

### **Learners are required to hold a UKCC Level 1 Award for Assistant Coaches in Badminton**

Learners must have successfully completed the UKCC Level 1 Award for Assistant Coaches in Badminton before applying for the course. There are no extenuating circumstances.

### **Learners are required to have been approved by their UKCC Level 1 Award for Assistant Coaches in Badminton course tutor/ assessor**

For a learner to qualify to undertake the UKCC Level 2 before turning 18 years of age, they need to be approved by the tutor or assessor of their UKCC Level 1 qualification

Badminton England deploys appropriately trained and qualified Licensed Tutor workforce to deliver, assess and verify our coaching qualifications. This workforce is highly skilled and experienced in the delivery of coach education and understands what is required from a learner to successfully undertake and complete the UKCC Level 2.

Our tutor workforce will assess all learners under 18 years of age for their suitability to take the UKCC Level 2 early using the following assessment criteria:

- Learners must understand the roles and responsibilities of the coach leading sessions in badminton and have the inter-personal skills to be deemed able to undertake this
- Learners must possess and show strong leadership skills and confidence on course
- Learners must possess an in-depth badminton technical and tactical knowledge that the tutor/ assessor deems suitable to progress to UKCC Level 2 without hindering their learning
- Learners must show their desire and commitment to learning and increasing their knowledge as well as challenging their existing knowledge throughout the course

Learners will be informed at the time of their assessment whether they have been deemed suitable to complete the UKCC level 2 course or not before turning 18 years of age. Should they be deemed not ready to complete their UKCC Level 2 before turning 18 by our tutor workforce, learners will not be able to start the course before turning 18. There are no extenuating circumstances.

**Learners are required to have a Badminton England Registered Level 2 (or equivalent) Coach highlighted and in place as a mentor**

For learners under the age of 18 it is compulsory that they have a mentor in place when applying to undertake the UKCC Level 2 course and they may be asked for a reference to support your application. There are no extenuating circumstances.

To get the most out of the course it is beneficial for all learners to have access to a mentor (someone that holds a Level 2 or equivalent Badminton qualification and is a member of Badminton England Coach Accreditation Scheme). If you are unable to locate anyone please contact your local County Badminton Association Coaching Secretary who may be able to link you with a coach.

**Disclaimer**

*Badminton England holds the right to refuse any learner the right to take their UKCC Level 2 Certificate for Coaches in Badminton before they turn 18 years of age regardless of meeting all of the above prerequisites if the Head of Coaching or Coaching Qualifications Manager deems the learner not suitable or ready.*

If you have any further questions please contact the Badminton England Education & Training team at [coaching@Badmintonengland.co.uk](mailto:coaching@Badmintonengland.co.uk) or 01908 268400.