

## **The FA Charter Standard Criteria & Coaching Qualifications**

As you will be aware over the past 2 years the FA has reviewed its coaching pathway and updated its coaching qualifications.

Feedback from the game was that coaches liked the youth awards but our coaching pathway was too complicated.

One of the key recommendations from the Chairman's England Commission was for the FA to develop a clearer pathway, bringing together the traditional Level 1 & 2 content with Youth Award modules.

Our new level 1 & 2 courses were launched in August 2016, the new courses saw more blended learning and for the 1<sup>st</sup> time included in situ club visits/support. Feedback from learners has been excellent with both courses reporting Net Promoter Scores from learners in the mid 70s.

Another concern for the game was that there were not enough UEFA B places available, so from August 2017 our new UEFA B course will be delivered by CFAs with the number of places available going from under 300 to over 800.

We were also asked to look at ensuring that the new courses needed to be mindful of the demands on volunteers time and costs. It should be noted that under the old pathway for a coach to achieve FA Level 1, 2 and FA Youth Award Modules 1,2 and 3 would take 26 -28 days of course attendance, whilst under the new pathway for a coach to achieve Level 1, 2 and UEFA B will need to attend 23.5 days.

With the content from the old FA Youth Awards Mod 1-3 now incorporated in to the new FA level 1, 2 and UEFA B, the FA Youth Award courses will no longer be delivered.

Those coaches who took the old course will still be in receipt of that qualification and that learning can be used as RPL against courses in the new pathway.

With the FA Youth Modules no longer been delivered the decision has been taken to remove the need for FA Youth Awards from the CSC criteria. Over the next 6 months we will be reviewing the CSC criteria, in particular what is the correct level of coaching qualification for the different levels of Charter Standard.

Finally thank you for your continued support of Charter Standard and in particular your recognition and commitment to raising standards in coaching.



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