



**Swindon Skater Hockey Club  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Swindon Skater Hockey Club has become the first within the British Inline Skater Hockey Association (BiSHA) to train all its coaches to British Roller Skating Federation (BRSF) Level 2. Ten team coaches together with Chairperson Nigel Davies attended the BRSF Course Education Programme held in Swindon over the weekends of 23rd / 24th January and 30th / 31st January at the Isambard School, Swindon.

The first weekend was classroom based, learning the about the fundamentals of coaching, different coaching models, diversity / disability awareness, health & safety and the following weekend was entirely hands on, learning to teach the Skate Smart Programme.

Nigel Davies said "Swindon Skater Hockey Club is aware that delivering generic (basic) roller skating skills in schools and leisure centres is an ideal way of introducing young people to roller skating and subsequently recruiting them to our club. But as we have discovered, more and more schools and local authority leisure centres within our area are demanding that peripatetic teaching staff (schools) and coaches (leisure centres) delivering coaching (of all sports) should hold coach qualifications equivalent to UKCC Level 2 as well as the usual appropriate CRB Declarations. Attendance at this course, which was mainly funded by a grant from the Swindon Sports Forum, will enable our coaches to take the sport of skater hockey into schools. The teaching programme is very effective, as even I, as a person who had never skated before, attained my Skate Smart Level 1 during the course. "

The club are now well placed to move forward with its application for Club Mark Accreditation, which will be another first in the sport of Skater Hockey.

The club coaches who attended the course were: Hannah Archer, Charmaine Payne, Paul Morrissey, Chris Rose, Lee Ryan, Shaun Ryan, Nathan Shilton, Simon Smith, Mike Wheeler and Derrick Wood. Borehamwood & Team GB Senior Coach Nigel Dickinson also attended the course.