

MINIMUM OPERATING STANDARDS FOR DEPLOYING COACHES AND QUALITY ASSURANCE GUIDANCE

The Physical Education Curriculum

A teacher's role is to ensure children make significant progress and achievement in all areas of school curriculum. It is therefore vital that teachers are up-skilled and supported and not replaced or displaced by coaches.

Appropriately qualified coaches can help to up-skill teachers' technical knowledge in specific activities, but should support and not replace teachers in curriculum provision.

PPA time

To make a sustainable impact with the Primary PE and Sport Premium, schools should adopt best practice when deploying coaches by ensuring they work alongside teachers. Schools must also ensure they do not double-fund PPA time by using PPA funding and the PE and Sport Premium.



MINIMUM STANDARDS

The recognised minimum standards for coaches employed to work in school sport:

- Minimum age: 18 years old for all paid coaches working in schools
- Appropriate qualifications: the minimum qualification, recommended by the National Partners, for a coach or professional working in a primary school context is considered to be a UKCC level 2 coaching qualification or equivalent in the activity being delivered*
- Appropriate insurance cover that covers them for the duties you have asked them to carry out at the school
- Policies and procedures: as a minimum, your school should have in place and require a coach to sign up to, the following policies: code of practice, equality, participant welfare and health & safety – all of which should be part of a thorough school induction;
- Safeguarding children and vulnerable groups: must have a DBS check completed where necessary;
- Appropriate First Aid qualification (unless there is someone else at school that can do this at the times the coach is delivering).

*The UKCC Level 2 coaching qualification or equivalent, recommended by National Partners, is the minimum requirement for coaches employed to work within the school context, however it is acknowledged that other volunteers, including Level 1 assistant coaches and under-18s, including young leaders, may support delivery, but this must be under the direct supervision of a qualified teacher or Level 2 coach.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The additional recommendations (best practice) of coaches working in support of PE:

- Coaches should have a sound understanding of what safe practice in PE and sport looks like. Therefore, coaches can develop pupils understanding of being safe and feeling safe in physical activity. Refer to afPE Safe Practice: in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity' .
- The coach has been through an appropriate induction process by the school, so is thoroughly prepared and comfortable in the environment.
- Schools to ensure that they have a system in place to regularly monitor and evaluate the coach's provision.
- Coaches may consider a Multi-Skills Level 2 qualification.
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Guidance has been taken from afPE best practice.

CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOLS

Standards checklist	✓	Comments
Age of coach		
UKCC Level 2 qualification or equivalent		
Adequate insurance		
School Induction		
DBS Check		
First Aid Qualification (if applicable)		
System to monitor delivery e.g. lesson observations		
Reference from previous employer		
Policies and procedures shared with the coach:		
Code of practice		
Equality		
Safeguarding		
Health and safety		
Policies & Procedures formally agreed to by coach		
Code of practice		
Equality		
Safeguarding		
Health and safety		