



## Explore Rowing Factsheet

# Accreditation

The Explore Rowing accreditation scheme is for clubs wishing to deliver the new national learn to row scheme (including Explore Assistant training). The criteria are designed to ensure clubs are set up to deliver the scheme correctly and also provide appropriate activity within their club to retain people in the sport after completing their learn to row course.

There are two levels of accreditation, the 'accredited club' and 'pioneer club'. Clubs applying for Explore Rowing funding packages will be required to accredit to the 'pioneer' level. Pioneer clubs will also form a national network of boat hire allowing their club members to easily explore rowing throughout the country. A summary of the benefits of both clubs is contained in the table below.

	Accredited Club	Pioneer Club
<b>Benefits</b>		
Access to the Explore Rowing website as a promotional tool	✓	✓
Access to promotional materials developed for use alongside the ER learn to row scheme	✓	✓
Able to deliver the ER learn to row scheme	✓	✓
Able to deliver the Explore Assistant scheme	✓	✓
Ability to hire other ER club's boats via the ER website		✓
Able to apply for an ER funding package		✓
Supported in applications for other grants for stable boats	✓	✓

## Requirements

The requirements for the scheme are different depending on which level you wish to accredit to.

	Accredited Club	Pioneer Club
The club/scheme's constitution must be appropriate to the club's activities, contain suitable references to British Rowing policy and lay out appropriate governance processes for the club.	✓	✓
The club/scheme must be affiliated to British Rowing	✓	✓
The club should have a designated Explore Rowing co-ordinator who is responsible for ensuring the delivery of the learn to row courses in line with the ER L2R scheme guidance and also that there is an appropriate programme of activity within the club for those not wishing to enter traditional competition squads.	✓	✓
The club will publicise its status as an Explore Rowing club.	✓	✓
The club should welcome rowers from other ER clubs who are visiting the area, and if possible, arrange for them to use the club's boats.	✓	
The club should ensure their boats are available to other pioneer clubs on at least 3 days per month via the ER website		✓
The club should host a designated number of Learn to Row courses a year as agreed with the ER team.		✓
The club will ensure that all <b>new</b> participants become British Rowing members	✓	✓
The club will encourage <b>all club</b> members to become British Rowing members.		✓
All learn to row courses in the club will be delivered in line with the guidance provided in the ER learn to row scheme.	✓	✓
The club will agree a clearly defined programme of activity outside of the traditional competition pathway to encourage participants to remain in the sport.		✓

## National Learn to Row Scheme

The major benefit of the Explore Rowing Accreditation is the ability to deliver the Explore Rowing Learn to Row Scheme. This scheme is focussed on teaching skills to newcomers to rowing and has been designed to be flexible to suit club's needs. Each participant in the scheme will be issued with a 'passport' that will easily allow them to demonstrate their competency in rowing. This will be particularly useful for those wishing to visit other clubs and events around the country. Clubs will benefit from national publicity and being able to deliver recognisable training. Each level of the scheme will be supported by attractive and engaging resources both online and offline.

## Explore Assistant

The Explore Assistant training is club-based training which fits to a national standard but can be customised by a club. Explore Assistants will be allowed to operate under the supervision of a UKCC qualified rowing coach within the club they complete the training and will assist in the delivery of the learn to row scheme and other rowing activities in the club.

## Boat Hire Scheme

Pioneer clubs will form part of reciprocal boat hire network. Clubs will be able to list when their boats are available and for what fee on the Explore Rowing website. Competent individuals (as designated by their own club) will be able to book boats through the site.

## Watersports Centres

It is understood that the governance and management of watersports centres may not fit perfectly with some of the requirements of the accreditation scheme. For further details on accrediting to deliver the scheme as a watersports centre please contact the team.

## Further Information & Applications

For further information and an application form for accreditation please contact the Explore Rowing Team

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