



## Volleyball England Learner Appeals Procedure

Learners wishing to appeal must do so within 14 days of receiving the disputed assessment decision and are advised to keep copies of all documents relating to the appeal.

It is ultimately the responsibility of the Head of the Centre, Steve Jones, to ensure that this procedure is published and accessible to all personnel, Learners and any relevant third parties. However, the quality coordinators (QC) specific to each qualification are responsible for ensuring this information is fully understood by their qualification team and by the Learners who commence courses/programmes in their area.

### Stage 1

The appeal should be made, in the first instance, to the assessor who made the original assessment decision. At this stage, a verbal appeal is acceptable, although the Learner is recommended to put the appeal in writing using the Volleyball England Learner Appeals Form 1 provided. The assessor should explain his/her rationale for the decision that is being disputed. The assessor is required to record an overview of the appeal and the outcome of the discussion and forward this to the Volleyball England QC and the Appeals Officer, Richard Harrison, to retain with the centre's assessment and appeals records.

### Stage 2

If Learners remain dissatisfied with the assessment decision and wish to challenge the outcome of Stage 1, then they are required to appeal in writing to the Volleyball England Appeals Officer within 14 working days of the Stage 1 process, using the Volleyball England Learner Appeals Form 2.

The Appeals Officer will write to the Learner to acknowledge receipt of the appeal within 10 working days and outline the course of action to be taken. The Appeals Officer will carry out an investigation, ensuring that another appropriately qualified assessor and/or internal verifier is involved in the review, in addition to the relevant QC specific to the qualification, and will write to the Learner within 20 working days with the findings and a decision as to whether the appeal was justified.

Learners are required to provide as much information as possible regarding the disputed assessment decision. When completing the Appeals Form 2, information should include:

- the date and type of the assessment (i.e. observation of practical work, assessment of a set task/assignment, result of an internally assessed question paper)
- the name of the assessor involved
- a brief outline of the reason for the appeal
- any associated documents (ie Learner evidence, record of feedback from the assessor involved).

All Stage 2 appeals should be sent to:

Appeals Officer: Richard Harrison  
c/o Volleyball England, SportPark, Loughborough University, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough,  
Leicestershire, LE11 3GE



Upon receipt of the appeal the Appeals Officer will contact the relevant person required to conduct an appropriate review of the evidence and an independent assessor or internal verifier and/or relevant QC may review/reassess the Learner's work against the assessment criteria for the qualification, where required. One of the following decisions will be communicated to the Learner by the Appeals Officer in writing within 10 working days of the decision having been made. This will be to either:

- uphold the original assessment decision
- offer the Learner an opportunity for a resit/reassessment free of charge
- overturn the original decision.

These decisions will be recorded on the Learner Appeal Form 2.

The decision will also be communicated to the original assessor and also the assessor/internal verifier and QC who assisted in Stage 2 of the appeal. Copies of records of appeals are retained with the assessment and appeals records. Volleyball England will retain records of appeals for a minimum period of five years.

### Stage 3

If Learners have followed Stage 1 and 2 of the appeals procedure and remain dissatisfied with the outcome, they have the right to take their appeal to the awarding body (1st4sport Qualifications) within 20 working days of the decision being communicated to them by recognised centre. The 1st4sport appeals procedure can be accessed online via [www.1st4sportqualifications.com](http://www.1st4sportqualifications.com). On the home page, Learners should click on 'information for Learners' and 'customer service'.

All Stage 3 appeals should be sent to:

Address: Quality Management Team  
FAO: Quality Assurance Officer  
1st4sport Qualifications  
Coachwise Ltd, Chelsea Close  
Off Amberley Road  
Leeds LS12 4HP  
Email: [qmt@1st4sportqualifications.com](mailto:qmt@1st4sportqualifications.com)



## Volleyball England Learner Appeal Form 1

### Stage 1

The Learner may use this form to appeal against the outcomes of an assessment decision to the assessor.

Learner's name:	
Date of assessment:	
Name of assessor (against whose decision the appeal is being made):	

Nature of the Appeal:

Details of Original Assessment Decision:			
Learner's signature:		Date:	

To be completed by the assessor

Date of meeting:	
Assessor Response:	

Signed:			
Assessor:		Date:	
Learner:		Date:	



To be completed by the Appeals Officer

Date of appeals meeting:			
Meeting attendees:			
Details of the meeting:			
Outcome of the Meeting			
Uphold the original assessment decision			
Offer the Learner an opportunity for a resit/reassessment free of charge			
Overturn the original decision			

Signed			
Appeals Officer:		Date:	
Learner:			