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Our moderators' reports are produced to offer constructive feedback on candidates' performance in the examinations. They provide useful guidance for future candidates.

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General overview

Centres have worked well with Level 2 with lots of unit grades being confirmed. Work produced has been clear and organised. Sometimes a little brief but practical delivery has been well evidenced. Centres are becoming much more confident on unit content and are consistently following the unit guidance, with moderators seeing much more consistent application of theory to relevant sport and exercise examples. Evidence produced has been very varied including written reports, annotated photographs, leaflets, presentations and practical performance. Witness statements have generally improved with regards to detail and being individual to the candidate, however this is still an area for some assessors to work on. Centres are reminded to use the guidance provided in the unit specification and to follow the command word required, with practical commands requiring evidence of a practical response.

Comments on individual units

Unit 3 – Inclusivity, equality and diversity in delivering sport and physical activity

Learning outcome 1 is generally done well although candidates do find it hard to describe and give examples for direct and indirect discrimination. Plans and promotion have been of a good standard with candidates showing some good knowledge and understanding of ensuring inclusive, equal and diverse sport and physical activity sessions.

Assessment for learning



Assessors must make sure they read and follow the guidance.

P1: This requires all terms from the teaching content to be described.

P2: There is specific guidance about covering all the groups under 'protected characteristics'.

P3: Candidates must identify ways to make sure inclusivity, equality and diversity in relation to the sport or physical activity they plan for.

P4: Assessors must read any guidance for future teaching and learning.

Unit 4 – Leading sport and physical activity sessions

Candidates seem to have enjoy the practical nature of this unit and have delivered some well-planned sessions. Learning outcome 2 and 3 should be as hands on as possible, with candidates planning and delivering physical activity sessions. Assessors are reminded that when the assessment criteria use a practical command such as 'gather' or 'set up', then the candidates are required to do something in response and the evidence should support the practical nature of the task. There has been a range of evidence produced and centres are reminded that if they are using witness statements then they should be personalised to the individual.

Assessment for learning



P3: The command word is 'gather' information required to plan a session. This means the candidates need to do something to gather the information they need in order to plan a sports session. This should include things like age, number of participants, ability or experience in the sport and any medical conditions. This can be 'gathered' by observing the class, asking the teacher questions, emailing the teacher or questionnaires.

M1: Plans for must be for different types of sessions – see teaching content 2.1.

LO4: Candidates do not need to review all their plans/sessions. The criteria states review a session.

Unit 5 – Customer service in sport and physical activity

This unit is enjoyed by candidates, with lots of hands-on tasks. candidates gain a good understanding of customer service with a range of opportunities for work placement/role play learning.

P4: Candidates could show more specific detail on both the sport and the facility to better meet this criterion, giving specific examples.

Learning outcome 4 can cause some confusion for centres regarding what is classed as a straightforward or a complex complaint.

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Learning outcome 4 responses could include:

- simple: Toilet roll is empty, changing room floor was dirty, the fitness class was overcrowded, locker won't open
- complex: error with a booking, double booking of a badminton court, issues in a sports hall, e.g. table tennis ball coming over on to badminton court all the time
- requires supervisor: complaint after a booking of the whole pool and they want a refund, claim about inappropriate behaviour from a staff member, complaint regarding first aid or safety issue.

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Unit 6 – Components and principles of fitness training for sport and physical activity

This has been a successful unit with candidates showing some good knowledge and understanding of fitness training. Evidence has generally been well supported with practical examples. candidates seem to enjoy this unit, perhaps due to the fact candidates can apply their knowledge to sports of their choice and therefore it is deemed more interesting. Learning outcome 1 and Learning outcome 2 provide a good challenge for Level 2 candidates, being able to describe components of fitness, analyse how they are used in different sports and assessing how a specific individual could train for their sport.

Assessment for learning



P3: This requires candidates to analyse, which is a hard task, especially for pass level. Assessors need to give some thought to how they will help candidates to develop this skill to help them to achieve P3.

Assessors are reminded to follow the unit guidance provided in the specification as certain criteria have specific requirements, e.g. for P2, candidates must look at a minimum of three sports or physical activities.

Unit 7 – Practical Sport

This has proved to be a popular unit among candidates and centres have evidenced this well. The list of sports the candidates can choose from is listed in the unit.

Unit 8 – Assisting sports coaching

This unit has been done really well when combined with Unit 4 and made into a project for the candidates.

Unit 9: Fitness induction and testing

If the criteria and guidance are followed this unit is generally done well. It is quite a practical unit which will give the candidates some good skills for working in the fitness industry.

Assessment for learning



P1: Must describe two health screening tests.

P3: Must carry out two health screening tests and a PAR Q.

P6: Must cover how all the different lifestyle factors listed in the Teaching Content affect the client's health and wellbeing.

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Unit 10 – Using fitness equipment

An applied unit which includes some practical aspects. Assessors must make sure they follow the guidance to make sure they have covered all the right types of equipment.

Assessment for learning



LO1: Make sure candidates cover all the types of equipment in the teaching content.

LO2: There needs to be some interaction with the chosen client when describing the benefits, as opposed to the client just sitting silently listening.

LO4: Checklists need to be fit for purpose – not just check equipment with a list yes/no. They need to have some detail about what they are checking/looking for.

Unit 11 – Assisting in the delivery of exercise and fitness sessions

This is a practical unit which candidates tend to engage well in. Recordings or annotated photographs as evidence for the delivery of sessions rather than just relying on witness statements would make better responses.

This unit has some content that overlaps with other units, e.g. P1 is gathering data from a client which links to Unit 4 P3 and Unit 9 LO1 – so centres could consider a project type approach to this unit.

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Assessment for learning



For LO1 and LO2 evidence, centres could make more use of teaching content 1.1 and 1.3 to better meet P1 and P2.

While candidates only have to deliver 15 minutes, the session plan does need to plan for 30 minutes.

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