



WJEC Level 1/2 Certificate in Sport

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The sports industry is a diverse sector with a wide range of employment opportunities. This can include working as a leisure attendant, a professional coach, professional athlete, sports journalist and events manager.

The WJEC Level 1/2 Certificate in Sport is designed to mainly support learners in schools and colleges who want to learn about the sports sector and may be interested in pursuing a career in this industry. Successful completion of the qualification, together with other relevant qualifications at Level 2 such as GCSE English, Maths and Science, could lead to learners progressing into Further Education and/or training. These pathways may include Level 2/3 apprenticeships as a fitness instructor or leisure centre assistant. Learners may also progress onto level 2/3 qualifications, which may include more focussed vocational qualifications such as:

- Level 2 Certificate in Coaching
- Level 2 Certificate in Leisure Operations
- Level 3 Certificate in Treatment and Management of Injury in Sport
- Level 3 Certificate in Understanding Sports Performance.

Alternatively, learners may progress to a broader programme of study such as GCEs which may include Physical Education, Physics, Maths or Design and Technology. The skills acquired through completion of the qualification such as organisation, communication and team work may enhance employment opportunities in junior roles within sport or other sectors.

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification. It is likely to be studied by 14-16 year olds in schools alongside GCSEs, or in college by 16-19 year olds as part of a programme of study or learning programme.

This is the qualification structure:

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Unit number	Unit title		Assessment	GLH
1	Sports campaigning	Mandatory	Internal	30
2	Improving sporting performance	Mandatory	External	30
3	Fitness for sport	Mandatory	Internal	60
4	Sports events	Mandatory	External	30
5	Sports analysis	Mandatory	Internal	30
6	Skills development	Optional	Internal	30
7	Increasing participation	Optional	Internal	30
8	Sports technology	Optional	Internal	30

Learners must complete all mandatory units and THREE optional units.

The structure of the qualification has been designed to develop the understanding and skills of learners across the sport sector. Each unit looks at a range of possible job roles and activities. Each unit focusses on a specific aspect designed to develop knowledge, skills and understanding through tasks that have many of the characteristics of real work in the sports industry. Each unit has an applied purpose which acts as a focus for the learning in the unit. This approach is called applied learning. This approach enables learners to learn in such a way that they develop:

- Skills required for independent learning and development
- A range of generic and transferable skills
- The ability to solve problems
- The skills of project based research, development and presentation
- The fundamental ability to work alongside other professionals, in a professional environment.

In addition to the WJEC Level 1/2 Certificate in Sport, there is also the Level 1/2 in Award in Sport. This smaller qualification is designed to be delivered in schools for 14-16 year olds alongside GCSEs. It has similar characteristics to the WJEC Level 1/2 Certificate in Sport, including some of the same units.

WJEC Level 1/2 Award in Sport				
Unit number	Unit title		Assessment	GLH
1	Sports campaigning	Mandatory	Internal	30
2	Improving sporting performance	Mandatory	External	30
3	Fitness for sport	Mandatory	Internal	60

The purpose of the WJEC Level 1/2 Award, however, is not to support progression directly to employment, but to provide learners with a broad introduction to sport and the types of career opportunities available.