



Development Coach Training Process and FAQ

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Introduction

The Development Coach course provides coaches (16 yrs or older) with the knowledge and skills to effectively plan and deliver discipline specific coaching sessions, with a particular focus on skill development. Development Coaches conduct discipline specific Surf Sports coaching sessions which develop participants' (in the Learn/Participate phase of development) physical, technical, tactical and psychological skills.

All Coaching accreditations are valid for four (4) years, reaccreditation is required by the end of the fourth year.

Step 1: Course Allocation

Congratulations, you have decided that you would like to become a Development Coach.

- Login to the [SLS Members Area](#) > Login to eLearning > Training Library > SLS – Coaching > Development Coach > Enrol
- You will receive an email from 'etrainu LMS' once you have been allocated a course
- Contact your State/Territory for more information on how to enrol in the Development Coach course
<https://sls.com.au/state-centres>

If you require technical assistance with the SLS Members Area or with the online training process, consult the *SLSA eLearning User Guide* available on the SLSA IT Helpdesk website <https://help.sls.com.au/>

Step 2: Working with Children Check (WWCC)/Working with Vulnerable People Check (WWVP)

- The requirements for WWCC/WWVP is slightly different in each State and Territory. To determine what they are for your situation, please visit the [AIFS website](#)
- Once the requirements for your State/Territory are complete, please provide your SLS Club with your WWCC/WWVP number so this may be recorded in SurfGuard
- Contact your State/Territory if you are unsure of the requirements

Step 3: Complete Module 1 the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) Community Coaching – Essential Skills Course

- Community Coaching – Essential Skills Course is Module 1 of the SLSA Development Coach course. The course was developed in collaboration with the sport sector, with a new approach to supporting the development, education and training of coaches and empowering them to provide safe, fun and inclusive environments that focus on the needs of participants
- Log into the SLS Members Area > eLearning > My Training > Development Coach > Australian Sports Commission's Community Coaching – Essential Skills > View Slides > Start > **Click the link** > You will be taken to [Australian Sport Learning Centre](#) (external website) > Log In or Create New Account > Coaches Essential Skills Go > Complete: Community Coaching – Essential Skills Course (no fee)
- Take note of the certificate number located at the bottom of the certificate
- Log back into the SLS Members Area > eLearning > My Training > Development Coach > Australian Sports Commission's Community Coaching – Essential Skills > View Slides > Take Assessment > Complete Question 1 and 2 (enter certificate number) > Submit

Step 4: Recommended: Sport Integrity Australia's Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course (formerly Level 1)

- The Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course (formerly Level 1) is recommended for the Development Coach
- You will need to register with the Sport Integrity Australia for access to this course via [Sport Integrity Australia](#) (no fee)
- Once you have completed this course, log back into the SLS Members Area > eLearning > My Training > Sport Integrity Australia Anti-Doping Fundamentals Course > View Slides > Take Assessment > Complete Question 1 and 2 > Submit

Step 5: Complete the SLSA Online Module

- Login to the [SLS Members Area](#) > click on eLearning > My Training > SLS – Development Coach
- Complete the following course modules at your own pace:
 - Introduction to Surf Sport Coaching
 - Understanding your Athletes
 - Developing your Athletes' Skills
 - Developing your Athlete's Physical Abilities
 - Managing your Surf Sport Coaching Program
- Upon successful completion, you will automatically be allocated the SLSA "Development Coach (Online Theory Module)"

Step 6: Complete the Elective Module

- Each discipline has its own elective and assessment process. Elective modules are in the [SLS Members Area](#) > Login to eLearning > Training Library > SLS – Coaching
- If your elective is available online, complete it. If your elective is not available online, please contact your State/Territory to put you in contact with a relevant assessor

Step 7: Complete the Written Assessment

- As part of the online course, there is one written assessment. Complete the assessment and print it off or save a copy to your device
- Present the completed assessment to your Development Coach Assessor when attending the face-to-face workshop/coaching session

Step 8: Book in a Face-to-Face Workshop / Coaching Session

- Once you have completed the Online Coaching Module, you will automatically be allocated the "Development Coach Online Theory Module" award. You will still need to complete a face-to-face workshop/coaching session
- Please contact your Club, Branch or State/Territory to arrange a face-to-face workshop/coaching session with a Coach Assessor
- The assessor will take you through a face-to-face workshop/coaching session (duration dependent)
- Present a copy of your 'Written Assessment' and 'Working with Children's Check' to your assessor
- Upon successful completion of the face-to-face workshop/coaching session and assessment, you will be allocated an SS-Development Coach elective e.g Development Coach – Board Events Elective by your State/Territory

Step 9: Begin Coaching

FAQS

Is Foundation Coach a pre-requisite for Development Coach?

- No. Foundation Coach provides an entry level course for parents and club members who are new to coaching. Development Coach is an entry point as well as being the second stage of the SLSA coaching pathway. Participants must be 16 years of age

How long does the Development Coach accreditation last for?

- All courses are accredited for four (4) years.
- Please ensure you submit your reaccreditation by the end of the fourth year to maintain accreditation. To reaccredit, complete the coaching reaccreditation form found on the SLS Members Area > Document Library

How long will it take for me to complete the course?

- Each online learning module is designed to take approximately 30 minutes
- The duration of the face-to-face workshop/coaching session is dependent on Branch/State/Territory. Each elective will have its own face-to-face component. Please note, that there may be a few weeks between completing Development Coach online theory modules and a face-to-face being available

How much does it cost? How do I pay?

- Each State/Territory differs in price. Payment can be made with credit/debit card in the SLS Members Area > eLearning. You will receive an invoice to your email address once payment has been processed. There is no extra cost for coaching electives

I haven't received my receipt for my course. Where is it?

- All coaching courses are linked to SurfGuard, your receipt will be emailed to the email registered in SurfGuard. Please ensure your email is up to date in the SLS Members Area, and check your junk or spam folders

I've got to the last slide, however it won't let me complete the course.

- Make sure that you have opened every slide in the course and that you have completed all the questions, clicked all tiles/icons and watched each video to the end

The online course starts at Module 2. Where is Module 1?

- Module 1, is the Australian Sports Commission's Community Coaching – Essential Skills Course course. Please refer to step 3

I am a Surf Boat Sweep, what course must I complete?

- In order to be a S2 sweep, you must have complete the the Development Coach Course and the Development Coach – Surf Boat elective. To progress to S3, you must have completed all online theory modules as well as the elective

Where can I find the expiry date of my Coaching qualification?

- Log into the [SLS Members Area](#) > Memberships > Awards > SS – Development > Expiry Date

If I would like a copy of my certificate of completion, where can I find it?

- Log into the [SLS Members Area](#) > click on eLearning > My Training > scroll down to Completed Courses > SLS – Development Coach > Click on Certifications > Certification 1

Where can I find the Surf Sports Manual?

The Surf Sports Manual can be found in two locations:

- SLSA Publications App – is supported on both Apple and Android devices and is available through the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#)
- [SLS Members Area](#) > Document Library > Organisation – Surf Life Saving Australia > Search – Surf Sports Manual

What other courses would further increase my knowledge as a coach?

- Sport Integrity Australia have a range of courses from Clean Sport 101 to Coaches Course. Courses can be located on Sport Integrity Australia's website <https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/>
- SLSA recommends that before incorporating resistance training into training programs (especially power and strength training using weights), coaches undertake the Australian Strength and Conditioning Association's Level 1 Coaching Qualification. For more information click [here](#).
- SLSA Sports Hub platform is a central hub for all things sport and is accessible via the [SLS Members Area](#) > Sports Hub. Within Sports Hub is Coach Connect. Coach Connect hosts coaching resources across all disciplines of sport which also has the capacity to facilitate online workshops which can be viewed live or at a later date. Coach Connect is designed to support the continuous development of accredited surf sport coaches.