



Nominations Now Open

We are welcoming motivated young paddlers (aged 8-15) with an enthusiasm for freestyle to be nominated by canoe clubs, groups and centres. Successful nominations will be invited to attend our first annual GB Academy Freestyle summer programme.

The GB Academy rewards your (club, group, centre) young members participation and involvement in freestyle related activities; introducing them to one of the most fantastic freestyle learning environments in the world with Team GB athletes and coaches.

The Academy programme promotes an inclusive, safe environment where participants are free to progress at their own pace while enjoying the professional feel of coaching in a Team GB environment.

The programme is designed to inspire, nurturing the philosophy of an active lifestyle, and developing knowledge and understanding through open mindedness, commitment, and working with others.

How do we nominate individuals for the programme?

Please visit the GB Freestyle Kayaking website project page where you can find our application forms. Completed forms need to be emailed to; chair@gbfreestylekayaking.co.uk

All applicants will receive an email to confirm their application has been received and if it was successful or not. All shortlisted applicants will receive a signed letter from the GB Freestyle committee chairman and performance director

recognising their commitment to their local club/group freestyle programme.

Due to the nature of the programme we can only accept two applications from each club or group. Successful applications have two weeks to confirm their places on the programme, unconfirmed places will be offered to candidates on the shortlist.

What skills/experience do nominees need?

Activities are provided on flat, moving and/or whitewater environments, and our lead coaches will be in touch with successful nominees to ease their minds on what to expect.

Nominees should demonstrate;

- An interest and enthusiasm for freestyle paddlesport.
- A personal and friendly manner towards other participants and their coach.
- Engagement with your club, group or center activities and excel or persevere towards improvement.
- A flatwater or moving water roll would be preferable as this would heighten their enjoyment, although swimming is positively embraced and part of this fun experience.

Where and when are the academy camp?

Venue and dates will be announced on the GB Freestyle Kayaking website event calendar, and on the GB Freestyle Kayaking Facebook page.

Further details of the schedule, programme will be provided via email to successful applicants.

Get your coaches involved too.

Are they passionate about paddlesport? Do they enjoy giving encouragement to others and sharing their experiences? Would they like to explore freestyle coaching? If they are positive, active and enthusiastic we want to hear about them too.

Throughout our entire development pathway from local clubs/groups to national programmes we are offering exciting coach development opportunities. So not only are these camps a development opportunity for your young members they are designed and facilitated to be great learning environments for coaches.

Voluntary coaches can be nominated to attend the Academy for continued personal development. Please let us know if you

would like to nominate a coach (via the nomination application form) and use this opportunity to develop and grow your own organisation's freestyle activities.

What does the nominated coach gain from joining the GB Academy Camps?

- The satisfaction of knowing that they are helping to inspire a new generation of freestyle paddlers.
- Sharing and utilising existing coaching skills as well as developing and learning new ones.
- Be part of a coaching team, with some of the world's leading freestyle coaches and athletes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have further questions, please PM the GB Freestyle Kayaking Facebook Page.

A full outline of the GB Freestyle Academy programme can be found at: [Our Projects | GB Freestyle \(gbfreestylekayaking.co.uk\)](#)

