

## **Coaching Coordinator Report 2022**

The slalom committee has continued to make funds available to support active volunteers in clubs to undertake slalom coach training and assessment. In the last 12 months this has supported 5 people to Slalom Coach training courses but no additional assessment candidates. This funding has now supported 71 coaches to attend training and 9 to compete assessments since the new qualifications were launched in January 2018.

Financial support is only one aspect to increasing the number of qualified coaches in the sport. A significant challenge is to engage and support those that have completed training and new trainees so they can gain the knowledge, experience and confidence in their ability to go forward to a successful assessment. Every trainee's needs will be different, and developing as a coach needs a considerable time commitment from volunteers, and support and encouragement along the way.

However, it is a concerning trend that it appears that few of those undertaking Slalom Coach training progress to assessment, and also reflects those lost from the sport over the last few years. Equally concerning is the reduced numbers attending coach training when coaching in clubs is fundamental to engaging, developing and retaining participants in slalom.

I have also represented the Slalom Committee on the BC Slalom Coaching Technical Group during the year which has been active in reviewing and proposing new resources to be added or created.

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