

A combined report, on behalf of the Iaido & Jodo Bu, on the Coaching and the Examiner Mentoring Programme.

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The Coaching Programme

The coaching programme for Iaido and Jodo is a joint venture. The Revised Level 1 Coaching Programme was initiated in June 2007 and 29 candidates took part on that occasion. Andy's latest figures show that we have at present 90 members listed as Level 1 Coach. This includes those registered under the old and new systems. The requirement for the Dojo is to have at least 2 coaches registered. With the Insurance costs at only £10 per coach then hopefully this will encourage more candidates to take part & to register under the club insurance scheme. There is another course due soon. Any new shodans do please consider contacting our co-ordinator Patty at pattypapageorgiou@hotmail.com Perhaps we should consider giving out information on coaching to the newly graded shodans when they receive their menjo.

The first of the New Style level 2 Courses was delivered in September 2009 with 21 persons taking part.

A second level 2 will be delivered this year. Once again anyone interested (Nidan and above) in this course then please let Patty know.

The overall figures for coaching course passes since inception of the new course are:

Level 1	83
Level 2	21

The number of awards for Regional and National Coach are:

Regional Coaches	Iaido 31	Jodo 13
National Coaches	Iaido 10	Jodo 7

Coaching Course Tutor numbers are:

Level 1	6
Level 2	2

This seems an encouraging position from which to develop.

Our thanks are readily given to Andy Watson for his work in getting the Level 1 & 2 Coaching Programme underway and for his instrumental work in developing the Examiner Mentoring Programme. Patty has been invaluable in co-ordinating the coaching set up and Martin is getting under way as co-ordinator for the EMP. Thank you one and all.

The Examiner Mentoring Programme (EMP)

The EMP is a mentoring programme consisting of 3 simple stages. When completed, this allows the candidate to have gained a valuable insight into the workings of the grading system. The programme gives the opportunity to gain/develop experience of being a grading panellist and to fulfil one of the criteria for the Regional and National Coach Award.

Martin Chambers was the first to trial the new programme and now he has taken on the role of co-ordinator for this scheme. You can contact him on martch@gmx.com

Since its inception in March 2009, Martin has been joined by: Scott Halls, Anna Stone, Pat Breheny, Lee Mountain, Bill Davison and Graham Turner as well as others.

Anyone of 4th dan and above is most welcome to take part. Hopefully the understanding gained would help with not only your own development, but assist with your teaching as well. In my opinion, the coaching and the mentoring programmes not only help develop the candidates themselves but their students also benefit. You might therefore discuss with your dojo the funding (partial or otherwise) of these courses from dojo funds!

Hopefully, you will at least be encouraged, to seek more information on the above programmes.