

Andrew Beaven

Profile

I received the ECB “Coach” award (level 2 — then the entry-level qualification for independent cricket coaches) in 2011 and have continued my personal coaching development ever since, actively reviewing and blogging “on the job” learning at theteesra.com, and pursuing learning opportunities wherever I can find them.

I coached extensively with the Colts’ section (u9-u16) at the Oakfield Parkonians CC, beginning as a volunteer Coach Assistant (level 1) in 2009. In addition to supporting the Club’s very successful competitive teams across the various age-group squads, in 2017 I became Lead Activator for the **All Stars Cricket** scheme, for 5-8 year olds completely new to the sport, growing the group from just 10 children in the first year to more than 40 in 2019 our final season pre-COVID lockdown.

Since the spring of 2014, I have been a member of the coaching team at the **Lord’s Indoor Cricket Centre** (formerly known as the MCC Cricket Academy). I coach across the various age-group classes, working in particular with the Academy’s term-time and holiday courses for “Little Legends” (age 3-4), “Mini Masters” (age 4-5) and “Cricket Cubs” (age 5-7), devising and leading age-appropriate coaching plans, and now with the U13 Development & Performance squads.

From 2015 to 2019, I coached at the **Graham Gooch Essex Indoor Cricket Centre**, Chelmsford, creating and delivering 1-to-1 coaching plans for players from U11 County & District Age Group through to adult Club level.

I have led many **Chance to Shine** programmes in primary schools, and coached with the “**Team Up England**” initiative, taking cricket for girls into secondary schools. I also support events for **Essex Cricket in the Community** and local School Sports Partnerships by officiating in Schools & Junior competitions.

I have specialised in helping children to play and enjoy cricket, but I am also interested in:

- understanding and applying the pedagogical principles underlying games-based learning, Games Sense, Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) & the Video Games Approach to skill acquisition — coach as “*game designer*”;
- the application of “non-linear pedagogies”, including the Constraints-Led Approach (CLA), in coaching & sport instruction — coach as “*environmental designer*”;
- the role of “*coach as educator*” and the importance of “learning how to learn” in skill acquisition & development;
- the development of *functional movement solutions* and “physical literacy” for younger children;
- the psychology of sport and performance behaviour.

In 2019, I ran my first **coach education** sessions, training All Stars Cricket Activators and junior cricket activators, and have delivered training for ECB National Programmes Activators (now including both All Stars and Dynamos Cricket), both online and face-to-face, since lockdown.

Qualifications/certificates held

- ECB Coach (level 2) (2011)
- Enhanced DBS (Online Update Service)
- First Aid for Sport, Exercise & Fitness — ITC level 3 award (2021)
- ECB Safeguarding Young Cricketers (2021)
- ECB Coaching in Primary Schools
- ECB Disability Inclusion Training
- ECB ACO Umpire, level 1
- It’s Your Call Umpire Education Stage 1 (online)
- It’s Your Call Umpire Education Stage 2 (online)

Experience – coaching

- Lord’s Indoor Cricket Centre (casual coach: coaching groups, from ages 3-13) 2014–to date
- Private Coaching — 1-to-1 coaching, youth & adult; schools’ programmes, including after-school clubs
- Essex County Cricket Board (casual coach: 1-to-1s with development pathway players) 2015–2019
- Chance to Shine (primary schools) with Essex Cricket in the Community & Capital Kids Cricket 2018–2021
- “Team Up England” (secondary schools, girls) with Essex Cricket in the Community 2019–2020
- Oakfield Parkonians CC Colts (u9-u16) 2009–2019
- ECB All Stars Cricket Activator 2017–2019
- Regent’s Park CC Colts 2015-2019
- Queen Mary University London, Men’s Cricket Club Coach 2015-17

Experience – coach development

- ECB National Programmes Activator tutor 2019–to date
- ECB Coach Developer programme 2019

CPD – Cricket

- ECB Coaching Young People & Adults: Performance & Video Analysis (Middlesex CCB) 2016
- ECB Coaching Young People & Adults: Training Interventions & Methods (Middlesex CCB) 2016
- ECB Coaching Children: Creating the Learning Climate for Children (Essex CCB) 2014
- ECB Coaching Children: Skill Development for Children (Essex CCB) 2014
- ECB Coaching Children: Game Based Learning for Children (Essex CCB) 2014

- “Spin it Up — helping spin bowlers”, with Mark O’Leary & Chris Brown (ECB Coaches’ Association) 2022
- Chance to Shine Network Support: Connect, Support, Improve Programme (online) 2020
- Pace Bowling Masterclass with Steffan Jones (MCC Cricket Academy) 2018
- Power Hitting Masterclass with Julian Wood (MCC Cricket Academy) 2017
- Pace Bowling Masterclass with Richard Johnson (MCC Cricket Academy) 2017
- Spin Bowling Masterclass with Robert Croft (MCC Cricket Academy) 2016
- Batting Masterclass with Gary Palmer (HECCSport) 2016
- “Feel the Force – Creating Power for Cricket” with Mark Sheppard (HECCSport) 2016
- Wicket-keeping Masterclass with Paul Nixon (MCC Cricket Academy) 2015
- Seam Bowling Masterclass with Martin Bicknell (MCC Cricket Academy) 2015
- Wicket-keeping Workshop with Barry Hyam (Essex CCB CA) 2012
- Lifeskills Street 20 Coaching (Essex CCB & Cricket4Change) 2011
- Coaching Bowlers Workshop (Essex CCB CA) 2011
- Training Methods Workshop (ECB/Essex CCB CA) 2010
- ECB Coach Assistant (level 1) (ECB/Essex CCB CA) 2009

- ECB Coaches Association Conference 2013, 2015 & 2017

CPD – Coach Development

- National Programmes Activator Tutor training (ECB) 2020; 2022
- ECB Coach Developer Programme (2019)
- ECB Coaching Ambassador (online) 2019
- Coaching Others to Coach (Open University short course - online) 2019
- All Stars Cricket Activator Tutor training (ECB) 2019
- Tutor Development Session (UK Coaching - pilot programme) 2019

CPD – Coaching (General)

- Sports Performance: Training the Body for Sport (Open University/FutureLearn - online) 2022
- Sports Performance: Different Approaches to Sports Coaching (Open University/FutureLearn - online) 2022
- Sports Performance: Exploring Sports Psychology (Open University/FutureLearn – online) 2022
- Understand, Connect, Thrive: Developing Your Practice (UK Coaching - online) 2020
- Coaching on the Ground: Planning, Doing and Reviewing (iCoachKids MOOC - online) 2020
- Child-Centred Coaching & Physical Literacy (iCoachKids MOOC - online) 2020
- Coaching Children 5-12: The Next Generation (UK Coaching) 2019
- Developing Effective Environments for Children in Sport (iCoachKids MOOC - online) 2019
- Coaching the Mental Game (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Team Coaching (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Self-Aware Coach (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Player-Centred Coaching (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Coaching in the Knowledge Era (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2017
- Exploring Sport Coaching and Psychology (OpenLearn - online) 2017
- How to Coach the Fundamentals of Movement (sportscoachUK) 2017
- How to Deliver Engaging Sessions for Adults (sportscoachUK) 2014
- Sport Psychology Workshop with Dan Abrahams (TheSportInMind) 2014
- Introduction to FUNdamentals of Movement (sportscoachUK) 2014
- Performance Movement Skills (SAQ International) 2014
- Athlete Development Workshop with Kelvin Giles (Active Essex) 2013
- Equity in Your Coaching (sportscoachUK) 2011

CPD – Mental Health

- Mental Health Awareness for Sport & Physical Activity+ (UK Coaching with Mind - online) 2021
- COVID-19: Psychological First Aid (Public Health England/FutureLearn - online) 2020
- Understanding Anxiety, Depression and CBT (Reading University/FutureLearn - online) 2019
- Mental Health Awareness for Sport & Physical Activity (UK Coaching with Mind - online) 2019
- Mental Health in Cricket & Beyond (LagomMind in partnership with Opening Up Cricket) 2019
- Youth Mental Health (University of East Anglia/FutureLearn - online) 2018
- Understanding Autism (OpenLearn - online) 2018
- Mental Health in Cricket — Coaches' Workshop (Opening Up Cricket/MCC Cricket Academy) 2018

CPD – other

- Blended and Online Learning Design (UCL/FutureLearn - online) 2021
- The Online Educator: People & Pedagogy (Open University/FutureLearn - online) 2020
- Transforming Digital Learning (Deakin University/FutureLearn - online) 2020
- How to Teach Online (FutureLearn - online) 2020
- Exploring Play: The importance of play in everyday life (University of Sheffield/FutureLearn - online) 2018

Experience – Online Publishing; Marketing

29 years in scientific, technical & medical online publishing, latterly managing and mentoring B2B marketing teams as they delivered digital, social and event marketing.

I was a Member of the **Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals** (CILIP) — the library & information association, and of its predecessor organisation, the **Institute of Information Scientists** (1989-2019). Further information on my professional career prior to becoming a full-time cricket coach is available on request.

Experience – other

Community:

- Associate Member, Board of Governors, Ilford County High School, 2018-19
- Co-opted Member, Board of Governors, Ilford County High School, 2014-18
 - Chair of Pupils, Learning & Standards Committee (2016-2017)
 - Training Link Governor; Safeguarding Link Governor
- Hon. General Secretary, Old Parkonians Association (old boys of Ilford County High School) 2014-2016

Volunteering:

- “Commonwealth Collective” — Athlete Services, Lawn Bowls & Para Lawn Bowls, Commonwealth Games 2022, Birmingham
- Cow welfare warden (public engagement with free-roaming cattle, Wanstead Park), City of London, 2021
- Volunteer event assistant, “Shrouds of the Somme”, London 2018
- “Runner”, City Wide Team, World ParaAthletics Championships & IAAF World Championships, London 2017
- Event Support, UCI World Track Cycling, London 2016
- Event support, Tour of Britain 2014 (London stage)
- “Tour-maker”, Tour de France Grand Départ 2014 (Cambridge to London stage)
- “Clyde-sider”, Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2014
- “Gamesmaker”, Paralympics, London 2012

Memberships

- ECB Coaches Association (ECB CA)
- ECB Association of Cricket Officials (ECB ACO)

Blog

- The Teesra (www.theteesra.com)

References

Available on request