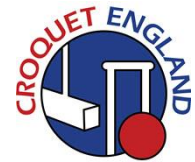


# ***Croquet England*** ***Policy for Coaching Academies*** ***and Centres of Excellence***



## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Croquet England's strategic aims include to:
  - Support growth and encourage competitive play.
  - Continuously monitor the methods of coaching in use and develop them.
  - Encourage and provide training of Coaches and Officials.
  - Develop methods of persuading and training its individual members to aim to improve to their full potential.
2. One method of achieving these aims is planning, co-ordinating and developing regional coaching centres of excellence.

## **DEFINITION**

3. In this policy the term "Academy" applies to a coaching establishment endorsed by Croquet England and offering an annual programme of croquet courses open to all Croquet England members<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that The Croquet Quest Academy, run peripatetically by Cliff Jones, falls outside this definition and thus intentionally is not covered by this policy.

## **AIM**

4. The aim of this document is to state the policy governing the establishment of croquet Academies.

## **POLICY**

5. Croquet England's policy is to:
  - a. Achieve the high-quality coaching which is considered important for the development of individuals' play. A set of standards for coaching Academies to meet is set out at Appendix A.
  - b. Ensure that any applications to the Croquet England Coaching Committee for the formation of a new Academy or Centre of Excellence are required to demonstrate how they will reach these standards.
  - c. Require that existing Academies will maintain these standards.
  - d. Facilitate a planned and co-ordinated national approach to centres of excellence for croquet coaching and development.

## **APPENDIX A** **STANDARDS**

### **Standards**

### **Notes**

#### General

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| 1 | Governance arrangements | How separate is the Academy from any host club?<br>What are the dependencies and how are they resolved? |
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2	Management arrangements	Trustees / Management Board / Other
3	Accounting arrangements	Separate bank account, separate annual accounts, separate asset and stock registers
4	Core purpose / aim / objective	Raising standards, not purely for money-making or club/individual advancement
5	Relationship with Croquet England	Responsive to Croquet England priorities (e.g. supporting the development of young players, training coaches and referees, etc)
6	Relationship with existing Academies	Demonstrable co-operation and support of existing Academies
7	What policies will be applied by the proposed Academy?	Should include: Data Protection, Safeguarding, Financial Control, Risk Management etc
8	Accountability to Croquet England	Annual Report to Coaching Committee to include numbers coached (AC/GC), referees qualified, coaches qualified, tournament managers trained

### *Where*

9	Access to lawns	Meet match standard, min of 2 available (not necessarily at host club)
10	Availability of half lawns	Including all necessary equipment, hoops, pegs, balls, flags etc
11	Access to classroom facilities	Guideline: 50 sq m, 12 x tables and chairs
12	Access to domestic facilities	Loos / coffeemaking / meals?
13	Core location for Academy and venues for courses when not at core location	Any additional provision needs to be complementary to existing provision. This may be by appealing to a different market. Where the proposed provision is similar to existing provision, a careful appraisal needs to be made of impact on viability, based on a working assumption of it being reasonable for attendees to travel two hours to their nearest Academy. Compare travel times/distances of clubs from Academies pre and post proposed Academy

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