

G452 Coursework Guidance – Summary of key amends and additions October 2010

All changes/amends/new information in the updated criteria has been highlighted in yellow so that they are clear and easy to spot. A summary of the key aspects follows:

1. Coaching – now no reference to ‘leading’; whilst technically one would not refer to a ‘coach’ in some activities such as mountain walking, the emphasis for candidates taking this option is for them to be able to guide/instruct others about the best way to perform different elements of the activity. It was felt that ‘leading’ may be open to misinterpretation; candidates must do more than just run/oversee a session or activity, by offering coaching points and advice to participants.
2. Officiating – clarification that the officiating role must be that of the main official or referee, not an assistant or support role.
3. Coaching and officiating – removal of the need to cover health and fitness benefits of the activity in the log books. Candidates still need to be aware of the benefits, particularly from the perspective of participants who are not performing at a high level but can still derive health and fitness benefits and enjoyment from taking part.
4. Coaching and officiating – now stipulates minimum 10 sessions in the three month period required.
5. Coaching and officiating – 40 minute DVD/CD Rom record should cover maximum of two of the sessions delivered, rather than 5 minute clips from eight different sessions, for example.
6. Coaching and officiating – more detail provided on suitable First Aid courses.
7. EPIP – time should not be allowed immediately after the performance for candidates to add to or re-structure notes taken during the performance.
8. EPIP – more guidance on ‘tactics’.
9. EPIP – criteria amended regarding action plan, to be more explicit.
10. Safe and Effective exercise – descriptor about the log made more explicit.
11. Safe and Effective exercise – log book requirements updated and made clearer.
12. Safe and Effective exercise – more clarity on the need for 2 programmes, and for them to be personal.
13. Safe and Effective exercise – removal of need for risk assessments in the log book.
14. Log books – reference to production of some log book cover sheets which will be put on the OCR website.
15. Coaching – clarification about number of sessions needed, duration of sessions etc.
16. Officiating – removal of reference to Top Sport/Dragon Sport – and replacement of ‘sessions’ with ‘matches’; candidates need to be officiating proper game situations, not just small-sided training sessions or similar.

17. Separate list in introductory section of guidance for activities requiring log books. Also refers to assessment re log books/practical performance.
18. Statement added about multi-discipline activities and the assessment of the separate disciplines or event areas.
19. Waterskiing added to activity list and criteria included. Tables of scores for tricks (for AS and A2) included in updated performance tables booklet.
20. Squash – ‘underarm clear’ removed, should not have been in squash criteria; replaced with drop shot.
21. Log books – guidance about the calculation of assessment marks where log books are used has been added.
22. Generic dance criteria – removal of the requirement for ‘solo’ dance – but added statement to clarify that the focus of assessment where dancing is with a partner should be on the performance of the individual being assessed, not the overall performance of the partnership.
23. Outdoor and Adventurous activities – the log must relate to and contain details of the specific test/course/expedition undertaken for formal assessment of the activity.
24. Equestrian events – Show jumping, height of jumps required amended to 3ft 3”.
25. Sailing – must be a singlehanded boat type, criteria amended to reflect this.