

1st4sport Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Rugby League

Qualification Specification



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Qualification Specification

Title:	1st4sport Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Rugby League
Qualification Overview:	Provides learners with the skills and knowledge to develop players in youth, talent or elite environments. This product is mapped against the Coach (Occupation) Professional Standards as a CIMSPA Professional Standards Endorsed Qualification.
Qualification Code:	L3CCRLQ
Qualification Regulation Number:	501/2220/4
Guided Learning Hours (GLH):	94
Total Qualification Time (TQT):	140
Credit Value (if applicable):	26
Operational Start Date:	01/11/2010
Qualification Review Date:	30/06/2025
Learner Registration Period:	3 years
Qualification Objective:	This qualification qualifies learners to work as a head coach within an amateur rugby league club, a coach within the professional game or within the rugby league performance programmes as a regional head coach, national camp coach or international coach.
Qualification Purpose:	Prepare for employment in a specific occupational area.

Who is this qualification for?

The qualification is designed to prepare aspiring coaches for employment as a Rugby League Coach in paid or voluntary roles, potentially within the professional game. It is appropriate for existing Level 2 Rugby League Coaches (UKCC Level 2) wishing to develop coaching skills in Rugby League.

Qualification Progression

The skills and knowledge developed through this qualification may enable learners to progress to other industry-relevant qualifications in coaching other sports, supporting PE in school sport and sports development. Following a period of practice as a Level 3 qualified rugby league coach, you may also choose to access the Postgraduate Elite Coaching Practice programme run through the University of Central Lancashire (UCLAN).

This qualification leads to paid or voluntary roles in coaching the sport of rugby league in a variety of settings including working as a head coach within an amateur rugby league club, working as a coach within the professional game or working within the rugby league performance programmes as a regional head coach, national camp coach or international coach.

Entry Requirements

Learners must be a minimum of 20 years old at registration and 20 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 20 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 11 of 11 mandatory units),
- Practical Demonstration/Assignment (in 11 of 11 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/601/2108	Understanding the principles of safe and equitable coaching practice	13
T/601/3535	Understanding the fundamentals of coaching programmes	18
A/601/3536	Understanding the principles of planning coaching programmes	18
F/601/3537	Understanding how to support participant(s) lifestyle through coaching programmes	18
J/602/5771	Analyse players performance and set Rugby League programme goals	5
D/602/5775	Plan Rugby League coaching programmes	8
K/602/5777	Manage safe and effective Rugby League coaching programmes	12
T/602/5779	Deliver Rugby League Coaching Programmes	15
K/602/5780	Develop Player(s) Performance in Rugby League	22
M/602/5781	Monitor and Evaluate Rugby League Coaching Programmes	6
T/602/5782	Develop Rugby League Coaching Practice	5

Optional Units

There are no optional units in this qualification

Pathway Units (where applicable)

There are no pathway units in this qualification

Unit Title	Understanding the principles of safe and equitable coaching practice
Unit Aim	This unit assesses the coach's understanding of how to ensure that their coaching is safe and equitable.
Unique Unit Number	M/601/2108
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	This unit will be assessed through the assessment of a portfolio of evidence and observation of coaching practice.

Learning Outcome: 1. Understand how to ensure participants' safety during sport-specific coaching sessions

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 describe the health and safety requirements that are relevant to planned sport-specific activities and competition	
1.2 describe how to structure coaching sessions to minimise the risk of injury to participants	
1.3 explain how to plan for contingencies to coaching sessions as a result of external influences	
1.4 explain how to implement contingencies to coaching sessions as a result of external influences	
1.5 describe the principles for checking the safe functionality of equipment used during sport-specific activities and competition	
1.6 outline the main rules/regulations of the sport/activity appropriate to the level of the participants	

1.7 explain how to interpret and communicate the rules/regulations of the sport/activity to participants	
1.8 describe the coach's duty of care responsibilities for participants, including children	
1.9 outline the coach's responsibilities for ensuring that the coaching environment is maintained appropriately	
1.10 describe the following requirements for ensuring the protection of children from abuse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legal requirements • sport-specific requirements 	
1.11 describe the insurance requirements on a coach operating in a coaching environment	

Learning Outcome: 2. understand how to ensure equitable coaching of sport-specific activities.

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 describe the following requirements impacting on equitable coaching: ? legal requirements ? sport-specific requirements	
2.2 explain the purpose of sport-specific codes of practice for coaching	
2.3 explain how sport-specific codes of practice for coaching impact on coaching behaviour	
2.4 describe methods to minimise barriers to participant development	
2.5 explain what information is required in order to provide appropriate and safe opportunities for disabled participants and specific populations	

2.6 describe the nature of impairments and how their implications may affect aspects of the coaching process	
2.7 describe how to identify coaching styles/delivery methods appropriate to variations in participant, task and environment	
2.8 describe how and when to involve support staff to ensure participants' needs are provided for within the coaching activity	
2.9 describe how to adapt and progress activities and sessions	
2.10 describe how to prepare athletes for competition	
2.11 identify types of performance enhancing drugs and illegal substances	
2.12 explain how a coach can discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs and any illegal substances	

Unit Title	Understanding the fundamentals of coaching programmes
Unit Aim	This unit assesses learners' understanding of their role in planning, implementing, analysing and revising annual coaching programmes. They will also identify a range of methods of developing learning, performance and the effective management of participant behaviour.
Unique Unit Number	T/601/3535
Unit Assessment Method(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	This unit will be assessed through awarding organisation-developed knowledge tests, tasks, assignments or practical delivery.

Learning Outcome: 1. understand the role of the coach when planning, implementing, analysing and revising sport-specific annual coaching programmes

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 explain the role of the coach in ensuring that the participant is at the centre of the coaching process	
1.2 describe equitable coaching and what are considered to be appropriate relationships with participants	
1.3 describe how the coach should support, coordinate and manage the coaching process	
1.4 explain the principles of empowering participants through coaching	
1.5 explain the means by which coaching can provide opportunities and an environment that motivates, recognises and values diversity, controls risk, and engenders challenge, enjoyment and achievement	
1.6 describe methods of developing participants' confidence and self-esteem through coaching	
1.7 analyse the contribution made through the integration of supporting personnel (eg nutritionist, psychologist, physician, physiotherapist, physiologist) and sport-specific specialists	
1.8 explain the impact of officials on coaching that ensures fair competition/performance	
1.9 explain the role of the coach in actively discouraging the use of performance-enhancing drugs and other illegal substances	
1.10 describe how the coach can be a role model and project a favourable image of sport	

Learning Outcome: 2. understand the coaching process.

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 describe the process of identifying a range of participants' needs	
2.2 explain the process of setting and monitoring the achievement of goals	
2.3 describe the units of the coaching process as they apply to the development of coaching programmes	
2.4 analyse the purpose of using different methods of demonstration, which encourage learning	
2.5 describe a range of instruction methods	
2.6 explain how to structure language during instruction that is appropriate to participants	
2.7 analyse the impact of effective questioning and listening skills on communication with participants	
2.8 evaluate techniques for coaching groups, including meeting individuals' needs in group coaching scenarios	
2.9 describe how participants can be empowered to make decisions about their performance.	

Learning Outcome: 3. understand how to utilise a range of learning and behaviour-management techniques

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 analyse the differences in the way that individuals learn	
3.2 explain the differences between the learning styles of adults and children	
3.3 explain how to identify participants' different learning styles	
3.4 describe how to plan to coach participants with different learning styles	
3.5 describe how different coaching methods can support participants' development	
3.6 describe how to develop behaviour-management strategies and skills	
3.7 explain how to develop, communicate and maintain ground rules for behaviour during the coaching programme	
3.8 explain how to respond to discriminatory behaviour in the programme and the procedures to follow if a participant wants to complain about discrimination	

Learning Outcome: 4. understand the principles and application of self-reflection and reflecting on feedback

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 summarise the advantages of self-reflection on their own coaching practice and its potential to improve their own coaching ability.	
4.2 explain the principles and practice of giving feedback	
4.3 explain when and how to seek feedback from participants and support staff	
4.4 describe the factors that impact on how to identify their own development needs	
4.5 describe methods and the process of personal action planning	
4.6 describe how to use information from evaluations to improve the programme/session	

Unit Title	Understanding the principles of planning coaching programmes
Unit Aim	This unit assesses learners' understanding of how to plan a sport-specific annual coaching programme and the principles that impact on the development of skill through the implementation of the programme.
Unique Unit Number	A/601/3536
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	This unit will be assessed through awarding organisation-developed knowledge tests, tasks, assignments or practical delivery.

Learning Outcome: 1. understand the principles and processes involved in planning and periodisation within annual coaching programmes

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 explain the terms planning and periodisation	
1.2 explain how planning and periodisation are used in relation to participants' stage of development	
1.3 analyse the different types of periodisation and situations when these are best used	
1.4 explain the use of modelling of training and competition activities	
1.5 describe the principles of planning an annual coaching programme	
1.6 evaluate the impact of optimal fitness and mental development	

Learning Outcome: 2. understand the stages of participant development

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 describe the stages of participant development and the application of developmental stages to the coaching environment	
2.2 analyse how the stages of participant development affect the programme	
2.3 analyse the differences between child and adult development and the effects on a coaching programme	

Learning Outcome: 3. understand the development of skill through sport-specific annual coaching programmes.

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 provide definitions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skill coordination • motor skill learning • skill acquisition • skill retention • skill transfer 	
3.2 describe the factors affecting skill development	
3.3 evaluate the role, purpose and benefits of performance analysis to inform coaching practice	
3.4 describe methods of identifying body movement patterns	
3.5 describe a range of skill-development techniques	
3.6 explain the principles of giving feedback to participants during coaching programmes	
3.7 explain how to develop participants' skills in assessing and responding to situations	
3.8 analyse how participants' information processing and execution combined with control of movement impact on skill development.	

Learning Outcome: 4. understand how to conduct performance evaluation.

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
4.1 evaluate objective performance evaluation methods available in sport	
4.2 describe how and when to evaluate performance within a sport-specific coaching programme	
4.3 explain methods of recording the evaluation of performance and the creation of a resultant action plan	
4.4 explain how participants can use self-evaluation to improve performance	

Unit Title	Understanding how to support participant(s) lifestyle through coaching programmes
Unit Aim	This unit assesses learners' understanding of how to support participants' lifestyle and physical and mental well-being during participation in sport-specific annual coaching programmes.
Unique Unit Number	F/601/3537
Unit Assessment Method(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	This unit will be assessed through awarding organisation-developed knowledge tests, tasks, assignments or practical delivery.

Learning Outcome: 1. understand how to support participants' physical conditioning within sport-specific annual coaching programmes

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 describe the units of fitness and physical capabilities required for specific sports	
1.2 describe the principles of participant development	
1.3 explain the principles of training and injury prevention	
1.4 evaluate the methods of training participants' different physical units	
1.5 describe basic anatomy, biomechanical principles and physiology relevant to specific sports	
1.6 analyse a range of basic sport-specific physical testing protocols	
1.7 analyse the principles and different methods of enhancing recovery between sessions	

Learning Outcome: 2. understand how to provide participants with nutritional advice within sport-specific annual coaching programmes

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 describe the different food groups	
2.2 explain the principles of sports nutrition	
2.3 explain how energy intake and expenditure affect sports performance	
2.4 describe the principles of hydration and its effects on sports performance	
2.5 explain the impacts of participants' weight management and how sharing of responsibilities can be facilitated	
2.6 describe nutrition and hydration strategies for before, during and after training and competition	

Learning Outcome: 3. understand how to develop participants' mental skills within sport-specific annual coaching programmes.

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 describe the key mental skills that impact on participant performance and skill development	
3.2 identify sport-specific mental capabilities and how to profile participants' mental skills	
3.3 explain the principles of developing participants' mental skills	
3.4 describe how to plan interventions to develop participants' mental skills in relation to both training and competition	

Learning Outcome: 4. understand how to provide participants with lifestyle support within sport-specific annual coaching programmes.

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
4.1 describe sport-specific procedures for drug testing and how participants comply with such procedures.	
4.2 explain the coach and participants' responsibilities in making checks when taking supplementation or medicines	
4.3 explain the impacts of participants' injury management on training and competition	

Unit Title	Analyse players performance and set Rugby League programme goals
Unit Aim	This unit assesses coaches' ability to gather Rugby League-specific information on players' past and current performance and lifestyle factors that may affect their aspirations. They are expected to analyse this information, share it with the players and set shared goals based on the gathered information.
Unique Unit Number	J/602/5771
Unit Assessment Method(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	<p>As a minimum, learners must produce evidence of a performance profile for a minimum of two players in position-specific areas (one position of the learner's choice, one assigned by assessor) in rugby league. These should be matched against established performance factors for rugby league and identify the current and potential level of player performance and/or development. This should cover the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skill levels • technical ability • tactical awareness • physiological needs • psychological needs. <p>All performance factors must be drawn from the L3CCRLQ Technical Syllabus.</p>

Learning Outcome: 1. establish the key Rugby League performance factors and players' needs

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 identify methods to collect information relevant to players	
1.2 use identified methods to collect relevant Rugby League and lifestyle information on players	
1.3 record collected information in ways that support its analysis	
1.4 analyse the collected information, identifying the key Rugby League performance factors and players' needs	
1.5 refer players whose needs and potential cannot be met to a competent person or agency	

Learning Outcome: 2. involve players in the analysis of the collected information

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 share the analysis of the information with players in a manner that supports their understanding	
2.2 take account of players' feedback on the analysis of information	
2.3 identify from feedback any barriers to players achieving their potential	

Learning Outcome: 3. plan Rugby League programme goals for players based on collected information

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 prioritise players' performance factors in a way that will enable them to achieve their potential	
3.2 establish performance goals, in line with gathered information, that reflect the analysis of player(s): ? level of development ? actual performance ? potential performance	
3.3 ensure that performance goals are consistent with recognised good practice in Rugby League	
3.4 ensure that the planned Rugby League programme goals are consistent with the coach's level of competence and responsibility	
3.5 record the goals in a format that is clear and accessible to those involved	
3.6 share, negotiate and agree performance goals with players	
3.7 communicate implications of goals to others who may be affected in delivering the programme.	

Unit Title	Plan Rugby League coaching programmes
Unit Aim	This unit assesses coaches' ability to use information gathered about players' performance and goals to design a programme of activities and coaching sessions in Rugby League. A plan for the evaluation of the aspirations of the programme is also required.
Unique Unit Number	D/602/5775
Unit Assessment Method(s)	- Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	<p>As a minimum, learners must produce evidence of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • design and planning of a rugby league coaching programme for a minimum of two players in position-specific areas, which should be based upon the outcome of the performance profile(s) developed in Unit 304 • production of a detailed plan of a discrete cycle or phase (minimum of eight weeks) associated with an aspect of the rugby league coaching programme. • production of a minimum of eight coaching session plans within the discrete cycle or phase (minimum of eight weeks) associated with an aspect of the rugby league coaching programme • production of a recorded plan for the ongoing evaluation of the rugby league coaching programme • production of a recorded plan for the ongoing performance and/or development review for the two players in position-specific areas. The plan should identify the methodology and timings for the ongoing review. <p>All sessions must be drawn from the Level 3 Technical Syllabus for Rugby League.</p>

Learning Outcome: 1. design and plan Rugby League coaching programmes to achieve players' goals	
Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 identify sources of information and materials to support the planning process	
1.2 research and identify activities for the programme, consistent with the evaluation of the: ? performance factors ? players' level(s) of development ? agreed goals	

<p>1.3 plan for a mix of delivery and coaching styles to suit: ? players(s)' needs ? activities ? environment</p>	
<p>1.4 identify the focus and priority of each activity within the programme based on players' needs</p>	
<p>1.5 ensure that planned activities are consistent with agreed good practice in Rugby League</p>	
<p>1.6 plan a variety of sessions for delivery within the programme that are progressively linked and help players achieve the agreed goals</p>	
<p>1.7 for each session, plan realistic: ? timings ? sequences ? intensity ? duration</p>	
<p>1.8 develop contingencies to address a variety of scenarios</p>	
<p>1.9 record the programme, and sessions within it, in a format that will help implement the programme</p>	
<p>1.10 share planned activities with players and others</p>	
<p>1.11 respond to feedback on planned activities from players and others</p>	

Learning Outcome: 2. identify and access resources to support the delivery of programmes

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 identify the resources necessary to deliver the planned programme	
2.2 negotiate and agree access to sufficient necessary resources	
2.3 ensure the resources are in line with accepted good practice in Rugby League	
2.4 document the resources needed for the coaching programme and individual planned session	

Learning Outcome: 3. plan for the evaluation of programmes.

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 establish and agree viable methods of evaluating the programme that are safe, valid and reliable	
3.2 plan an evaluation schedule for the programme	
3.3 identify who will support the planned evaluation	
3.4 identify information from the evaluation that should be treated confidentially	
3.5 communicate the evaluation plans to players and others	
3.6 respond to feedback on evaluation plans from players and others.	

Unit Title	Manage safe and effective Rugby League coaching programmes
Unit Aim	This unit assesses coaches' ability to manage the safety of all those engaged in the coaching programme, including the management of effective relationships and behaviour.
Unique Unit Number	K/602/5777
Unit Assessment Method(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	<p>As a minimum, learners must produce evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that they are competent in managing a safe rugby league coaching environment for players and others. This is must be observed by an appropriately qualified assessor on a minimum of two occasions of the production of a record for the management of a rugby league safe coaching environment over a minimum period of eight weeks. This should be within the planned discrete cycle or phase associated with an aspect of their coaching programme.

Learning Outcome: 1. establish and maintain the safety of the Rugby League coaching environment during the delivery of coaching programmes

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
1.1 ensure that players and others have the necessary information about the health and safety requirements of the programme and relevant venue-specific emergency procedures	
1.2 ensure all equipment and facilities meet health and safety requirements	
1.3 identify and take account of existing venue-specific risk assessments	
1.4 implement procedures for managing risk during the programme	
1.5 identify and assess the impact of new risks during the delivery of the programme, taking action to manage these in line with guidelines	
1.6 monitor the work of others (eg other coaches, sport science support or facility management), identifying and dealing correctly with any breaches of health and safety requirements	
1.7 communicate suggestions for improving health and safety to the relevant authority	
1.8 maintain required health and safety records	
1.9 follow emergency procedures correctly	

Learning Outcome: 2. establish and maintain relationships with players and others involved in the delivery of programmes

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
2.1 establish positive and goal-oriented relationships with players and others (eg other coaches, sport science support or facility management)	
2.2 promote an enthusiasm for Rugby League and players' continuous improvement	
2.3 use communication methods that are appropriate to players' and others' needs	
2.4 listen to, and negotiate successfully with, players and others in the delivery of the programme	
2.5 adapt coaching, motivational and leadership styles that reflect the needs of the programme, players and others	
2.6 provide opportunities for players to enjoy the coaching experience	
2.7 ensure that players' and others' equality and diversity are recognised	

Learning Outcome: 3. manage player behaviour and interactions.

Assessment Criteria The learner can:	Indicative Delivery Content
3.1 provide players and others involved in the programme (eg other coaches, sport science support or facility management) with clear information on the ground rules for behaviour and the reasons for these rules	
3.2 encourage and reward behaviour that helps anglers work well together and achieve the goals of the programme	
3.3 identify and respond, in line with accepted good practice, to any behaviour likely to cause distress or disruption to the programme	
3.4 apply sanctions in response to unacceptable behaviour, using the procedures of the organisation or sport	
3.5 manage players' engagement with each other effectively and fairly, in a way appropriate to their needs.	

Unit Title	Deliver Rugby League Coaching Programmes
Unit Aim	This unit assesses coaches' ability to begin the implementation of a Rugby League coaching programme, review its progress at identified times, and respond to players' progress and the effectiveness of the programme, through the implementation of contingencies and change management.
Unique Unit Number	T/602/5779
Unit Assessment Method(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	<p>Learners must produce evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the delivery of a min. of 8 rugby league coaching sessions within the discrete cycle or phase (min. of 8 weeks) associated with an aspect of the rugby league coaching programme - the production of recorded player performance and/or development reviews and associated action plan(s) for a min. of 2 players in position-specific areas during the rugby league coaching programme. This should cover the following areas: - skill levels - technical ability - tactical awareness - physiological needs - psychological needs. - the observation and independent assessment, by an appropriately qualified assessor, of the delivery of one 20 minute session during which all the relevant assessment criteria for this qualification are met. This may be delivered in a simulated environment. <p>All sessions must be drawn from the Level 3 Technical Syllabus for Rugby League. The session topic will be allocated by the tutor and drawn from a list of assessment topics developed from the Technical Syllabus.</p>

Learning Outcome: 1. initiate Rugby League coaching programmes

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 provide players and others (eg other coaches, sport science support or facility management) with information about the programme in a timely and effective manner	
1.2 support players in accessing the resources they need to participate in the programme	
1.3 coordinate the allocation of resources	
1.4 brief others on their responsibilities and contributions to the programme	
1.5 ensure others understand and apply the appropriate Rugby League codes of practice when working with players	
1.6 select and apply a style of leadership appropriate to: ? players ? others ? the programme	
1.7 ensure that the programme can be modified to suit the changing environment and players' needs	

Learning Outcome: 2. review players' progress during the implementation of the programme

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 brief players on the evaluation plans for the coaching programme	
2.2 evaluate players' performance using methods identified in the evaluation plan	
2.3 compile information on the evaluation of players' progress	
2.4 encourage players to give feedback on their perceptions of their progress	
2.5 give positive and timely feedback during the review	
2.6 evaluate players' progress in a fair and equitable manner	
2.7 identify and agree any changes to the programme as a result of the review	
2.8 record evaluations in a format that will allow them to be shared with others	

Learning Outcome: 3. modify coaching programmes in response to feedback and changes in needs.

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 identify goals and components of the coaching programme that may need to be adapted	
3.2 identify where existing contingency plans may be applicable	
3.3 identify and agree modifications to goals and programmes with players and relevant others	
3.4 identify resource implications of modifications	
3.5 introduce the modifications to players and relevant others, appropriate to their needs	
3.6 monitor the effectiveness of changes and amend these as necessary.	

Unit Title	Develop Player(s) Performance in Rugby League
Unit Aim	This unit assesses the coaches' ability to deliver Rugby League coaching activities within a Rugby League coaching programme. They will show that they can monitor and develop players' performance in Rugby League and effectively conclude the activities in a safe manner.
Unique Unit Number	K/602/5780
Unit Assessment Method(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	<p>As a minimum, learners must produce evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the delivery of a minimum of eight rugby league coaching sessions within the discrete cycle or phase (minimum of eight weeks) associated with an aspect of the rugby league coaching programme • the delivery of a rugby league coaching session, which must be observed by an appropriately qualified assessor • the production of recorded player performance and/or development reviews and associated action plan(s) for a minimum of two players in position-specific areas (one position of the learner's choice, one assigned by assessor) during the rugby league coaching programme. This should cover i) skill levels ii) technical ability iii) tactical awareness iv) physiological needs v) psychological needs. <p>All sessions must be drawn from the Level 3 Technical Syllabus for Rugby League.</p>

Learning Outcome: 1. make preparations for Rugby League coaching

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 meet players punctually and help them feel welcome and at ease	
1.2 record attendance at the session	
1.3 explain and agree session goals and how these contribute to the overall programme	
1.4 check players' physical and mental readiness to participate	
1.5 ensure players have the correct equipment and clothing	
1.6 deliver warm-up activities appropriate to players and the session	
1.7 ensure players understand the value and purpose of the warm-up	
1.8 review session plans in light of players' readiness to participate and environmental factors	
1.9 adapt session plans if players' readiness and environmental factors dictate	

Learning Outcome: 2. implement Rugby League coaching activities

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 provide players with information about the planned activities	
2.2 allocate activities to players in a way that is appropriate to them and is likely to maximise learning	
2.3 ensure that explanations and demonstrations are technically correct and appropriate to the players' level of understanding	
2.4 select and use methods of motivating the players that are appropriate to them and in line with accepted good practice in Rugby League	
2.5 check players' understanding of instructions	
2.6 give players the opportunity to ask questions	
2.7 ensure players have the opportunity to take part in the planned activities	

Learning Outcome: 3. support players in improving performance

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
3.1 observe and analyse players' performance throughout activities	
3.2 identify, prioritise and agree specific areas for improvement with players	
3.3 intervene at appropriate points with coaching techniques that encourage players to improve	
3.4 use a mix of delivery styles appropriate to players and the programme/session goals	
3.5 identify players in need of specialist support and signpost them to likely sources	
3.6 provide feedback that is timely, clear and helps players achieve their goals	
3.7 adapt plans to respond to changing needs of the session	
3.8 encourage and enable players to reflect on what they have learned and apply this to their performance	
3.9 encourage and support players to take responsibility for their own development	

Learning Outcome: 4. conclude Rugby League coaching activities.

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
4.1 allow time to end the session according to players' needs	
4.2 deliver cool-down activities appropriate to the session and players	
4.3 encourage players to give feedback and identify further goals	
4.4 give players summary feedback on the session	
4.5 ensure players have the information they need about future opportunities to take part in the sport/activity	
4.6 supervise players' departure in a manner appropriate to the situation and with due regard to their safety and own duty of care	
4.7 follow the correct procedures for checking and dealing with any equipment used	
4.8 leave the environment in a condition acceptable for future use.	

Unit Title	Monitor and Evaluate Rugby League Coaching Programmes
Unit Aim	This unit assesses coaches' ability to review the implementation of Rugby League coaching programmes against an evaluation plan and take opportunities to improve programmes and personal contributions to them.
Unique Unit Number	M/602/5781
Unit Assessment Method(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	<p>As a minimum, learners must produce evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the production of a recorded review and evaluation for a detailed training cycle or phase (minimum of eight weeks) associated with an aspect of the rugby league coaching programme. <p>All sessions must be drawn from the Level 3 Technical Syllabus for Rugby League.</p>

Learning Outcome: 1. monitor the implementation of Rugby League coaching programmes

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 demonstrate the most appropriate way of evaluating the programme based on the evaluation plan	
1.2 inform players and others (eg other coaches, sport science support or facility management) of the evaluation and encourage them to give their views	
1.3 collect and record monitoring information at planned points throughout the programme	
1.4 check that information collected is valid and reliable	
1.5 collate the information in a way that will help it be analysed	
1.6 analyse the information and feedback, evaluating: ? whether the programme met its goals ? the content, structure, balance and processes of the programme ? the availability and content of resources ? their own performance and behaviour ? the performance and behaviour of players and others	
1.7 treat confidential information appropriately	
1.8 make a record of recommendations for improvement to future programmes	

Learning Outcome: 2. monitor their own contributions to the coaching programme.

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 monitor their own contributions to the programme with the aim of developing their own Rugby League coaching practice	
2.2 interpret feedback as an opportunity to improve personal coaching performance.	

Unit Title	Develop Rugby League Coaching Practice
Unit Aim	This unit assesses coaches' ability to review their own contributions to Rugby League coaching programmes, their personal development needs, and how they can support others in developing their coaching skills and knowledge.
Unique Unit Number	T/602/5782
Unit Assessment Method(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coursework - Practical Demonstration/Assignment
Assessment Specification	<p>As a minimum, learners must produce evidence of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the production of a personal action plan to develop own coaching practice based upon the delivery of a detailed training cycle or phase (minimum of eight weeks) associated with an aspect of the rugby league coaching programme • an action plan to develop coaching practice for others involved in supporting the rugby league coaching programme. <p>All sessions must be drawn from the Level 3 Technical Syllabus for Rugby League.</p>

Learning Outcome: 1. be able to review their own coaching practice

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
1.1 summarise the most important outcomes of evaluations of previous coaching programmes and feedback from players and others (eg other coaches, sport science support or facility management)	
1.2 demonstrate their own knowledge is up to date with developments in Rugby League and current coaching practice	
1.3 reflect on all aspects of their own current coaching practice and identify areas to develop further	
1.4 develop and record a personal action plan that will help develop coaching practice for identified areas	
1.5 identify development activities that can contribute to a personal action plan	

Learning Outcome: 2. provide assistance in the development of other coaches.

Assessment Criteria	Indicative Delivery Content
The learner can:	
2.1 describe the typical skills and knowledge that other coaches need to be able to contribute to Rugby League coaching programmes	
2.2 evaluate learning resources that could support the development of other coaches	
2.3 demonstrate the provision of development guidance and support to other coaches within their own level of expertise	
2.4 provide development and support in a manner, level and pace appropriate to other coaches' needs	
2.5 evaluate the outcomes of the development and support provided	
2.6 provide feedback to other coaches on their performance	
2.7 promote the values, ethics and codes of practice of the organisation/sport to other coaches	
2.8 identify relevant people who may be able to provide advice on coaching issues outside their own area of competence or authority.	

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 do not apply. Centres must ensure that all workforce meet the requirements stated below.

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

- hold or is working towards, the 1st4sport Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Rugby League or hold Rugby Football League Coaching for Tutors Accreditation

Tutors are responsible for the delivery of the learning programme developed by the NSG for Rugby League. They must have attended the RFL Coaching qualification induction.

Evidence: initial capability and competence

- RFL Workforce List.

Assessor(s):

For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook do not apply. Centres must ensure that all workforce meet the requirements stated below.

The recognised centre is required to recruit and deploy a licensed rugby league assessor who holds or is working towards as a minimum:

- 1st4sport Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Rugby League or hold Rugby Football League Coaching for Tutors Accreditation

Assessors are responsible for the conduct of valid and reliable assessments. They must have attended the RFL Coaching qualification induction.

Evidence: initial capability and competence

- RFL Workforce List.

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

For this qualification, the minimum requirements stated in the centre handbook do not apply. Centres must ensure that all workforce meet the requirements stated below.

- hold, or be working towards, the 1st4sport Level 3 Certificate in Coaching Rugby League or hold Rugby Football League Coaching for Tutors Accreditation
- holds a recognised teaching qualification
- hold or be working towards a Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocationally Related Achievement, a Level 3 Award in Assessing Competence in the Work Environment or holds the 1st4sport Introduction to Assessment Practice in Sport qualification (IAPS) or equivalent
- hold or be working towards the Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Process and Practice, or holds the 1st4sport Introduction to Internal Verification Practice in Sport, or equivalent

Evidence: initial capability and competence

- RFL Workforce List.

Additional Qualification Requirements

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

In addition further qualification specific requirements are: The recognised centre is required to have one or more delivery sites with facilities to support the programme of training and assessment. All delivery sites must include the following:

- a grassed or AstroTurf playing area that is a minimum size of 50m x 68m (half the size of a regular rugby league pitch)
- a theory space for up to 24 learners which includes a classroom containing multimedia facilities, flip charts and flip chart pens

The recognised centre is required to have equipment in place to facilitate the full programme of learning and assessment which must include:

- a minimum of 12 rugby balls of appropriate size to the needs of the players/learners (sizes 3, 4 and 5)
- a minimum of 50 multi-coloured marker cones

This qualification is regulated by Ofqual (501/2220/4) and QiW (C00/1295/5 - Regulated). This product is mapped against the Coach (Occupation) Professional Standards as a CIMSPA Professional Standards Endorsed Qualification

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