

Unit 9: Practical Individual Sports

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QCF Level 3:	BTEC National
Credit value:	10
Guided learning hours:	60

● Aim and purpose

The aim of this unit is to enable learners to explore the skills, techniques, tactics and rules of individual sports through active participation.

● Unit introduction

This unit will develop learners' knowledge and understanding of individual sports. Learners will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of individual sports as performers and officials in different roles.

The desire to participate in sports activities continues to grow. People are more aware of the lifelong benefits of a healthy lifestyle, and the legacy of the successful Olympic bid will provide more opportunities for those wanting to take part in sport.

This unit gives learners an opportunity to participate and develop their own knowledge and ability in a selection of individual sports. This unit reinforces the knowledge and understanding required to study aspects of coaching and leadership, fitness and training, physiology and health and safety through actively participating in individual sports.

This unit focuses on developing learners' own practical sports performance in individual sports, focusing on the application of skills, techniques and tactics. This will be achieved through participation in practical activities, and learners reflecting on their performances and those of other performers in individual sports.

Learners will have the opportunity to practise and refine their individual skills and techniques. They will be able to investigate and experience different individual tactics and formations, and review their own performance in these areas and the performance of other individuals.

The rules and regulations of individual sports are also investigated, since an awareness of the rules can often lead to an improvement in performance. Throughout the unit, learners will be made aware of safe practice relating to all those participating in the sport.

Learners will participate in a variety of individual sports offered as part of the centre's curriculum, as well as other sports offered in the wider community. It is expected that learners will provide the evidence for this unit by selecting two sports in which they either excel or have a particular interest.

● Learning outcomes

On completion of this unit a learner should:

- 1 Know the skills, techniques and tactics required in selected individual sports
- 2 Know the rules and regulations of selected individual sports
- 3 Be able to assess own performance in selected individual sports
- 4 Be able to assess the performance of other individuals in selected individual sports.

Unit content

1 Know the skills, techniques and tactics required in selected individual sports

Individual sports: eg cross country, golf, gymnastics, judo, archery, cycling, swimming, trampolining, badminton, tennis, squash, table tennis, boccia, wheelchair tennis

Skills and techniques: required to perform the selected sport effectively, eg take-off, landing, grip, swing, throwing execution, attacking shots, defensive shots, serves, footwork, rotation, turns

Tactics: relevant to the selected sport, eg offence/attacking, defence, movement, communication, phases of play

2 Know the rules and regulations of selected individual sports

Rules: rules/laws as produced by governing body for the sport; unwritten rules and/or etiquette specific to sport, eg playing ball out when soccer player is injured

Regulations: eg players, officials, spectators, facilities, equipment, playing surface, scoring system, health and safety, child protection, insurance, administration

Situations: eg a player in an illegal position, ball out of play, an illegal shot, use of illegal equipment

3 Be able to assess own performance in selected individual sports

Self-analysis: specific to sport; application of skills; techniques and tactics; achievements; strengths; areas for improvement

Assessment methods: eg objective performance data, subjective observations, use of technology (Kandle, Dartfish), SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis, testing, interviews, performance profiling

Development: aims and objectives; goals; SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound) targets; opportunities, eg training, courses, qualifications; possible barriers

4 Be able to assess the performance of other individuals in selected individual sports

Performance analysis: specific to sport; application of skills; technique and tactics; achievements; strengths; areas for improvement

Assessment methods: eg objective performance data, subjective observations, use of technology (Kandle, Dartfish), SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis, testing, interviews, performance profiling

Development: aims and objectives; goals; SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound) targets; opportunities, eg training, courses, qualifications; possible barriers

Assessment and grading criteria

In order to pass this unit, the evidence that the learner presents for assessment needs to demonstrate that they can meet all the learning outcomes for the unit. The assessment criteria for a pass grade describe the level of achievement required to pass this unit.

Assessment and grading criteria		
To achieve a pass grade the evidence must show that the learner is able to:	To achieve a merit grade the evidence must show that, in addition to the pass criteria, the learner is able to:	To achieve a distinction grade the evidence must show that, in addition to the pass and merit criteria, the learner is able to:
P1 describe skills, techniques and tactics required in two different individual sports	M1 explain skills, techniques and tactics required in two different individual sports	
P2 describe the rules and regulations of two different individual sports, and apply them to three different situations for each sport	M2 explain the application of the rules and regulations, of two different individual sports, in three different situations for each sport	
P3 demonstrate appropriate skills, techniques and tactics in two different individual sports		
P4 carry out a self-analysis using two different methods of assessment identifying strengths and areas for improvement in two different individual sports [RL1, RL2, RL3, RL5, CT2, IE3, IE4, EP4]	M3 explain identified strengths and areas for improvement in two different individual sports, and make suggestions relating to personal development	D1 analyse identified strengths and areas for improvement in two different individual sports, and justify suggestions made
P5 carry out a performance analysis using two different methods of assessment, identifying strengths and areas for improvement in the development of an individual in an individual sport. [RL1, RL5, IE3, IE4, IE6, CT4, TW2, TW4, TW6]	M4 explain identified strengths and areas for improvement in the development of an individual in an individual sport, and make suggestions relating to development of an individual.	D2 analyse identified strengths and areas for improvement in the development of an individual in an individual sport, and justify suggestions made.

PLTS: This summary references where applicable, in the square brackets, the elements of the personal, learning and thinking skills applicable in the pass criteria. It identifies opportunities for learners to demonstrate effective application of the referenced elements of the skills.

Key	IE – independent enquirers	RL – reflective learners	SM – self-managers
	CT – creative thinkers	TW – team workers	EP – effective participators

Essential guidance for tutors

Delivery

Centres will determine the depth of coverage for each sport. However, adequate time should be given to each sport to allow for the depth and breadth of study necessary to cover the *Unit content*.

Access should be given to learners of all sporting abilities, and mixed gender activities are encouraged where appropriate. Time spent researching the rules and regulations may also make learners more competent practitioners and role models for others.

This unit gives learners the knowledge to develop and improve their own practical skills and techniques in sporting activities. They should also become more tactically astute in each sport in which they participate.

Tutors should introduce learners to skills and techniques through simple practices and drills which show progression through to the game and/or competitive situation. Learners should produce a logbook, diary or portfolio of their experiences in the sport, including their performance in any practices, training or trials that are completed at local, regional or national level. The logbook could be kept in the form of a written document, a blog or a video diary of their development of techniques, skills and tactics within each specific session.

Observation records, witness statements, feedback sheets and success in leadership or governing body awards could be used as evidence for appropriate assessment and grading criteria.

Learners will be asked to observe and analyse both personal performance and the performance of others in the selected sports. Centres will determine the focus of the observation.

Centres should encourage learners to use a variety of methods to collate the evidence. Objective evidence (such as statistics) should be encouraged alongside subjective assessments and opinions.

Tutors should spend some time in the classroom looking at different ways to gather evidence to accurately assess performance. Analysis of other performers should give learners the knowledge to develop and improve their own performance. The use of performance profiling is encouraged.

As much unit content as possible should be delivered in a practical situation. Coaches, trainers and officials from the community could be invited to deliver some aspects of the unit.

Practical work should be supported by theoretical information delivered both in the field and within the classroom. Learners should be encouraged to complete their portfolio/blog/diary/logbook on a regular and continuous basis.

Outline learning plan

The outline learning plan has been included in this unit as guidance and can be used in conjunction with the programme of suggested assignments.

The outline learning plan demonstrates one way in planning the delivery and assessment of this unit.

Topic and suggested assignments/activities and/assessment
Introduction and overview of the unit.
Assignment 1: Skills, Techniques and Tactics Required in Two Individual Sports (P1, M1, P3). Tutor introduces the assignment brief.
Discussion of what skills and techniques are and how they can be classified in individual sports.
Observation of skills and techniques applied in a variety of individual sports; the emphasis of the session should be the correct demonstration of the skills and techniques.
Discussion of the correct application of tactics in a variety of individual sports; the difference between attacking and defending applied to specific individual sports.
Observation of sports performers applying tactics in competitive situations.
Delivery of one individual sport to learners: learners should be taught the core skills and techniques of the selected individual sport as well as the appropriate tactics for the specific sport. After each session learners should keep a practical log that describes the skills, techniques and tactics covered in each practical session. In each session learners should demonstrate their ability to carry out each skill, technique and tactic as appropriate for the selected sport.
Delivery of a second individual sport: learners should be taught the core skills and techniques of the selected individual sport as well as the appropriate tactics for the specific sport. After each session learners should keep a practical log that describes the skills, techniques and tactics covered in each practical session. In each session learners should demonstrate their ability to carry out each skill, technique and tactic as appropriate for the selected sport.
Assignment 2: Rules and Regulations of Individual Sports (P2, M2). Tutor introduces the assignment brief.
Research the rules of two individual sports: learners should be able to demonstrate the basic rules and regulations of two individual sports including the unwritten rules and/or etiquette specific to each sport.
Practical assessment of learners officiating: learners to demonstrate their knowledge of the rules of two individual sports by applying the rules and regulations to three different situations in each sport.
Assignment 3: Self-analysis of Own Performance in Two Different Individual Sports (P4, M3, D1). Tutor introduces the assignment brief.
Methods of assessment: learners should be made aware of the various methods of assessment available to assess their own performance whilst participating in individual sports.
Methods of measuring performance: learners should be made aware of how they will measure their performance of their ability in different individual sports, measuring strengths and areas for improvement in specific components of each sport.
Learners to complete self-assessments of their strengths and areas for improvement in each individual sport that they have participated in. Learners should use a selected method of assessment to record their self analysis for each selected individual sport.
Learners to complete a development plan for each individual sport and set specific goals and targets for improvement, including possible opportunities for future development as a performer in each sport.

Topic and suggested assignments/activities and/assessment

Assignment 4: Performance Analysis of Another Individual in a Selected Individual Sport (P5, M4, D2).

Tutor introduces the assignment brief.

Learners to carry out an observation of a peer or elite performer whilst competing in a selected individual sport. Learners should complete a selected method of assessment to track the performance of the individual.

From the findings of the assessment learners should produce a development plan that identifies the performer's strengths and areas for improvement. The development plan should set specific aims and objectives and SMART targets for future development, and identify possible opportunities for further development within the sport

Review of unit and assessment activities

Assessment

This unit will require a combination of different types of evidence, including written, video, audio evidence and observation records.

For P1 and P3, learners could complete a diary in the form of written, audio or visual evidence in each of the two individual sports as required, which outlines the range of skills, techniques and tactics that they have experienced as part of the practical unit. A simple framework for each session could be followed and would be sufficient for this, and could also include a regular analysis of strengths and areas for improvement in each of the sessions. Learners need to complete their method of recording their progress on a regular basis. Tutors could assist in this process either by organising regular sessions to produce the evidence, or by leaving some time at the end of each session for this to be completed. For P3, an observation record completed by the tutor is required to confirm achievement, or learners could produce video evidence displaying each of the core skills and the application of tactics in a competitive situation. This evidence would need to be approved by the tutor (including completion of a witness statement), which could then be attached to the portfolio of evidence produced for each of the two sports for P1.

For P2, learners could complete a booklet or leaflet covering the rules and regulations of each of the two sports. Alternatively, learners could deliver a PowerPoint presentation to the tutor, using examples either from situations that they have been a part of or from situations that they have observed.

For M1, learners could extend the evidence by relating the skills, techniques and tactics to a competitive situation, explaining the importance of each in producing an effective performance.

For M2, learners could observe an official in action and produce a report on their performance, perhaps acting as a representative of the governing body in assessing and explaining the official's application of the rules and regulations.

For P4, learners could talk to more experienced coaches in order to obtain appropriate advice on how to improve their own performance. Guidance is given in the *Unit content* as to the range of assessment methods that learners could use. The evidence provided within the portfolio for P1 and P2 should act as a base on which to achieve P4.

For M3 and D1, learners could produce an action plan that relates to their own development in the sport. This could be part of an application for a sports scholarship or a request for sponsorship, whereby the learner has to provide detailed information on their current level of performance as well as justifying their targets for the future.

For P5, tutors could organise a trip to observe an elite sports performer in action. Alternatively, learners could carry out the observation of a peer from within their own centre. Learners could provide the individual with evidence of their performance or develop this as if completing an analysis on the selected performer. This could be in the form of a written report, an oral response (supported by witness testimony) or possibly a more elaborate method using modern software analysis systems and presentation techniques. Learners could also be put in the position of a scout, observing and analysing the strengths and weaknesses of an individual, to pass the information on to future opponents.

For M4, learners need to explain and analyse (D2) identified strengths and areas for improvement in the performance of another individual. Suggestions should be made relating to the development of the individual. A justification of the suggestions will need to be provided to meet criterion D2. To meet criteria M4 and D2 learners could act as consultants for the individual. Learners could produce a report which gives a detailed account of the strengths and areas for improvement, and the methods the individual could use to improve performance.

Programme of suggested assignments

The table below shows a programme of suggested assignments that cover the pass, merit and distinction criteria in the assessment and grading grid. This is for guidance and it is recommended that centres either write their own assignments or adapt any Edexcel assignments to meet local needs and resources.

Criteria covered	Assignment title	Scenario	Assessment method
P1, M1 P3	Skills, Techniques and Tactics Required in Two Individual Sports	As an assistant to a sports coach, analyse the skills and techniques required in two different individual sports.	Written evidence or podcast/ visual evidence. Practical observation and assessment. Witness statement.
P2, M2	Rules and Regulations of Individual Sports	You are to introduce novices to the rules of two different individual sports. Produce promotional material.	Promotional report.
P4, M3, D1	Self-analysis of Own Performance in Two Different Individual Sports	Analyse own practical application of techniques, skills and tactics in two individual sports.	Written report. Practical observation and assessment. Observation records.
P5, M4, D2	Performance Analysis of Another Individual in a Selected Individual Sport	Analyse the performance of another individual, identifying strengths and areas for improvements.	Written report.

Links to National Occupational Standards, other BTEC units, other BTEC qualifications and other relevant units and qualifications

This unit forms part of the BTEC Sport sector suite and the BTEC Sport and Exercise Sciences sector suite. This unit has particular links with the following unit titles in the BTEC Sport suite and the BTEC Sport and Exercise Sciences suite:

Level 2 Sport	Level 3 Sport	Level 3 Sport and Exercise Sciences
Technical Skills and Tactical Awareness for Sport	Practical Team Sports	Practical Team Sports
Practical Sport	Talent Identification and Development in Sport	Analysis of Sports Performance
	Sports Coaching	Sports Coaching
	Rules, Regulations and Officiating in Sport	
	Technical and Tactical Skills in Sport	
	Analysis of Sports Performance	

This unit links with the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for:

- Coaching, Teaching and Instructing at Level 3
- Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance at Level 3.

Essential resources

Learners will need access to a range of sports facilities and equipment. They will also need participants to be the subject of coaching sessions.

Employer engagement and vocational contexts

This unit focuses on the practical delivery of individual sports and learners will develop the background knowledge and skills needed for effective participation in a variety of individual sports. The knowledge learners obtain may support their coaching ability as they will understand skills and techniques in detail. Centres are encouraged to develop links with local coaching organisations. This could be through coaching workshops and delivery of practical sport sessions to learners.

Indicative reading for learners

Textbooks

Adams M et al – *BTEC Level 3 National Sport (Development, Coaching and Fitness) Student Book* (Pearson, 2010) ISBN 9781846906503

Adams M et al – *BTEC Level 3 National Sport Teaching Resource Pack* (Pearson, 2010) ISBN 9781846906541

Atkinson J and Sweetenham B et al – *Championship Swim Training* (Human Kinetics Europe, 2003) ISBN 9780736045438

Barber G – *Getting Started in Track and Field Athletics: Advice and Ideas for Children, Parents and Teachers* (Trafford Publishing, 2005) ISBN 9781412065573

Bradbeer R and Morrison I – *Golf: Skills and Techniques* (Abbeydale Press, 2000) ISBN 9781861471017

Diagram Group – *Rules of the Game: The Complete Illustrated Encyclopedia of All the Sports of the World* (Saint Martin's Press Inc, 1995) ISBN 9780312119409

Edwards J – *Badminton: Technique, Tactics, Training – Crowood Sports Guides* (The Crowood Press, 1997) ISBN 9781861260277

Mifune K – *Canon of Judo: Classic Teachings on Principles and Techniques* (Kodansha International Ltd, 2004) ISBN 9784770029799

Pankhurst A – *Tennis: A Complete Guide to Tactics and Training (Sporting Skills)* (First Stone Publishing, 2005) ISBN 9781904439479

Pegg D – *An Introduction to Sports Officiating* (Coachwise, 2005) Code B23822 – available from www.1st4sport.com/1st4sportsite/productsearch/B23822.htm

Journals

International Journal of Sports Science and Coaching

Journal of Sports Sciences

Physical Education Review

Websites

Amateur Swimming Association

www.britishswimming.org

Badminton Association of England

www.badmintonengland.co.uk

British Cycling

www.britishcycling.org.uk

British Gymnastics

www.british-gymnastics.org.uk

The British Olympic Association

www.olympics.org.uk

Coachwise

www.1st4sport.co.uk

The Lawn Tennis Association

www.lta.org.uk

Sports Leaders UK

www.sportsleaders.org

UK Athletics

www.ukathletics.net

Delivery of personal, learning and thinking skills

The table below identifies the opportunities for personal, learning and thinking skills (PLTS) that have been included within the pass assessment criteria of this unit.

Skill	When learners are ...
Independent enquirers	carrying out a self-analysis using two different methods of assessment identifying strengths and areas for improvement in two different individual sports carrying out a performance analysis using two different methods of assessment, identifying strengths and areas for improvement in the development of an individual in an individual sport
Creative thinkers	carrying out a self-analysis using two different methods of assessment identifying strengths and areas for improvement in two different individual sports carrying out a performance analysis using two different methods of assessment, identifying strengths and areas for improvement in the development of an individual in an individual sport
Reflective learners	carrying out a self-analysis using two different methods of assessment identifying strengths and areas for improvement in two different individual sports carrying out a performance analysis using two different methods of assessment, identifying strengths and areas for improvement in the development of an individual in an individual sport
Team workers	carrying out a performance analysis using two different methods of assessment, identifying strengths and areas for improvement in the development of an individual in an individual sport
Effective participators	carrying out a self-analysis using two different methods of assessment identifying strengths and areas for improvement in two different individual sports.

Although PLTS are identified within this unit as an inherent part of the assessment criteria, there are further opportunities to develop a range of PLTS through various approaches to teaching and learning.

Skill	When learners are ...
Independent enquirers	researching the skills and techniques appropriate to two individual sports researching the rules and regulations of two individual sports
Creative thinkers	developing assessment criteria to assess the performance of sports performers from two individual sports
Reflective learners	assessing their own performance after each practical sport session, analysing their effectiveness of applying each skill, technique and tactic practising the application of the rules in three different situations for two individual sports
Team workers	practising the application of the rules in three different situations for two individual sports
Self-managers	practising the application of the rules in three different situations for two individual sports
Effective participators	participating and demonstrating the skills, techniques and tactics in two individual sports.

● Functional Skills – Level 2

Skill	When learners are ...
ICT – Find and select information	
Select and use a variety of sources of information independently for a complex task	<p>researching the internet for appropriate rules and regulations of selected sports</p> <p>researching the internet for appropriate training programmes to be included in the development plan</p>
ICT – Develop, present and communicate information	
<p>Enter, develop and format information independently to suit its meaning and purpose including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • text and tables • images • numbers • records 	<p>producing a performance checklist that analyses skills, techniques and tactics for a variety of sports</p> <p>producing written assessments using ICT programmes</p>
Mathematics	
Select and apply a range of skills to find solutions	completing notational analysis of individual practical performance
Interpret and communicate solutions to practical problems in familiar and unfamiliar routine contexts and situations	producing results from notational analysis in a variety of appropriate forms, including tables and graphs
English	
Reading – compare, select, read and understand texts and use them to gather information, ideas, arguments and opinions	reading and summarising the rules and regulations of a variety of sports
Writing – write documents, including extended writing pieces, communicating information, ideas and opinions, effectively and persuasively	<p>completing a written practical log describing techniques, skills and tactics covered within each practical session</p> <p>completing a written summary of the rules and regulations of selected sports and how to apply them in various scenarios</p> <p>completing a written summary of their own strengths and areas for improvement in a selected sport</p> <p>completing a written summary for an individual identifying strengths and areas for improvement in a selected sport</p> <p>completing development plans for improvement.</p>