



Review of Sport codes

Purpose

a. Current provision

The current JACS classification contains the following provision for sport-related subjects:

C600 Sports science	The scientific study of the anatomy, physiology, biomechanics and psychology of the human body with a view to optimising performance in sporting activities
N870 Recreation, sport & leisure studies	The study of the nature, provision and impact of recreation, leisure and sport, and their management and development
C813 Sport psychology	The psychology of sport

N.B. N870 and C813 classifications were added as part of the JACS 2.0 upgrade. N870 is based on the previous N222 Recreation/ Leisure Management code.

b. What the review wanted to identify

- i. Sport related subjects that are not accommodated within the current framework.
- ii. Where any additional sport-related subjects identified could be placed within the framework in order that they are accurately classified.

Experts consulted

- Relevant institutions*
- Sport Councils
- Institute of Sport and Recreation Management (ISRM)
- British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES)
- HE Academy Hospitality, Leisure, Sport and Tourism Network (HLST)

* University of Birmingham, University of Gloucestershire, University of Central Lancashire, Leeds Metropolitan University, Loughborough University, The Manchester Metropolitan University, Sheffield Hallam University, The University of Sunderland, Thames Valley University (TVU), University of Wales Institute, Cardiff (UWIC).

Institutional responses following the consultation period taken into account for final proposals: Southampton Solent University, Edge Hill University, Sheffield Hallam University, University of Bedfordshire and University of Hertfordshire.

Changes to be implemented

C Biological sciences

Amendments and additions to the existing JACS 2.0 coding framework are shown in bold in the table.

Sport & C600 exercise science	The applied scientific study of the anatomy, physiology, biomechanics and psychology of the human body with a view to optimising performance in sporting and physical activities. Includes non-teacher training physical education
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Requests were received for 'exercise' to be added as a new code.

Further consultation made it clear that 'sport' and 'exercise' were often interchangeable as a label; the exercise component being a later development. It is therefore proposed that 'exercise' is incorporated in to the current C600 label, rather than allocated a code of its own which could lead to conflict when classifying 'sport and exercise...' programmes.

The addition of 'applied' within the long description should also allow for the practical sport/PE aspects of sport and exercise course/modules to be coded within the current framework, rather than in miscellaneous/ generic JACS code. The text 'and physical activity' was added post consultation to further reinforce this. Further consultation has resulted in 'Includes non-QTS physical education' added to the description.

Analysis of the UCAS sport-related course titles, and the HESA data for sport subjects and sport-related subject programme of study titles under generic JACS codes, the figures highlighted six subjects which accounted for a substantial amount of sport-related provision, but which did not have their own distinct classification within the current framework:

- Sport coaching science
- Sport conditioning, rehabilitation & therapy
- Sport development
- Sport management
- Sport studies
- Sport technology

Results of the consultation also suggested that labels and descriptions should refer to 'sport' rather than 'sports' throughout the coding framework.

C610 Sport coaching	The study of the delivery (teaching, instructing and coaching) of enhanced sport performance and the critical analysis of the integration of the variables involved.
C620 Sport development	The monitoring, analysis, diagnosis and prescription of actions to enhance the component elements of sport.
C630 Sport conditioning, rehabilitation and therapy	The applied scientific study of anatomy, biomechanics, physiology and psychology with in the context of human body conditioning, sport-related injuries and rehabilitation.
C640 Sport studies	The study of the nature and provision of sport through analysis of its socio-cultural and health impacts.

C650 Sport technology	The study of the impact of technology and ergonomics to advance sport performance through the study of biomechanics, physiology, psychology and materials technology.
C690 Sport & exercise science not elsewhere classified	Miscellaneous grouping for related subjects which do not fit into the other sport and exercise science categories. To be used sparingly

The expansion of the C600 codes as above aims to accurately reflect current sport science-related provision and - in order to future-proof the classifications - also account for subject areas which are 'on the rise', such as 'sport conditioning'.

The subjects identified were thought to be most appropriately placed within *C - Biological sciences* based on the following:

- Initial analysis of combination JACS codes currently assigned to course/programme titles within these subject areas (or those coded C600 which did not necessarily fit the label or description of the classification).
- Review of entry criteria for courses/programmes within these subject areas.
- Review of qualification obtained through completion of courses/programmes within these subject areas (e.g. BSc rather than BA)
- Consultation with experts: assistance with development and support for final proposals.

N Business and administrative studies

'Sport management' was identified as an area requiring distinct provision within the coding framework and this notion was supported through consultation.

It was further agreed that it would be most accurately classified within the framework's *N - Business & Administrative studies* codes along with other hospitality, leisure, tourism and transport classifications currently placed there.

It was noted that 'sport' was missing from the label of N800 despite being in the long description.

Because the suggestion is that only 'sport management' should remain within the Business & Administrative studies codes, it is proposed the long descriptions of N800 and N890 specify 'sport management' rather than simply 'sport'.

It is also suggested that 'sport' is removed from the label and description of N870 in order that there is a clear-cut distinction between the 'sport management' classification and those held under C600 Sport & exercise science.

N800	Hospitality, leisure, sport , tourism & transport	The study of travel, event management, tourism, transport, hospitality, recreation, sport management and leisure.
N870	Recreation (and sport) & leisure studies	The study of the nature, provision and impact of recreation and leisure (and sport) and their management and development.
N880	Sport management	The study of management theories, concepts and principles of practice in the context of sport industries, organisations and initiatives.
N890	Hospitality, leisure, sport ,	Miscellaneous grouping for related subjects which do not fit into

tourism & transport not
elsewhere classified

the other Hospitality, leisure, sport **management**, tourism, and
transport categories. To be used sparingly.