



Minimum Standards for Active Coaches - FAQs

Why the new name?

We have listened to our partners who have fed back through various areas of work that that the term 'Deployment' was not very user friendly, and not in line with any terminology currently used.

Why have you updated the core guidance?

The **core standards** remain the same – the document has been reviewed to ensure that:

- Changes to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults procedures have been included and checked by Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU).
- Guidance on insurance requirements is up to date and have been checked by a specialist.

We have also included reference to the work planned on collating the additional training for different participation groups (specifically at this time the coaches of children and young people).

Why are there two versions of the core guidance?

The original Minimum Standards for Deployment guidance document was written for both organisations and coaches in mind and switched focus throughout.

For ease of use for the end reader we have created two documents:

- Guidance for organisations
- Guidance for coaches

Overall the information is largely the same; however different sections may have been emphasised depending on the audience. There is also some additional detail in the organisations document.

How have the Governing Bodies contributed to the Guidance tool?

So far 22 of the 46 Governing Bodies of sport we support are included in the tool. Governing Bodies were asked to provide and then agree the content for the tool.

Each sport 'owns' their pages as such they will be able to update their recommendations at regular intervals should they wish.



How have other partners contributed?

For the core guidance we have had involvement from the CPSU and an insurance specialist. Governing Bodies were also asked to check the core standards as part of the guidance tool developments.

For the guidance tool afPE have provided content. The Youth Sport Trust support the tool and we aim to have new the updated training modules they are developing included from September

When will they next be updated?

We realise that things can change and we aim to update the tool in **September 2013**. We can however make small changes to sports pages at regular intervals if required.

For the September update we will also be inviting more governing bodies to join the tool.

Governing Bodies involved in the school sport programme will be specifically targeted for inclusion in September.

How might this tool link to the Schools Funding Announcement?

We anticipate that the new school sport funding will lead to an increasing number of coaches deployed in Curriculum time PE. This tool will allow all of those involved to ensure that coaches delivering a particular sport meet the requirements set out by the recognised Governing Body of that sport.

sports coach UK are developing an online portal of support for schools and this tool will feature heavily as part of that.

This tool supports a key message that sports coach UK continue to advocate the use of coaches in schools to support, not displace teachers.

Where can I find more information?

Two web pages have been set up on the sports coach UK site:

- **For organisations**
<http://www.sportscoachuk.org/people-who-develop-coaches/support-coaches/minimum-standards-active-coaches>
- **For coaches**
<http://www.sportscoachuk.org/coaches/i-want-coach/minimum-standards-active-coaches>