

Teacher Support: Coursework Guidance Booklet – Summary of key changes

G454 - The Improvement of Effective Performance and the Critical Evaluation of Practical Activities in Physical Education

All changes/amends/new information in the updated Coursework Guidance Booklet has been highlighted in **yellow**. A sequential summary of the key changes follows:

Section 1.1 Off-site activities – the statement relating to the responsibilities of PE staff in respect of assessing candidates participating in off-site activities has been amended to ensure clarity.

Section 1.3 Assessment – centres are reminded that: *The activity in which the candidate is assessed must be one of the two activities in which they have been assessed in as part of Unit G452.*

Section 1.4 – the statement relating to the format of DVD/CD-Rom evidence has been amended and a reference to the *Guidelines for the submission of DVD/CD-Rom evidence* document added.

Section 1.9 Submission of Log Books to Accompany Assessments – centres are now advised that all log books are to be submitted to the moderator: *Log books completed for performance activities, coaching and officiating must be completed and submitted to the moderator, with your marks, by 31 March.*

Centres are also reminded that log books must now be assessed and carry a weighting: *For performance activities which require a log book*, and coaching and officiating the weighting of practical performance is $\frac{2}{3}$ of overall mark, for the log book it is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the overall mark. Both performance and the log book should be assessed, each out of 40.*

This requirement has been accompanied by amends and improvements to the interactive Practical Activity Assessment Forms: *The marks for the separate elements should be entered on to the G454 Practical Activity Form and the overall mark will be automatically calculated when using the interactive practical activity assessment form.*

Centres are encouraged to use the interactive Practical Activity Assessment Forms available via the OCR website.

Centres attention is also drawn to the fact that **in addition to all Outdoor and Adventurous Activities, Circuit Training, Coaching and Officiating**, there are a number of other activities which require candidates to maintain and complete a log book: *NB Some performance activity log books (marked with an *) are intended to enable the candidate to detail their competitive programme, details of races, finishing positions, times, evaluate their performances, etc. These log books **are not assessed separately** from the practical performance although they must be completed in line with the criteria specific to that activity and submitted to the moderator with all other log books by 31 March.*

Log books are required for the following activities:

*Cross Country **

*Dragon Boat Racing **

*Road Cycling **

*Baseball **

Rounders *

Log book cover sheets have also now been made available via the OCR website.

Section 1.10 Special Activity Submission Criteria – minor amends have been made in respect of these statements; specifically in relation to advising centres to contact OCR prior to making a Special Activity Submission.

Section 2.2 Activity Profiles – the following activity criteria have now been incorporated into the main Coursework Guidance Booklet; these criteria were previously published within the *Additional Practical Activity Criteria for use from September 2010* document which has now been removed from the website: Road Cycling, Ju Jitsu, Kickboxing, Cheerleading, Synchronised Swimming, American Football, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby, Blind Cricket, Boccia, Clay Pigeon Shooting.

In addition, Ultimate Frisbee has been added to the approved list.

Criteria for all these activities are found within Section 3.

Section 2.3 Performance activities with distinct, separate elements for assessments, Coaching, Officiating – these statements have been added to/amended to provide additional guidance and support to centres in respect of assessing these activities.

Section 3 Performance – Activity Profiles and Criteria - criteria added for Road Cycling, Ju Jitsu, Kickboxing, Cheerleading, Synchronised Swimming, American Football, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby, Blind Cricket, Boccia, Clay Pigeon Shooting and Ultimate Frisbee.

Section 3.8 Gymnastic Activities, 3. Gymnastics – The focus of the tasks in respect of the required vaults has been amended. These have been changed as follows: *Front handspring, Handspring full twist, Straight hect vault*.

Section 3.9 Outdoor and Adventurous Activities – Generic Criteria – a statement relating to the log book has been added to each of the Bands; this statement had been omitted in error from the 2010/11 Coursework Guidance Booklet.

6. Kayaking - a statement relating to the contents of the required log book has been added; this statement had been omitted in error from the 2010/11 Coursework Guidance Booklet.

8. Mountain Walking – the focus of the tasks and challenge/requirements re the content of the log have been amended to improve clarity for centres.

9. Orienteering – the focus of the tasks and challenge have been amended. The log now also has a requirement for candidates to include their competitive programme.

Section 3.11 Safe and Effective Exercise Activities, 1. Circuit Training – the criteria has been significantly amended to provide centres with additional support and guidance

Section 6 Evaluation, Appreciation and the Improvement of Performance – an amend has been made to the first paragraph in an attempt to reiterate to centres that within the E & A: *candidates are assessed on their ability to produce an oral response in which they evaluate and appreciate the live effective performance of a fellow candidate (rather than that of a team)*.