

Qualifications Explained

Breakdown of the Qualifications on the course:

Watersports:

- Paddle UK Raft Guide Award.
- Paddlesport Instructor.
- Paddlesport Touring Leader.
- Canyoning training
- Gorge-Scrambling training.
- Paddlesport Safety and Rescue Course (PSRC)
- White Water Safety & Rescue Training course (WWSRT).
- Multi Day Touring Award.
- Start, Discover & Explore Awards in canoe, kayak, SUP.

Mountain sports:

- Rock Climbing Instructor training course (or assessment if you already have the training).
- Summer Mountain leader training course (or assessment if you already have the training).
- National Navigation Award (NNAS).
- Introduction to Mountain Scrambling (Summer course students).

Snow:

- PSIA Level 1 Ski Instructor qualification course (additional 7-week module).
- PSIA performance awards levels 1-9 depending on outcome (additional 3-week module).
- Intro to Ski touring day (for ski instructor candidates only).
- Introduction to Winter skills training (Winter course students).

Other:

- DOFE Expedition Assessor and Supervisor Training Course.
- Outdoor First Aid Certification.
- Expedition training on water & land.
- Child wellbeing & protection in Sport safeguarding course.

Workshops:

- Being a professional instructor and professional responsibilities.
- Risk assessment in the Outdoors.

Get in touch to find out more or come and visit us and join an activity day to find out for yourself!



Watersports Qualifications

Award	National Governing Body	About	Outcomes
White Water Raft Guide Level 2	Paddle UK	Assessment on a grade 2 river covering personal skills, group work and rescues.	Raft Guide level 2 SCA
Paddlesport Instructor	Paddle UK	Paddlesport Instructor, combined training and assessment course will support you to run games and activities to support learning and exploration for new paddlers in stable craft. You will learn skills such as kitting up a group and getting afloat, initial familiarisation activities and how to use mini journeys to support learning.	This is one of the most sought-after courses across the country and will set you up to work at centres to provide introductory sessions in a variety of craft.
Paddlesport Touring Leader	Paddle UK	A mixed leadership award from where you can lead any craft from the craft of your choosing in an open water environment and moving water up to a maximum of grade 2.	To achieve your PSTL in the craft of your choice.
Canyoning Training	In-House	Experience a variety of different canyons, sets ups and safety in running canyoning with clients	In-house training which will enable you to assist with canyoning sessions.
Gorge Scrambling Training	In-House	Experience a variety of different gorges, sets ups and safety in running gorge scrambling with clients	In-house training which will enable you to lead groups on gorge scrambling days and specific venues.
Paddlesport Safety & Rescue	Paddle UK	Trained to handle common Canoe & Kayak emergencies in a sheltered water environment	PSRC Certification
White Water Safety & Rescue	Paddle UK	Training to effectively deal with emergency or rescue situations in a white water environment	An integral component of the SRA Raft Guide Course and training that will be vital to all white water sports and activities. We also do the formal British Canoeing WWSRT on the course as well.
Multi Day Touring Award	Paddle UK	Assessment for personal paddling and rescues in the environment of up to grade 2 rivers, simple sections of coastline, inland lochs and in winds of force 4.	Multi Day Touring Award Certification.

Start, Discover & Explore Awards in canoe, kayak & SUP	Paddle UK	To work through the syllabus of start, discover and explore award standards.	To gain the skills required to sit your PSTL, PSI, FSRT, WWSRT
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Mountain sports Qualifications

Award	National Governing Body	About	Course Outcome
Summer Mountain Leader (SML)	Mountain Training	The Mountain Leader scheme is designed for people who want to lead groups in the highest mountains, hills or moorlands. An essential and core qualification that has so many career benefits in the UK and overseas. This qualification will add so much to your CV and will bring so much to your leadership abilities in many sports & environments.	You will complete your Mountain Leader training during the Instructor Training Course. Students who have already completed the training will focus on the assessment
Rock Climbing Instructor (RCI)	Mountain Training	This qualification is all about supervising safe climbing and abseiling sessions on single pitch crags and artificial structures. The Rock Climbing Instructor qualification trains and assesses experienced rock climbers to instruct climbing.	You will complete your Rock Climbing Instructor training during the Instructor Training Course. Students who have already completed the training will focus on the assessment
Mountain Scrambling (Summer course in Scotland – Winter Course in Spain)	Mountain Training	To look at mountain scrambling and steep ground management either in Spain or Scotland depending on the course.	To give you the skills to work in the upper end of the remit as an ML trainee/ML and how to manage groups/yourself in steep ground.
National Navigation Award Scheme (NNAS)	NNAS	A personal performance, non-competitive, incentive scheme for all ages to learn navigation skills and gain confidence to get out and enjoy the great outdoors	NNAS Bronze or Silver Award

Other

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Expedition training on water & land	All	Learn how to manage yourself and a group while on expedition from the water or land.	To become more capable while on expedition and set you up to be able to work on expeditions as an instructor.
Outdoor First Aid Certification	Association of First Aiders	2 Day first aid course covering a range of outdoor scenarios applicable to your new working environment.	First Aid at Work Certification to validate your outdoor qualifications.
DofE Expedition Assessor and Supervisor	The Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Online module to learn about the roles of the supervisor and the assessor and progress through the pathway to becoming a DofE expedition assessor and supervisor.	Progress through DofE Expedition & Supervisor Pathway.
Child wellbeing & protection in Sport.	Paddle UK	All about child protection in the outdoors and what we as coaches, instructors and people need to be aware of.	A pre-requisite for many SCA/BC courses during your time with us.

Snowsports Qualifications			
Award	National Governing Body	About	Course Outcome
PSIA Ski Performance Awards	Professional Ski Instructors of America	Develop your personal skiing and coaching knowledge in Colorado.	PSIA Ski performance Awards Level 1-9
PSIA Level 1 Ski Instructor (6-month course)	Professional Ski Instructors of America	Internationally recognised Professional Ski teaching qualification. Equivalent to BASI Level 2	PSIA Ski Instructor Level 1
Winter Skills	In-House	Introduction to the skills, equipment and decision-making processes required to travel safely in the UK's highest mountains in winter conditions.	A magnificent eye-opening experience to the challenges of navigating in winter conditions. An insight into the winter ML scheme.
Ski Mountaineering / Touring (Ski Instructor Module students only)	In-House	Introduction to skiing off-piste in mountainous terrain on Alpine Touring Skis	Test your new skiing skills off piste in the Cairngorms.

Workshops

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Being a professional instructor and professional responsibilities.	N/A	A written module to make you consider professionalism in the outdoors.	To further your understanding of what an instructor's responsibilities are.
Risk assessment in the Outdoors.	N/A	A written module with scenarios to make you consider risk.	To build on your understanding of risk awareness.