

SECF Coaching Report 2018

1. Review of 2018

The Academy had a poorer year with 182 entries. The previous year they covered 244 candidates. Some of the difference is accounted for by the GC pod activity where 3 sessions were run at 2 centres (Southwick & Guildford) covering about 32 GC players in the 2 -7 handicap range.

One to one coaching sessions continued to be successful . A limited amount of Winter one to one coaching was also offered.

AC Coaching numbers have continued to decline 58 in 2018 compared with 66 in 2017.

GC Coaching has declined significantly down from 132 to 79. Some of the decline can be accounted for by the GC pods. There has also been a lot more local coaching by Academy and local coaches. This reflects in the large number of GC coaches who qualified in 2017.

2. Plans for 2019

The Academy Programme is currently being planned. The following has so far been agreed:

- ! In 2019 we are separating club coach qualification courses from Graded courses. This is being done to ensure that the graded courses are not dumbed down and more specialist time can be devoted to the higher grade potential coaches.
- ! We will be offering GC Refresher courses covering the new GC rules to all existing coaches. We believe that the CA and the Federation should subsidise these courses at £ 12.50 (CA) and £ 7.50 (SECF). If this is done the Academy will not add further tuition costs. If the federation agree a request should be put forward to the CA to back the scheme.
- ! AC Triple peel course will be run in 2019 as a 2 day course rather than three, reflecting the need to reduce overnight stay costs.
- ! In 2019 we are going to use video analysis and will be running two workshops for GC and AC players using this technique to help players improve their game.

This technique was used with the GC pods in 2018 and is certainly beneficial especially with fault correction.

Croquet Academy - Course Summary Comparison 2015 - 2018

Course	Entries 2014	Entries 2015	Entries 2016	Entries 2017	Entries 2018
GC Improvers	81	41	21	14	6
GC Advanced		12	6	11	17
GC Improvers Follow up		25		24	11
GC High Bisque Tournament			13	16	
GC Beginners & High Handicappers			24	33	19
GC Championship Masterclass			11		12
GC Referees Qualification & Rules		9		24	4
Coach Training Course (CTC)	29	16	11	7	11
Croquet Psychology		49	21	9	12
AC Beginners	9	15	20*	12	10
AC Improvers	16	11			13
AC Development in Handicap Play	15	13	10	10	4
AC Intro and Development in Advanced play	11	7	6	8	4
AC Triple Peel	10	10	9	2	
AC Break building without bisques		6		8	
AC Beginners & Improvers follow up	20	25	9	10	7
AC Supervised High Bisque Tournament	26	19	19	16	15
Guide to successful tournament management		4	13	5	
AC Laws & Referees Course			10		5
Handicapping Workshop			8		
WCF AC & GC Coaching series			33**		
GC Refresher workshop				10	10
One to coaching				25	22
TOTALS	217	262	244	244	182