

# Commentary on candidate evidence

The candidate evidence has achieved the following marks for each stage of the Advanced Higher Project.

## Candidate 1

### Rebounding in basketball

#### Stage 1(a) – Investigating performance (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **5 marks**.

For paragraph 1, **2 marks** were awarded for clear explanations of the appropriateness of the method in relation to:

- ♦ quantity of data and negating performance anomalies
- ♦ design allowing ease of analysis towards prioritising performance areas

For paragraph 2, **2 marks** were awarded for clear explanations of the appropriateness of the method in relation to:

- ♦ multiple camera angles allowing analysis of finer details in performance
- ♦ context removing any additional pressure which might have impacted on a true reflection of performance

For paragraph 3, **1 mark** was awarded for a clear explanation of the appropriateness of the method in relation to the testing environment being an accurate reflection of best performance.

#### Stage 1(b) – Analyse information (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

For paragraphs 1 and 2, **1 mark** was awarded for the analysis of information which identifies a clear impact on performance.

For paragraph 3, **1 mark** was awarded for a clear development of the previous point of analysis which also identifies a further impact on performance.

For paragraph 4, **1 mark** was awarded for the analysis of information which identifies a clear impact on performance. A further **1 mark** was awarded for the connections made between the analysis of information from different methods of data collection and the impact these results are having on performance.

## Candidate 2

### Backhand strokes in tennis

#### Stage 2(a) – Review sources (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **4 marks**.

For paragraph 1, **1 mark** was awarded for appropriately referenced pieces of research on the physiological impacts of pressure on the body in a performance context. This relates closely to the performance issue.

For paragraph 2, **1 mark** was awarded for referenced research on exposure to pressure within training appropriately, specifically towards marking a mistake and the ability to correct mistakes in match conditions. This relates closely to performance issue.

**1 mark** was awarded for referenced research appropriately on the considerations when applying pressure within practice in order to ensure no negative outcomes were experienced. This also relates closely to performance issue.

For paragraph 3, **1 mark** was awarded for referenced research appropriately on a highly specific approach to applying pressure within practice to simulate competitive situations. Again, this relates closely to performance issue.

For paragraph 4 and the references, **0 marks** were awarded. Although the research was referenced appropriately, and included quality information on Fartlek Training, this does not relate to the candidate's performance issue.

#### Stage 2(b) - analyse the findings from the review of sources to create a Personal Development Plan (10 marks)

The candidate was awarded **3 marks**.

For paragraph 1, **1 mark** was awarded for the analysis of research towards this being applied in the Personal Development Plan (PDP).

For paragraph 2, **1 mark** was awarded for analysis of research towards this being applied in the PDP. **1 mark** for additional connection was awarded because the analysis included quality connections between different pieces of research which provide a balanced argument supporting the use of this approach.

For paragraph 3, **0 marks** were awarded because the analysis of research is minimal. The analysis only includes reference to research already included in stage 2(a) and how this will be applied in the PDP with no fuller analysis included.

# Candidate 3

## Post-PDP analysis and evaluation

### Stage 4(a) – analyse post-PDP data (8 marks)

The candidate was awarded **2 marks**.

**1 mark** was awarded for the analysis of information from post-PDP data which identifies a new impact on performance. **1 mark** is awarded for the connections made with the analysis of information from different methods of data collection towards the impact these results are having on performance.

### Stage 4 (c)(i) – justify new development needs (2 marks)

The candidate was awarded **1 mark**.

The **1 mark** was awarded for a sound justification of a continued development need. The candidate has referred to appendices of information gathered from post-PDP data which supports this development need.