

Cambridge Technicals

Sport

Level 2 Cambridge Technical Certificate/Extended Certificate/Diploma in Sport – **05400, 05402, 05405**

Level 3 Cambridge Technical Certificate/Introductory Diploma/Subsidiary Diploma/Diploma/Extended Diploma – **05407, 05409, 05412, 05415, 05418**

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1 Overview

Section 1 (Overview) should provide a general overview to the qualification/suite of qualifications as a whole.

There are two levels to the sport qualifications as detailed below.

OCR Cambridge Technical Sport Level 2 (2012 suite)

At this level there are three separate qualifications:

Certificate = 15 credits

Extended Certificate = 30 credits

Diploma = 60 credits

All three levels of the qualification have been delivered by centres.

The qualifications are being usually being delivered over one year.

Many centres have chosen to deliver the mandatory units first. Centres have also reported that this assists with learner motivation and enthusiasm towards the programme.

All units are centre assessed, internally standardised and externally moderated by an OCR Visiting Moderator.

OCR Cambridge Technical Sport Level 3 (2012 suite)

These qualifications attract UCAS points.

At this level there are five separate qualifications:

Certificate = 30 credits

Introductory Diploma = 60 credits

Subsidiary Diploma = 90 credits

Diploma = 120 credits

Extended Diploma = 180 credits

All five levels of the qualification have been delivered by centres.

The qualifications are being delivered in a variety of different formats dependent on the size of the qualification: usually over one or two academic years. Many centres initially deliver the Introductory Diploma or the Subsidiary Diploma, and then intend to register learners on the Diploma or Extended Diploma during their second year of study.

All centres have chosen to deliver the mandatory units first, followed by the optional units.

All units for all qualifications are centre assessed, internally standardised and externally moderated by an OCR Visiting Moderator.

2 General Comments

Level 2 and Level 3

The majority of centres have been able to assess the work to the required standard, however, a small number of centres, delivering the qualifications for the first time, have had units withdrawn on first submission due to there being insufficient evidence to quantify the grades awarded. The majority of centre reports have contained detailed action points.

Learners have produced evidence by a variety of methods, including; written work, reports, posters, video footage, witness statements, photographs, tables, templates used for practical lesson plans, annotated diagrams, leaflets, questionnaires, cards and booklets.

Many centres provide detailed witness statements, particularly for the practical units. Centres need to ensure that all witness statements are personalised to the individual candidate and contain sufficient detail to support the grades awarded.

In most centres care has been taken when using the internet. Measures are taken to ensure candidates do not download information and present it as their own. However, this is an on-going problem and centres need to be particularly vigilant to ensure that candidates work is their own and that it is comprehensively referenced.

Generic feedback:

Feedback by centre assessors has been beneficial to the candidates and has enabled the candidates to achieve appropriate grades. This has meant that the OCR Visiting Moderator has been able to find the appropriate evidence easily. All centres are using the OCR Unit Recording Forms.

Centres contact their visiting moderator if they have any queries about the qualification or the moderation process. Centres also contact OCR direct if they have queries about the interpretation of the specification and required evidence. All queries are dealt with and resolved quickly. As the qualification is now well established there haven't been any major specification issues in the past year.

3 Comments on Individual Units

Level 2 units

Unit 1 – Practical Sport: P3 learners need to include the scoring systems of both sports. Learners usually describe the main roles and responsibilities of officials in team and individual sports. However, in order to gain M2 they need to describe the main roles and responsibilities of officials in team and individual sports in relation to positioning. P7 all learners need to include a blank form for this assessment criteria as well as using a form for P8.

Unit 2 – Anatomy and Physiology for Sport: M1 Asks learners to locate joints and muscles used in a range of sporting actions. Learners' descriptions need to be linked to diagrams to show location. A 'range' is defined as a minimum of three for the purposes of these assessments.

Unit 3 – Fitness Testing and Training

LO1: Learners need to make stronger links between components of fitness and the requirements of their chosen sport, using specific examples.

Unit 4 – Nutrition for Sports Performance

LO1: Learners need to be more specific with the nutritional requirements as the information given tends to be just general.

LO2: Learners need to include the following in their food diaries: times, amounts or types of food.

Unit 6 – Lifestyle and the Sports Performer

P6 requires learners to describe three financial issues elite athletes need to consider; often there is not enough detail relating to the financial issues, showing a lack of understanding.

M3 requires the learner to give an example of how an elite athlete has developed their career and dealt with financial issues. In the majority of cases the information provided is too generic.

Level 3 units

Unit 1 – Principles of Anatomy and Physiology in Sport:

M1 requires learners to locate the bones, joints, movement types and muscles used during a range of sporting activities. In a minority of cases learners only listed the information and did not locate against a range of sporting actions. A 'range' is defined as a minimum of three for the purposes of these assessments.

M2 and D1 require learners to describe the roles of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems during exercise, and then go on to outline the relationships of these and energy systems before, during and after a sporting activity. Often the description provided was not in enough detail in relation to exercise.

Unit 2 – Sports Coaching: Practical Sport:

P1 requires learners to describe four roles and four responsibilities of sports coaches, using examples of coaches from different sports. Many learners did not fulfil the 'using examples of coaches from different sports' criteria. The same four sports can be used for the roles and for the responsibilities. It is recommended that learners highlight the sports they are using as examples thus ensuring they meet these requirements.

P2 requires learners to describe three skills common to successful sports coaches, using examples of coaches from different sports. Many learners did not fulfil the 'using examples of coaches from different sports' criteria.

D1 requires learners to continually review sports coaching sessions, making amendments to the planning and delivery of upcoming sessions where needed. In order to achieve this criterion the learner must ensure that the session plans they have produced for M3 are continually reviewed and that it is obvious what amendments have been made within the session plan. As part of their review learners also need to state whether or not they achieved the session objectives.

Unit 3 – Current Issues in Sport:

P1 requires learners to describe the development and organisation of a selected sport in the UK. All learners were able to describe the development of the selected sport, however, they did not always include details of how the sport was organised in the UK. The majority of centres found that P2 and M1 could be assessed together, as providing a detailed description for P2 meant that learners automatically achieved M1. This is also the case for P3 and M2.

P4 requires learners to describe the effects that four contemporary issues have on a selected sport; in some instances learners relate these to different sports not a selected sport.

M2 requires learners to give examples of sports which have been affected by contemporary issues in some instances this has been awarded without there being examples from different sports just more examples from the same sport.

Unit 4 – The Physiology of Fitness:

This unit focuses on the effects of exercise on the various body systems both in the long and short term. Centres who successfully delivered this unit related the information to practical activities that the learners participated in and recorded the appropriate results.

D1 requires learners to compare the effects of exercise on the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory and energy systems for a selected performer against an elite performer. In order to achieve this, learners need to use numerical data and refer to this data when comparing the effects of exercise on the various body systems.

Unit 5 – Sport Nutrition

P6 – requires learners to include details on the appropriate amount of carbohydrates, fats, proteins, water, fibre, vitamins, minerals that are needed for a balanced diet. Often the diet plan did not contain enough detail.

Unit 7 – Practical Team Sports & Unit 11 – Practical Individual Sports

P4/P5 requires learners to carry out a self-analysis using two different methods of assessment identifying strengths and areas for improvement in two sports. Learners need to make it more obvious which two methods have been used and identify strengths and areas for improvement for both methods separately.

Unit 15 – Sport Injuries

P3/P4 learners find it easy to describe physiological responses common to sports injuries for P3 however they often do not fully describe the psychological responses as required for P4, therefore there needs to be more of an emphasis on the delivery of this aspect of the specification. Likewise for M2 and D1 learners are able to identify and adapt treatment programmes with regard to the physiological responses, however, they often do not provide much evidence of identifying and adapting treatment programmes with regard to the psychological responses.

Unit 19 – Organising Sports Events

For P3/M1/D1 learners are only required to organise one event. The type of event organised will determine which assessment criteria they can achieve.

Unit 21 – The Athletes Lifestyle

P4 – learners need to ensure that the two different types of media interview are described in depth as there are significant differences in the factors to be taken into consideration for TV and radio interviews.

P6 – requires learners to produce a career plan covering an individual's career as an athlete and their career outside competitive sport. The focus should be on an up and coming athlete rather than one who has played professional sport and now has a second career.

Unit 23 – Fitness training and Programming

M2 – requires the learners to include SMART goals.

M3 – requires learners to analyse performance against set goals during a six-week training programme this should include relating the performance against the SMART goals identified in M2.

Unit 25 – Fitness testing for Sport and Exercise

P1 all learners need to ensure that they describe one test for each component of physical fitness, including advantages and disadvantages for all of the components of fitness listed in the specification.

P3/P4 – requires learners to use appropriate health screening procedures and administer tests to two contrasting individuals.

4 Sector Update

The specification for the Level 2 qualification will remain the same for delivery from September 2016 and there will be a new specification for the Level 2 qualification for delivery from September 2017 entitled Cambridge Technicals Level 2 Sport and Physical Activity.

There is a new specification for the Level 3 qualification for delivery from September 2016 entitled Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Sport and Physical Activity.

Both the (2012) specifications for Level 2 and Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Sport currently have an awarding end date of August 2022.

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