Searching SPORTDiscus database

It is important that you complete the following tasks before attempting this activity

• complete the ‘keyword searching activity’ and
• watch the videos titled” What is a journal and a peer reviewed article?” and ‘How to find a journal article on a library database’ (links to the videos are under the Journals & Databases tab in the Cert IV in Tertiary Prep online guide http://libraryguides.vu.edu.au/CertIVTertiaryPrep).

Step 1- Conduct a search
Using the keywords, alternative terms and word combinations you have written in the ‘Keyword searching activity’, conduct a search in the SPORTDiscus database.

- Go to VU library’s webpage https://www.vu.edu.au/library
- Click on “Databases A-Z” from the middle blue box
- Search for database by typing SPORTDiscus and click Search
- Connect to the database by clicking on “SPORTDiscus with full text”
- Enter your keywords or word combinations

Step 2 – Refine your search
Limit your search to peer-reviewed articles and full text as well as choose articles published in the last few years (perhaps in the last 5 years). This is explained in the video.

Step 3 – Find one article
Locate one article that is relevant to the research topic and list all the elements that will be required to reference that article.

Journal title ___________________________________________________
Article title: ___________________________________________________
Article author(s): _______________________________________________
Publication year: ________________________________________________
Volume Number: _________________________________________________
Issue Number (If relevant): _________________________________________

Step 4 – Reference the article
Reference the article you found using Harvard style - http://libraryguides.vu.edu.au/harvard