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This qualification requires centres to use the Model Assignments provided by OCR. Since September 2013 there have been two Model Assignments for Units R042; R043; R044; R045 and R046

Centres are reminded that OCR unit recording sheets must be used for each piece of candidates work submitted for moderation. Centres are also reminded that the final piece of work should not be presented in plastic wallets/folders or as loose sheets of paper, but treasury tagged with the URS as the front sheet.

For all units the majority of centres have used the model assignments as required by OCR. Where these have been used it was clear to see that the candidates knew what tasks they had to do for this unit and candidates responded well to the tasks set.

Unit R052: Developing sports skills

LO1 and LO2 – The majority of candidates demonstrated the key components of performance in a range of sporting activities. Many centres' provided detailed witness statements, stating and commenting on the skills/techniques/strategies/compositional ideas that were actually demonstrated by the candidates. However, some centres did not provide witness statements in enough detail for MB3 therefore the evidence provided did not fully match the mark awarded. Some centres only detail whether or not the candidate represents the centre; county or district. This, in itself, is not sufficient detail to quantify marks awarded.

LO3 – All candidates demonstrated effective officiating skills. Centre's provided witness statements which were detailed. In order to access MB3 there need to be details of the complex situation that the candidates were able to apply the rules and regulations to. Sheets on the rules were often included. Some centres only detail whether or not the candidate has achieved an officiating award. This, in itself, is not sufficient detail to quantify marks awarded.

LO4 - The majority of candidates were able to review their own performance. The candidates themselves need to provide the majority of the evidence for this LO. For MB2 and MB3 candidates need to review their performance in detail they also need to show an understanding of how to measure improvements in detail. Candidates should be encouraged to use the terminology in the learning outcome when mentioning types of skills, types of practice and applying practice methods particularly when aiming for MB2 and MB3. In some cases, candidates provided a separate section demonstrating an understanding of the application of practice methods. It is recommended that this demonstration, wherever possible, should relate to the sporting activity they are reviewing and should be contained within the practice methods.

Unit R053: Sports leadership

LO1 – All candidates described a range of sports leadership roles and related responsibilities and made links between them. The candidates who accessed MB3 made clear and accurate links between the different roles and the personal qualities and leadership styles of those who undertake them. It is recommended that candidates treat captains, managers and teachers as separate entities in addition to the ones currently being chosen.

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LO2 – All candidates produced a session plan which demonstrated consideration of many of the key requirements for an effective and safe sporting activity session. The session plan needed to include details of how the session is organised and details of the resources/equipment needed. The amount of prompting given was documented. All candidates produced a risk assessment, including corrective action, and documentation relating to emergency procedures. It is recommended that centres use the session plan and risk assessment forms found in the model assignment as the basis for the evidence for this LO.

LO3 – All candidates demonstrated the application of skills and knowledge in delivering a sports activity session. It is recommended that centres use the witness statement provided within the model assignment and that all assessors adopt this form. However, many centres did not provide witness statements in enough detail for MB3, in particular when assessing how the candidate adapted the session, therefore the evidence provided did not fully match the mark awarded.

LO4 - The majority of candidates were able to evaluate their own performance in detail. Both positive and negative aspects were considered. In order to access MB3 candidates need to include a section on ideas for improvement that are insightful and that address specific aspects of planning and delivery.

LO2 draws upon skills/knowledge and understanding from other units and it is important that the centre assessor indicates where this has been acknowledged in their internal assessment.

Unit R054: Sport and the media

LO1 – All candidates were able to identify the different areas of the media, supported by a limited range of sporting examples. In order to access MB3 candidates need to identify all of the different areas as listed in the specification these need to be supported by a wide range of named sporting examples.

LO2 – Most candidates identified a range of possible positive effects that the media has on sport. In order to access MB2 and MB3 candidates need to include more detail in their description. Candidates also need to explain why the sporting examples they have chosen have a positive effect on the sport.

LO3 – Most candidates identified a range of possible negative effects that the media has on sport. In order to access MB2 and MB3 candidates need to include more detail in their description. Candidates also need to explain why the sporting examples they have chosen have a negative effect on the sport.

LO4 – Most candidates were able to describe a range of aspects of the relationship between sport and the media, supported with mostly relevant examples of their value to one another, and were able to attempt some explanation of the ways in which sport and the media influence each other. The assessment criteria for all mark bands requires some explanation of how sport and the media has changed over time many candidates did not include any information on the changes over time therefore the evidence provided did not fully match the mark awarded.

LO5 – Some candidates evaluated the coverage of a sports story by the media. Some candidates just evaluated the coverage of sport in general by the media. Centres need to refer to the model assignment to ensure that the candidates are providing the correct evidence for this LO as the focus must be on 'a sports story/item', which should be included as evidence. In order to access MB2 and MB3 candidates' evaluation needs to be more detailed and reflect the content of the specification.

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LO2 draws upon skills/knowledge and understanding from other units and it is important that the centre assessor indicates where this has been acknowledged in their internal assessment.;

Unit R056: Developing knowledge and skills in outdoor activities

LO1 – All candidates were able to define outdoor activities and briefly describe a range of activities. Some candidates need to describe in more detail what the activity actually involves.

LO2 – All candidates outlined a few of the general benefits of participating in outdoor activities. Candidates need to use the headings in the specification when looking at the benefits and should focus on these. All candidates described the skills which can be developed by participating in outdoor activities and related them to specific sporting examples.

LO3 – All candidates produced a plan for an outdoor activity. Candidates were able to show an understanding of safety considerations. The plan for this LO does not need to be in the form of a formal session plan as many of the sub-headings within the specification have to be addressed and it is difficult to do this in a formal session plan.

LO4 – All candidates participated in outdoor activities. The witness statements provided were very detailed. It is recommended that there is a separate witness statement for each of the activities participated in.

General

Where evidence is provided through a presentation the centre is encouraged to provide a witness statement detailing the learner's response to any questions that have been asked in order to best support the mark awarded. Where witness statements are used as part of the evidence centres must ensure that they are personalised and not generic. Where power point notes are included centres should ensure that the font size is sufficient to be easily read.

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