



The Faculty of Sport and  
Exercise Medicine (UK)



## Position Statement

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### Cross Recognition of Emergency Care Courses in Sport

**Joint statement by the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine (FSEM), the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (FPHC) and the British Association of Sport and Exercise Medicine (BASEM).**

There are several courses now available to Doctors and Allied Health Professionals to give them the competencies required to deal with emergencies they may be exposed to when covering sport.

Some of these are focused on one specific sport, while others are more generic, while still very much addressing the core curriculum and competencies required for the sporting community.

The Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care, through its Training and Standards committee, offers an endorsement process (combining what was previously 'accredited' and 'approved') of all immediate care courses. Endorsement is a mark of curriculum content and educational quality, confirming the course complies with teaching and educational standards of the Faculty.

The FSEM, FPHC and BASEM strongly support the concept of cross reciprocation of courses, especially now there is a robust and transparent endorsement process, checking on course content and delivery, but they are not in a position to enforce the different organisations running courses to accept other organisations courses.

The following sports courses are currently endorsed by FPHC:

- Emergency Medical Management in Individual and Team Sports (EMMITS)
- Standard Principals of Resuscitation & Trauma in Sports (SPORTS)
- Immediate Medical Management on the Field of Play (IMMFP)
- Immediate Care in Sport (ICS)
- Medical Cardiac & Pitch Side Skills (SCRUMCAPS)
- Advanced Resuscitation & Emergency Care Course (AREA)

Each of the courses do have a slightly different revalidation process (from refresher to reaccreditation to recertification), although all should have an annual component.

The Course Directors of the main sports courses all agree that recognition of equivalence is important, as many individuals work across a variety of sports. **They are in agreement that if an individual is up to date from one of the above courses, that qualification will be recognised without the need to attend a sport-specific course.**

It would however be advisable for an individual working in one specific sport to go through the revalidation process associated with the course linked to that sport, but this would not be a requirement before working in that sport.

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**For further information on the courses endorsed by the FPHC visit**

<https://fphc.rcsed.ac.uk/course-endorsements/commercial-and-voluntary-courses>

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