

Who Can Deliver Sessions?



Did you know you don't have to have a coaching qualification to play a role in delivering fun, safe and engaging Academy Centre sessions?

A parent or club volunteer, who can provide a positive and encouraging experience and facilitate the delivery of small-sided games, will provide a great environment and allow player development to take place.

Do I need a coaching qualification?

Only if you are delivering a coaching session by yourself, e.g. designing sessions or supporting the development of skills or techniques, do you need to hold a Level 2 qualification.

You do not need to hold a qualification if:

- You are delivering a coaching session where there is a qualified individual on the pitch with ultimate responsibility for the activity taking place
- Or
- You are only facilitating hockey activity to ensure fun and safe sessions by one or more of the following:
 - Managing the warm ups
 - Facilitating small sided games
 - Facilitating matches
 - Providing non coaching feedback like encouragement

I am currently a lead coach without a qualification

For coaches who, in extreme circumstances, need to lead sessions but are not yet qualified appropriately, England Hockey recommend the following should be put in place as soon as possible to ensure a safe and engaging session:

- Have booked onto, or are currently on, a Sessional or Coach course
- Have attended a Coaching Club Workshop related to the population they are coaching (i.e. Coaching for Talent or Introduction to Hockey Coaching)
- Have a current and maintained First Aid Certificate, Safeguarding Certificate and DBS, in addition to relevant insurance cover
- Deliver against recommended ratios and not alone if coaching children

For more information on what England Hockey recommend as a minimum requirement for delivering hockey sessions please click [here](#).

Who can take out coaching insurance?

Anybody involved in the delivery of hockey can take out insurance through England Hockey's Coaching Membership, whether you are a qualified coach, helper or facilitator. This product also includes lots of other benefits to support the delivery of fun, safe and engaging hockey session. For more information please click [here](#).

Where can I find support to recruit coaches/volunteers?

Click [here](#) for an interactive toolkit which aims to provide you with guidance, hints, tips and examples to support you in successfully finding and recruiting helpers and coaches of the future.

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Where can our coaches and volunteers go to get additional support?

England Hockey have launched The Hockey Hub which is full of video hints, tips and game ideas, it is free to register, click [here](#) to sign up

Whether you are a parent, young leader or an aspiring coach wanting to help out with Academy Centre sessions, England Hockey have a number of Coaching Workshops to help give you the support, knowledge and confidence in your role and to help you deliver fun and engaging sessions. Click [here](#) for more information.