Team handball

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| Year 6–7 | Health & Physical Education (HPE) |
| Students develop and apply strategies to improve a skill and increase their level of participation. They develop and apply goals to increase group participation in games. Students demonstrate application of skills and strategies in physical performance. |
| **Time allocation** | 6–8 weeks |
| Context for assessmentThis assessment was written for team handball but can be used for any team game. The emphasis is on students taking control of their own improvement and level of active participation. The movement concepts, skills and fitness required to play team handball and most recreational activities, sports and games can be used to attain and maintain health. This assessment highlights how improvement in skill can encourage active participation in team games and improve the student’s capacity to achieve individual goals, enhance participation and contribute to team goals. |

******This assessment gathers evidence of learning for the following **Essential Learnings**:

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| HPE Essential Learnings by the end of Year 7 |
| Ways of working**Students are able to:*** propose, justify, implement and monitor plans or actions to promote health and wellbeing, movement capacities and personal development
* apply movement concepts and make purposeful refinements to movement skills
* create and perform movement sequences through modifying and combining movement skills and applying movement concepts
* identify risks and justify and apply safe practices
* select and demonstrate appropriate personal development skills and strategies in team and group situations
* reflect on learning, apply new understandings and identify future applications.
 | Knowledge and understanding***Physical activity*****Fundamental and specialised movement skills, movement concepts, tactics and strategies are elements of physical activity.*** Modifying techniques and selectively applying movement concepts can enhance physical performance and increase enjoyment in physical activities.
* Refining teamwork, tactics and strategies in a variety of contexts improves movement capacities, and physical performance, and enhances participation in physical activity.
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| Assessable elements* Planning
* Implementing and applying
* Reflecting
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| Source: Queensland Studies Authority 2007, HPE Essential Learnings by the end of Year 7, QSA, Brisbane. |

Listed here are suggested **learning experiences** for students before attempting the assessment.

* Learn the skills and movement concepts involved in team handball.
* Research skill acquisition and development methods, including practice, visualisation and feedback.
* Learn how to set achievable and realistic activity goals for individuals and groups.
* Learn how skill and fitness levels have an impact on how actively a person can be involved in and enjoy physical activities.
* Demonstrate and discuss how movement sequences can be created and performed through modifying and combining movement skills and applying movement concepts.
* Discuss risks and set rules for safe working practices (e.g. effective warm ups, wearing hats and sunscreen).
* Discuss specific safety issues (e.g. keeping tackles appropriate).
* Research actions and activities that can help improve fitness.
* Explore how individuals and groups can achieve activity goals.

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| Icon_Resource | Teacher resources |

The Australian Handball Federation has a broad range of information about handball: <www.handballaustralia.org.au>.

The Queensland Team Handball Association has information about interschool tournaments: <www.qldhandball.com.au/index.html>.

The International Handball Federation has information about handball, including rules of the game and variations of the game: <www.ihf.info/front\_content.php?idcat=52>.

Preparing

Consider these points before implementing the assessment.

* This assessment puts knowledge into practice so that each student can gain the maximum health benefits from playing team handball.
* Teach the fundamental skills of team handball and some simple strategies. Students will need to have two or three lessons before they can select a skill to improve and design a strategy for active participation in games.
* Watch the students perform the skills during warm-ups and games and write anecdotal notes on students’ progress in the lead-up to the assessment.
* Students who start the unit with highly developed skills should be encouraged to tutor those with less developed skills, to help everyone become more actively involved.
* The logs in the *Student booklet* can be written on the board or displayed in the classroom rather than making photocopies for all students.

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| Icon_Resource | Resources for the assessment |

Appendix A Skill development continuum

Appendix B Physical activity continuum

Appendix C Definitions for skill development continuum

## Sample implementation plan

This table shows one way that this assessment can be implemented. It is a guide only — you may choose to use all, part, or none of the table. You may customise the table to suit your students and their school environment.

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| **Suggested time** | **Student activity** | **Teacher role** |
| **Section 1. Skill log** |
| Week 1  | Select a skill to improve.Design a strategy to improve the skill and improve active participation in games.Rate current skill level on the Skill level self-assessment continuum in the *Student booklet*. | Guide students while they set goals for their skill development strategy and rate themselves.Using Appendix A: Skill development continuum and Appendix C: Definitions for skill development continuum, rate students on the skill being improved. Using Appendix B: Physical activity continuum, rate how actively students involve themselves in game play. |
| **Section 2. Physical activity log** |
| Week 1  | Design a strategy to increase personal active participation in games. Rate current active participation in Team handball on the Activity level self-assessment continuum.  | Guide students while they design a strategy and rate themselves. |
| **Section 3. Group activity goals** |
| Every lesson | Set and apply goals that increase active participation from the whole group. Contribute to achieving class activity goals. | Facilitate the setting of team goals, with a consensus being reached. It may be possible to trial all student ideas over the weeks of a unit focused on team handball.  |
| **Section 4. Practical participation** |
| Every lesson | Practise the skill to be improved and demonstrate how this enables more active participation in games of team handball.Participate actively in games to achieve individual and group activity goals. | Help with skill development and implementation of physical activity strategies. Guide the class while they pursue physical activity goals.  |
| **Section 5. Reflection** |
| Last week of unit | Rate skill level and active participation levels on each continuum to track improvement.Present a short written or oral reflection on what has been learnt. | Guide students with their continuum plotting.Listen to oral responses. |

During the learning process, you and your students should have developed a shared understanding of the curriculum expectations identified as part of the planning process.

After students have completed the assessment, identify, gather and interpret the information provided in student responses. Use only the evidence in student responses to make your judgment about the quality of the student learning. Refer to the following documents to assist you in making standards-referenced judgments:

* *Guide to making judgments*
* *Indicative A response*
* *Sample responses* (where available).

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| Icon_ForFurtherHelp | For further information, refer to the resource *Using a Guide to making judgments*, available in the Resources section of the Assessment Bank website. |

Evaluate the information gathered from the assessment to inform teaching and learning strategies.

Involve students in the feedback process. Give students opportunities to ask follow-up questions and share their learning observations or experiences.

Focus feedback on the student’s personal progress. Emphasise continuous progress relative to their previous achievement and to the learning expectations — avoid comparing a student with their classmates.

### Giving feedback about this assessment

Feedback comments should focus on the student’s efforts to improve their practical performance and their efforts to be more actively involved in the game.

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| Icon_ForFurtherHelp | For further information, refer to the resource *Using feedback*, available in the Resources section of the Assessment Bank website. |

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| Skill development continuum | Name  |



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| Physical activity continuum | Name  |



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| Definitions for skill development continuum**Cognitive (learning) stage**The *cognitive stage*involves the novice performer, who generally makes many errors that produce highly variable results. The athlete or performer needs to know what equipment is needed and forms a rough mental picture of the movement patterns required. They should be shown the correct technique for the motor skill so that they can recognise the individual actions required to complete the skill. This should be done by way of repeated demonstration by the coach, an experienced player or even by showing a video. Correct sequencing and timing of the actions will not happen immediately. Many errors will be made throughout this stage as learners become aware that they are making errors but cannot isolate the specific problems; feedbackand simple instruction are required to help them make appropriate changes. However, the coach or teacher should provide only a limited amount of information and encourage clear thinking, preventing information overload and frustration.The learner will spend a relatively short period of time in this stage of learning. Improvement is usually rapid, as all the learner is really trying to achieve is an understanding of the basic skill itself. Hours of practice will follow this understanding to refine the skill so that it can be effectively used within the competitive situation.**Associative (practice) stage**Once a performer grasps the mechanics of the skill and can execute that skill with few frequent errors, he or she has entered the *associative stage*of learning. Characteristics of this stage include minor errors and an emphasis on refining the skill rather than establishing new movement sequences. The athlete or performer has a “feel” for the desirable actions and can make minor adjustments to their movement from their own feedback. The coach should continue to use demonstrations to help modify the skill and can use increasingly more specific feedback to achieve improvement. They should “open the skill up” during this stage of learning so that the skills are practised in a more game-like setting. In this way, the player can learn to modify the basic skill to fit differing match requirements. Improvement during this stage is gradual, but practising of the correct movement patterns is essential for performers at this stage in order to advance to the third and final stage.**Autonomous (established) stage**An athlete or performer at the *autonomous stage*consistently achieves the desired result without consciously thinking about the separate subroutines of skill production. Their movement responses are automatic and they pay more attention to improving specific components of the actions, as well as thinking about when to use a particular skill within the game situation.Skill improvement is still important, but the focus is also on factors such as shot selection, tactics and responses to competitive situations. It is practice in the competitive situation that is crucial in this stage of learning. The individual performer is able to identify problems and adjust appropriately, whether during practice or in a competitive situation. Athletes who reach this stage usually remain in it, although they never stop learning. As new tactics and styles of play are devised, the autonomic performer must continuously refine his or her motor program to match the new conditions of play. |