

Physical Education Studies practical examination 2008

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A draft schedule for the Physical Education Studies practical examination (Tuesday 30 September – Friday 10 October 2008) in the 14 listed sports is provided below. A number of factors have been considered in the preparation of the schedule, including:

- State/national championships (the examinations have been scheduled to avoid a clash of dates)
- Travel restrictions faced by remote schools
- Size of the candidature for each listed sport
- Availability of venues.

The final schedule will be provided to schools at the start of Term 3.

Practical examination support materials

The support materials provided on the Curriculum Council website include:

- an overview of skills for listed sports
- observation points of skills
- drills – static and dynamic.

The materials were trialled during Semester 1 to obtain detailed feedback from teachers and sports consultants. An expert consultant has been engaged for each of the listed sports to modify the support materials in response to this feedback and provide advice on the relevant conditioned performance section. The revised support materials will be available on the Curriculum Council website before the end of Semester 1. The materials will include additional advice about the conditioned performance section of the examination. A supporting DVD illustrating the skills, drills and observation points of each listed sport will be distributed to schools at the start of Term 3. The practical examination structure remains unchanged.

Examination day procedures

Candidates will be examined as part of a group and group size will vary according to the sport. Candidates will be allocated to groups on the basis of gender and proficiency. Teachers will be asked at the start of Term 3 to indicate the proficiency of each candidate in their nominated sport, according to criteria provided by the Council.

On the day of the examination, candidates are required to report to a supervisor at the examination venue 30 minutes before their scheduled examination time. Once their presence has been recorded they will be given a coloured, numbered bib to wear for the examination (not applicable for swimming), and directed to a warm-up area. They will be escorted to the examination area just before the scheduled start time. There may be more than one group of candidates being examined simultaneously, in different areas of the venue. Spectators will not be permitted.

The examination will be conducted by two trained markers. The entire examination will be recorded, and marking will be from the recorded footage after the completion of the examinations.

Examinations are scheduled for one hour. Some of that time will be allocated to organisation. Performance time in the examination will be approximately 30 minutes.

Clothing and equipment

Candidates are required to wear clothing and use equipment that is approved for competition by the sport's governing body. Clothing must not identify the candidate, school, club or representation in State/national teams, and it is requested that black, navy or white shirts are worn for the examination.

All personal playing and safety equipment (such as sticks, racquets, bats, gloves, shin pads, mouth guards, footwear) must be supplied by the candidate (non-personal items such as netballs and shuttles will be supplied).

Venues

There will be one venue for each sport, and all venues will be in the Perth metropolitan area.

Each venue on the day of the examination/s will be managed by a team leader for the sport. This person will be an employee of the Curriculum Council who has knowledge of the sport and the examination and who can advise markers appropriately.

Country candidates

It was intended to hold some examinations in larger country centres. This is not possible. In most cases, there are too few candidates of each gender in each listed sport to make an examination group. Where there are sufficient candidates to meet these criteria, they come from a very small number of schools, so anonymity is not possible.

Country candidates will travel to Perth for their examinations. The Curriculum Council will meet the cost of travel for candidates (by air, if necessary). If it is necessary for a candidate to stay overnight in Perth, because of flight times, the Curriculum Council will meet accommodation costs for the candidate and will also cover the travel and accommodation costs of a chaperone. It is expected that candidates (or their schools) will make and pay for their own travel arrangements. These costs will be reimbursed by the Curriculum Council once the examinations have been completed.

Country schools with examination candidates will be contacted early in Term 3 to discuss the scheduling of these candidates for their examinations at times that suit their travel arrangements.

Contingency plans

Special examination arrangements and sickness/misadventure provisions apply. Information about these provisions is available on the Curriculum Council website at http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/student/docs/pdf/187303_1.pdf.

In the case of inclement weather, the examinations will still be conducted, unless conditions are such that it is unsafe to do so.

Unlisted sports

Applications from candidates who wish to be examined in a sport other than the 14 listed sports closed on 9 May 2008. These applications have been assessed and schools informed of the examination panel's decisions. Those candidates whose applications have been approved will be given details of the requirements of their submissions at the end of Term 2. Submissions must be delivered to the Curriculum Council no later than Wednesday 24 September, 2008.

A candidate with approval to be examined in an unlisted sport can change his/her mind and instead elect to be examined in one of the 14 listed sports. The Curriculum Council must be advised of the change by Wednesday 6 August, 2008.



Further information

Schools with examination candidates will receive a package in the first week of Term 3. This package will contain:

- the finalised examination schedule
- general information for candidates about the examination
- A form for completion and return to the Curriculum Council. The form provides the Council with data about the nominated sports and proficiency level of each examination candidate.

Individual candidate timetables will be sent to schools for distribution by Wednesday 17 September.

Important dates

A list of the important dates is included in the attachment.

Queries

For queries about the content of the practical examination, contact Joanne Taggart on 9273 6387 or joanne.taggart@curriculum.wa.edu.au.

For queries about the conduct of the practical examination, contact Beryl Bettell on 9273 6312 or beryl.bettell@curriculum.wa.edu.au.

ATTACHMENT

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DRAFT SCHEDULE

Date	Sports to be examined	Date	Sports to be examined	Date	Sports to be examined
Mon 29 September	Public holiday	Wed 1 October	Tennis (Swimming – TBC) AFL Basketball	Fri 3 October	Volleyball Softball Cricket
Tue 30 September	Badminton Swimming Touch AFL Basketball Hockey	Thu 2 October	Tennis Volleyball Squash Golf	Mon 6 October	Netball Soccer

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
End of Term 2	Information received by schools about requirements for submissions for candidates with approval to be examined in unlisted sports. Revised practical examination support materials available on the Curriculum Council website.
Monday 21 July (Day 1 Term 3)	Package received by schools with candidate notes and request for information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominated sport for each candidate, and • proficiency level in nominated sport for each candidate. Information to country schools regarding examination arrangements for their candidates.
Start of Term 3	Supporting DVD distributed to schools.
Wednesday 6 August	Due at the Curriculum Council: responses from schools about nominated sports and proficiency of candidates.
Wednesday 17 September	Received by schools: individual practical examination advices for distribution to candidates.
Wednesday 24 September	Due at the Curriculum Council: candidates' submissions for unlisted sports.
Tuesday 30 September – Monday 6 October	Practical examinations conducted.