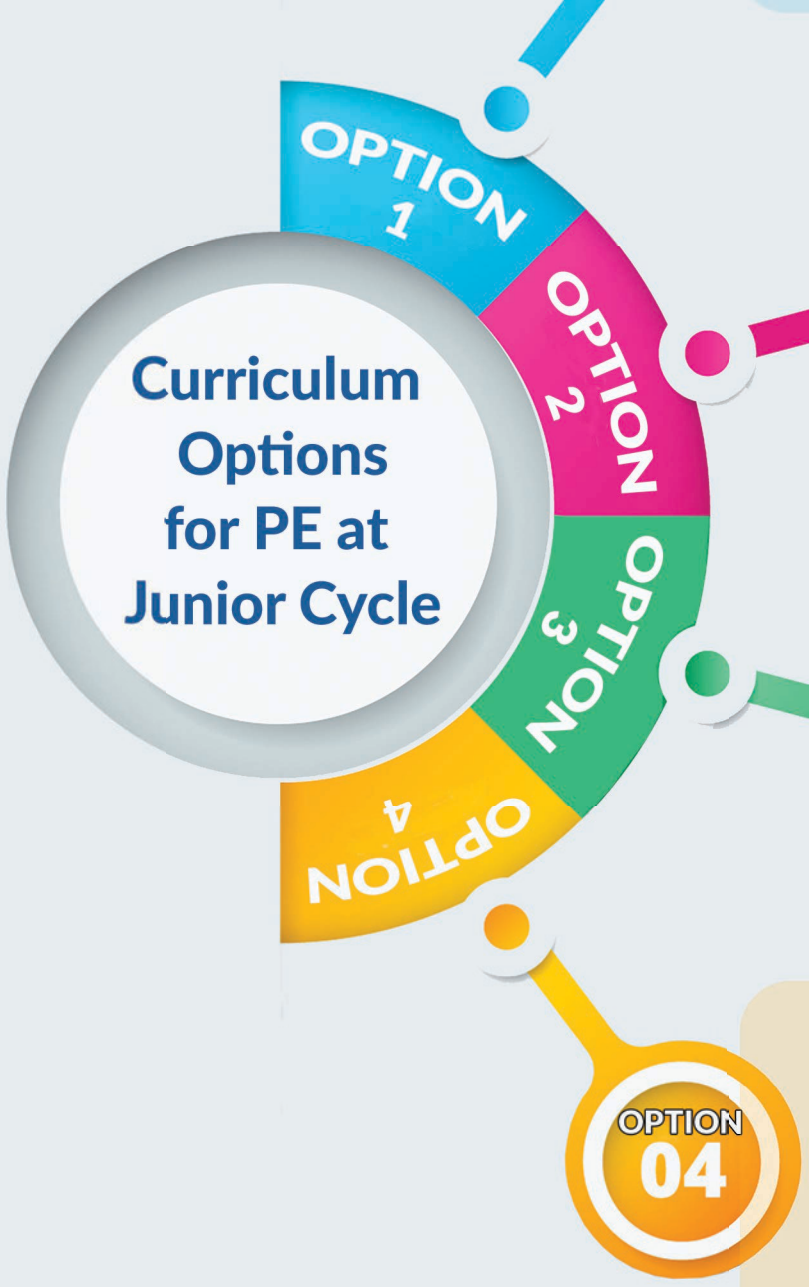
Physical Education Association of Ireland

Curriculum Options for Physical Education at Junior Cycle

From September 2019, there are four curriculum options for PE at Junior Cycle as set out in the Junior Cycle Wellbeing Guidelines (2017, p.56) and Circular 0079/2018.



OPTION 01

The Junior Cycle syllabus in Physical Education (JCPE, 2003) Circular 0079/2018

Reporting: Under 'Other Areas of Learning' on the Junior Certificate Profile of Achievement (JCPA) and/or the area of Wellbeing. *

OPTION 02

NCCA Junior Cycle short course in Physical Education (2016) Circular 0079/2018

Reporting: Under 'Short courses' or 'Other Areas of Learning' on the JCPA and/or the area of Wellbeing. *

OPTION 03

Design your own PE Short Course - Schools may choose to develop their own short course(s) and related Classroom-Based Assessment (CBA's). Guidelines for schools who wish to develop their own short course(s) are available at www.ncca.ie (Junior Cycle Wellbeing Guidelines, 2017, p.56)

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OPTION 04

Schools have the flexibility to adapt any NCCA approved short course to suit their own particular needs or school context. If adapting the course, schools may also need to adapt the Classroom-Based Assessment (CBA's) so that it reflects the learning their students undertook (Junior Cycle Physical Education short course: Guidelines for the Classroom-Based Assessment, January, 2019). Note: Schools do not need to seek approval for a (PE) short course they develop for their students from the NCCA.

Reporting: Under 'Short courses' or 'Other Areas of Learning' on the JCPA and/or the area of Wellbeing. *

Junior Cycle Physical Education short course Guidelines for the Classroom-Based Assessment 2019
https://curriculumonline.ie/getmedia/bce8ddab-9592-4af4-b8bb-9a4de6bf92a0/PE_AssessmentGuidelines_Feb2017.pdf

Arrangements for the Implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to school year 2018/19 - Circular Letter 0079 /2018
https://www.education.ie/en/Circulars-and-Forms/Active-Circulars/cl0079_2018.pdf

JCPA handbook for schools
https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/Returns/Post-Primary-Online-Database-P-POD-Project/junior-cycle-profile-of-achievement-jcpa-handbook-for-schools-2017-.pdf

Guidelines on developing your own Short Course
https://www.ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle/subjects-and-short-courses/develop-your-own-short-course

* Scan QR Codes for further information