

1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Assistant (Netball)

Qualification Specification



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We have a proven track record; offering of valid, value-added, educational solutions and services and outstanding customer care. Our offer includes sector specific qualifications and pathways, and a range of relevant high-performing educational services; underpinned by leading digital solutions. The majority of these are developed and deployed in partnership with governing bodies of sport and other sector specific professional organisations. More than any other awarding organisation, our knowledge of the industry and our continuous cross-sector network enables us to understand the direction of our sector.

Our involvement in shaping our sector has been significant and we continue to be the awarding organisation that partner and representative organisations turn to for guidance on the direction of travel, as appropriate to the needs of our partners, centres, industry employers and learners.

Our Mission: To deliver excellent educational solutions and value-added services to sport, physical activity and the active leisure industry.

Our Direction: We aim to support the ongoing professionalisation of our industry; supporting employment, growth, sustainability and success. We embrace performance, participation and health agendas. Our objective is to continue to support our respected partners, providers and learners.

Qualification Specification

Title:	1st4sport Level 1 Award in Coaching Assistant (Netball)
Qualification Overview:	Prepares learners to assist in the delivery of netball coaching sessions under the appropriate supervision of a more qualified coach. .
Qualification Code:	L1AACNBR
Qualification Regulation Number:	603/2629/3
Guided Learning Hours (GLH):	16
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	38
Credit Value (if applicable):	Not applicable
Operational Start Date:	01/01/2018
Qualification Review Date:	31/12/2025
Learner Registration Period:	1 year
Qualification Objective:	This qualification qualifies learners to understand how to ensure participants' safety and to prepare resources for a netball coaching session.
Qualification Purpose:	Develop knowledge and/or skills in a subject area.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is designed for aspiring netball coaches to be supported in the development of their knowledge of how to effectively coach a local club or school team. It is aimed at those looking to become an assistant netball coach, working under the appropriate supervision of a more qualified netball coach.

Qualification Progression

This qualification leads to further learning or training in the area of coaching netball and/or other related areas. Learners achieving this qualification might consider progressing on to the 1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching (Netball) or the 1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching (Sport and Physical Activity).

This qualification can lead to paid or voluntary roles as an assistant netball coach. Other roles that the learner may consider exploring to include activity leader, netball umpire and sports volunteer.

Entry Requirements

Learners must be a minimum of 16 years old at registration and 16 years old at certification.

Pre-requisite(s) or other entry requirements

The recognised centre is required to conduct an initial assessment of learners to ensure that pre-requisites to registration and certification and any barriers that may disadvantage a learner under the Equality Act 2010 are considered and outcomes recorded during the application process.

Prior to registration learners are required to:

- be accurately identified
- be at least 16 years of age
- be able to undertake this assessment in English or Welsh (if available)

Assessment Methods

The assessment methods used in this qualification are:

- Coursework (in 3 of 3 mandatory units),
- Practical Demonstration/Assignment (in 3 of 3 mandatory units)

Reasonable adjustments can be applied to these assessments in line with 1st4sport Policy Statement: Access Arrangements.

Grading Methods

This qualification will be graded Pass / Fail.

Qualification Structure

Learners must successfully complete all mandatory units to achieve this qualification.

Mandatory Units

Unit ID	Unit Title	GLH
M/616/6981	The role of the coaching assistant	9
T/616/6982	The coaching assistant in practice	9
A/616/6577	Technical coaching requirements for netball	37

Optional Units

There are no optional units in this qualification

Pathway Units (where applicable)

There are no pathway units in this qualification

Unit Title	The role of the coaching assistant
Unit Aim	This unit aims to develop the coach's understanding of their role and responsibilities. This unit is designed to ensure duty of care through safe and equitable practice as a coaching assistant.
Unique Unit Number	M/616/6981
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to complete a series of assessed tasks within their learner portfolio.

Learning Outcome: 1. understand the role of the coaching assistant

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 identify the key aspects of the role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role and its boundaries • adherence to codes of conduct • the importance of being a role model • the importance of building relationships and rapport with others • working within a coaching team

Learning Outcome: 2. understand the responsibilities of the coaching assistant

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 identify responsibilities related to rules and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sport's organisational procedures, responsibilities and liabilities • the rules and regulations of sport or physical activity to enable the delivery of activities
2.2 identify responsibilities related to duty of care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principles of duty of care towards participants • the principles of safeguarding children and adults at risk • how to assist with accessing resources for all participants including those who share protected characteristics • how to assist with accessing information for and about participants • how to maintain participants' confidentiality • the rationale and processes for referring participants whose needs cannot be met to a more qualified coach
2.3 identify responsibilities related to safe coaching practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General principles of safe practice • health and safety requirements • following emergency procedures • correct procedures for dealing with accidents, injuries and illnesses • correct procedures for reporting accidents, injuries and illnesses
2.4 identify responsibilities related to inclusive coaching practice	Inclusive delivery of coaching activities Assisting the coaching of participants who share protected characteristics Communicating with a variety of participant types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disabled and non-disabled people, • children, youths and adults Recognising that different participants learn in different ways. Different backgrounds and stages of participant development can impact on coaching: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • age • emotional development • skill development

Unit Title	The coaching assistant in practice
Unit Aim	This unit aims to develop the coach's ability to deliver coaching activities. It also enables the coach to assist with the review of sessions and own practice.
Unique Unit Number	T/616/6982
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to demonstrate their ability to coach in a practical coaching assessment. The demonstration must be a minimum of 15 minutes in duration either in the form of a single session, or a series of shorter micro-session.

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to prepare the coaching environment	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 interpret the session plan to prepare equipment and participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand principles of planning • choose, set out and take down the equipment for the sessions • set 'ground rules' and understand why this is important

Learning Outcome: 2. be able to assist with the delivery of coaching sessions

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 ensure safety is maintained within sessions	Ensure participants are physically prepared; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knowing how to deliver warm-ups and cooldowns Manage behaviours by being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • positive and challenging • encouraging and motivating Contribute to the review the effectiveness of the plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • timings • suitability of planned activities • progressions/adaptations Contribute of the review safety elements of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the session • behaviour • equipment Organisation of activities and/or participants Contribute to the review of the overall delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coaching style of coaching team • progress made by participants • recommendations for future sessions/activities
2.2 deliver planned activities to agreed timings	Use a range of coaching styles; understand how different participants learn encourage, engage, interest and empower participants communicate with a variety of participant types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disabled and non-disabled people • children, youths and adults
2.3 provide technically correct explanations and demonstrations of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain relevant technical and tactical requirements of the sport or physical activity • deliver demonstrations and explanations that are technically and tactically correct
2.4 observe participants' performance and provide feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse performance and give feedback to participants • facilitate effective questions and deliver correct answers • assist with the development of participants' skill

Learning Outcome: 3. be able to assist with the review of coaching sessions

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 contribute to the review of coaching sessions	Contribute to the review the effectiveness of the plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • timings • suitability of planned activities • progressions/adaptations contribute of the review safety elements of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the session • behaviour • equipment organisation of activities and/or participants contribute to the review of the overall delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coaching style of coaching team • progress made by participants • recommendations for future sessions/activities
3.2 review own coaching practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review chosen coaching styles and inclusive practice • review personal contribution to safety • review personal technical explanations and demonstrations • review personal contribution to the development of participants • take responsibility for own development as a coach gaining feedback on performance from others understanding career development pathways and the continuing professional development (CPD) that can support these developing a personal action plan

Unit Title	Technical coaching requirements for netball
Unit Aim	This unit aims to develop the assistant netball coach's ability to be able to coach a range of skills to support the development of a participant in netball.
Unique Unit Number	A/616/6577
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	Learners are required to demonstrate their ability to coach sporting or physical activities in a practical coaching assessment (either in their workplace or in a simulated environment). The demonstration must be a minimum of 15 minutes in duration either in the form of a single session, or a series of shorter micro-sessions.

Learning Outcome: 1. know how to coach netball activities

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	

1.1 identify the key elements of netball skills.

- Deliver core movement skills:
 - balance position
 - running in all directions
 - stopping
 - jumping off one foot
 - jumping off two feet
 - landing on one foot
 - landing on two feet
 - pivoting
 - sprinting
 - change of direction
 - change of pace
 - side-stepping
 - deliver basic throwing skills:
 - stance, preparation and release
 - chest pass
 - bounce pass
 - shoulder pass
 - deliver shooting basics:
 - readiness
 - execution
 - follow through
 - basic movements
 - deliver basic netball skills:
 - controlled catching
 - deliver small sided games:
 - use of small sided games
 - rules of the game
 - equipment and space
 - deliver defence skills
 - principles of defending
 - basic defensive stance and movement skills for phase one defending
 - basic techniques for stage 2 defence
 - key rules
 - deliver attacking skills
 - sprinting
 - feint dodge
 - change of pace
 - change of direction
 - principles of attacking
 - spatial awareness and timing

1.2 identify the key coaching points of netball skills.

- Deliver core movement skills:
 - balance position
 - running in all directions
 - stopping
 - jumping off one foot
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 - landing on one foot
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Qualification Conditions: Delivery and assessment requirements

To complete the delivery, assessment, and internal quality assurance of the qualification, providers will be required to adhere to the guidance set out in the Recognised Centre Handbook.

Qualification Approval Conditions: Workforce requirements

In addition to the workforce requirements stated in the Recognised Centre Handbook, the following qualification specific requirements must be met and evidenced.

Tutor(s):

For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook apply in addition to any further qualification specific requirements stated below

The recognised centre is required to recruit and deploy NSG for Netball licensed tutors. The tutor is responsible for the delivery of the qualification. Tutors are required to:

- hold the 1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Netball or a Level 2 qualification in coaching netball or equivalent as recognised by the NSG for Netball

Tutors are responsible for the delivery of the learning programme developed by England Netball. They must have attended the England Netball qualification induction.

Assessor(s):

For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook apply in addition to any further qualification specific requirements stated below

Assessors

The recognised centre is required to recruit and deploy NSG for Netball licensed assessors. The assessor is responsible for the assessment of the qualification. Assessors are required to:

- hold the 1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Netball or a Level 2 qualification in coaching netball or equivalent as recognised by the NSG for Netball
- hold or be working towards either:

a recognised teaching qualification or a recognised equivalent, and attended the Netball Assessment Module

or:

the Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocational Related Achievement (QCF), a Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment or the 1st4sport Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport (IAPS) or a recognised equivalent

They must have attended the England Netball qualification induction.

Internal Verifier(s) and Quality Assurer(s):

For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook apply in addition to further qualification specific requirements stated below

The recognised centre is required to recruit and deploy NSG for Netball licenced IQAs who are responsible for the IQA activities.

IQAs must:

- hold the 1st4sport Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Netball or a Level 2 qualification in coaching netball or equivalent recognised by the NSG for Netball
- hold or be working towards completing the Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Process and Practice, or the 1st4sport Introduction to Internal Verification Practice in Sport or a recognised equivalent
- hold a Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocational Related Achievement, a Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment or the 1st4sport Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport (IAPS) or a recognised equivalent

They must have attended the England Netball qualification induction.

Additional Qualification Requirements

The minimum venue, facility and requirements stated in the centre handbook apply.

In addition further qualification specific requirements are:

All training and/or assessment sites must include the following facilities and equipment:

- one indoor netball court (minimum confirmed size of four badminton courts, including a full-sized shooting circle of 4.9 m) of uniform construction and even surface.
- a minimum of 10 size 5 netballs
- a minimum of 2 netball posts
- a minimum of two full sets of netball bibs, in two different colours
- 50 flat marker cones

This qualification is regulated by Ofqual (603/2629/3) and QiW (C00/1305/1 - Designated).

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