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Press Release – 03/10/2012 – **Launch of New Level 2 Qualification in Coaching Bowls**

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The Bowls Development Alliance is pleased to announce the launch of the new Level 2 Qualification in Coaching Bowls. This is the first **ever** qualification for Bowls approved by the awards group OFQUAL.

The new qualification covers a number of topics including: Understanding the fundamentals of coaching sport, Understanding how to develop participant(s) through coaching sport, Supporting participant(s') lifestyle through coaching sport, Understanding the principles of safe and equitable coaching practice, Plan a series of bowls coaching sessions, Prepare the bowls coaching environment, Deliver a series of bowls coaching sessions and Monitor and evaluate bowls coaching sessions.

All candidates will be assessed following national assessment standards covering: The Role of a Sports Coach, Coaching and Learning Styles, Communication, Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, Equality and Diversity in Coaching Sport, Sports Science, Nutrition and Hydration, Drugs in Sport, Risk Assessment, Observed Coaching x 2, Coaching Outline Plan, Coaching Outline Plan 1 – 4 and Continuous Professional Development.

The cost of the full course is £150 per person, although the BDA are working with a number of partners to establish potential funding bursaries for coaches to assist with the cost.

Current Accredited Level 2 or even Level 3 coaches wishing to gain the new Qualification may do so by undertaking a bridging module. The bridging module will cost significantly less and will depend on your current coaching level.

If you are a current accredited Level 1 coach and wish to gain the Level 2 qualification then the new full Level 2 course is for you!

This is the recommended course for all bowls coaches and is being supported by Bowls England and English Indoor Bowling Association. In taking this Level 2 Qualification you will gain a qualification recognised by the sport, Local Authorities, County Sports Partnerships and other sports.

You can download an application form for a place allocation from our website www.playbowls.org or email chrisparkin@bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com or by writing to BDA Coach Bowls, Cornwell House, Bowling Green, Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 0FA.

Clubs or counties can arrange for a full course to be held within their facility and if interested should contact the Bowls Development Alliance for a course registration form.

If you have any questions relating to the new Level 2 Qualification please contact amandascriven-purcell@bowlsdevelopmentalliance.com

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