

## FAQ Moray Club Accreditation

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**01/05/2026**

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| <b>1.0</b> | <b>Question</b> | Are there different accreditation requirements for swimming clubs compared to dry activities taking place for example in a sports hall or astro turf pitch?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|            | <b>Answer</b>   | <p>For swimming clubs, Scottish Swimming advise that coaches do not need to be first aid qualified as they are coaching in a pool environment with lifeguards. Pool safety procedures state the lifeguards are responsible for any first aid required.</p> <p>For clubs accessing sports halls or outdoor areas, the responsibility to provide first aid for participants will primarily be with the club coaches.</p> <p>This means that for swimming clubs, a first aid certificate for coaches will not be required but for all other club activities it will be a requirement to join the Moray Club Accreditation Scheme.</p>                                                                                      |
| <b>2.0</b> | <b>Question</b> | Can occasional -termed incidental- attendance or participation by an under 18 or vulnerable adult to a club activity be permitted?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|            | <b>Answer</b>   | <p>Incidental is a term used by Disclosure Scotland to describe the infrequent attendance or participation by a young person or a vulnerable adult to an activity that has not purposely been marketed or designed for their participation. This is permitted by Disclosure Scotland.</p> <p>However, if the attendance of a young person or vulnerable adult becomes frequent or if the group is constituted to support under 18s or vulnerable adults, then a Disclosure/PVG check is required and would be necessary to join the Moray Club Accreditation Scheme.</p> <p>If this is the case, it would also be a requirement that a child and/or vulnerable adult policy is provided for accreditation approval.</p> |
| <b>3.0</b> | <b>Question</b> | <b>Is accreditation only applicable and required for clubs?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | <b>Answer</b>   | <p>Although we have called this initiative the Moray 'Club' Accreditation Scheme, it not only applies to constituted clubs but also individuals, organisations or businesses.</p> <p>The key point is that we want to ensure that these activities are safe for everyone to take part in regardless if it is a club, business or an individual making a regular booking.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>4.0</b> | <b>Question</b> | <b>Is Club Accreditation required for extra-curricular school bookings?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|            | <b>Answer</b>   | No. These bookings can be validated by the Active Schools team and school staff to ensure that best practise is being adhered to at sessions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>5.0</b> | <b>Question</b> | <b>How do accreditation requirements relate to a coach delivering an activity session on their own?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | <b>Answer</b>   | <p>Relevant accreditation requirements would continue to be requested.</p> <p>One important issue is who is the designated and qualified welfare officer? Disclosure Scotland guidelines note that this cannot be the coach.</p> <p>Activity leaders should seek guidance from their governing body but the Council would expect that there is designated welfare officer for the activity.</p> |
| <b>6.0</b> | <b>Question</b> | <b>Will there be a review date set for approved club accreditations?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|            | <b>Answer</b>   | <p>Following the submission of an approved club accreditation application, it is the intention that Council Officers will undertake a review of every club accreditation application not less than every 3 years from the date of approval.</p> <p>The first round of renewals is due to start in January 2027.</p>                                                                             |