

# UNISPORT AUSTRALIA (UNISPORT) GUIDELINE

## Qualification for participation in UniSport events

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The UniSport qualification for participation guideline provides the framework for participation in UniSport sanctioned events.

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## Guidelines to be read in conjunction with this guideline

The following guidelines should be read in conjunction with this document. All can be found on the UniSport website.

- Eligibility of competitors guideline
- Divisional structure guideline
- Allocation of entrant to pools
- Awards and point scoring for events guideline
- International participation guideline
- Competition forfeit guideline

## Introduction

The qualification guideline has been developed in line with the following objectives;

- To raise the standard of sport outcomes at national events
- To raise the profile of UniSport events

These objectives link to the UniSport strategic plan section relating to participation in sport. Specifically;

- To increase the standard of sport participation
- To align the UniSport program with national sporting organisations (NSOs)
- To deliver successful and well managed events

## 1. Who can attend UniSport events

The UniSport eligibility guideline outlines who is able to attend UniSport events.

### Nationals include:

- All sports within the UniSport Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 events
- Standalone events (managed by UniSport or appointed university), such as Nationals Snow, Nationals T20 Cricket, Nationals 3x3 Basketball

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- Events held within a NSO or community event, such as triathlon, distance running and orienteering
- Universities must compete as one campus at all Nationals events

### Combined teams

UniSport does not accept combined teams except for the following circumstances:

- If a sport is at risk of losing its UniSport sport status due to consistent low participation i.e. women's cricket
- If combined teams are accepted no pennant or championship points will be earned for that competition

## **2. Process for entry/qualification to the Nationals**

### Individual sports

- 2.1. For individual sports a qualification standard in a particular event may need to be achieved or proof of an appropriate level of competency within the sport may need to be provided to the event organiser. For example, in athletics a certain time or height may need to be achieved for entry and for Taekwondo proof of belt level may be required.
- 2.2. If a qualification standard is required, then the NSO will be involved to ensure that this standard is appropriate for the level of competition. All qualification standards are reviewed in conjunction with UniSport competition guidelines every two years.
- 2.3. Qualification standards are outlined within the specific UniSport competition guidelines for that sport and/or within the event information circulated to participants prior to the close of registrations.
- 2.4. Participants should note that their entry is subject to reaching the qualification standards for their sport (if they exist) and they must provide proof that they have reached the qualification standard as part of their registration process. This proof must be submitted upon registration or (if requested) to their university team manager prior to the close of entry date for that event.

### Team sports

- 2.5. For Nationals, sports will be offered in two divisions (see UniSport divisional structure guideline) and/or qualification format based on the following:
  - a) Each member will qualify to enter one team in either Div 1 or Div 2.
  - b) The division they are allocated to will be based on the results of the previous year's event.
  - c) At the conclusion of Nationals Div 2 event the top two ranked teams in each sport will be provided a promotion opportunity for the following year to participate in Nationals Div 1.
  - d) If a member chooses not to accept the promotion opportunity, no further spots will be offered.
  - e) At the conclusion of the Nationals Div 1, the teams ranked nine and ten will be relegated to Div 2 for the following year.
  - f) The remaining eight teams will automatically qualify for Nationals Div 1 the following year.

#### Confirmation of participation

- 2.6. Universities will be made aware at the start of each year, which UniSport Nationals Div 1 competition(s) they have received automatic qualification into (based on the previous year's results).
- 2.7. Universities must nominate teams for Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 which will open 2 April and close 31 May.
- 2.8. Universities will be invoiced nomination fees based on their entries;
  - a) A university with 15 teams or more entered across both events - \$5,000 in total.
  - b) A university with 14 teams or less entered across both events - \$2,500 in total.
- 2.9. Should a university decline its team's position in Nationals Div 1 prior to the specified cut-off date, they will be entitled to enter a team into Nationals Div 2 of that year without penalty. Inclusion in Nationals Div 2 will provide the team with all rights associated with the Div 2 structure including promotion to Div 1 in the following year should they finish top two.
- 2.10. Should a university decline its team's position in Nationals Div 1 after the specified cut-off date or fail to reach the required minimum player registration level, they will not be permitted to compete in Nationals Div 2 in the same calendar year. Furthermore, the university will be sanctioned via a penalty of \$500.00 from its nomination bond. The university can nominate for Nationals Div 2 in the following calendar year with full rights associated with Div 2 structure including promotion to Div 1 in the year thereafter should they finish top two.

#### Nationals held outside the Div 1/Div 2 format

- 2.11. Nationals managed by UniSport that are held outside of the Div 1/Div 2 format will follow the same process for team and individual qualification.

#### Nationals held as a category within a NSO or community event

- 2.12. Individual sports that have a national championship as part of an NSO or community event do not follow any qualification process. Event entries are at the discretion of the event organiser and follow their specific entry procedures.

### **3. Minimum number of teams that constitutes a competition**

A minimum of four universities is required to constitute a competition at UniSport Nationals.

### **4. Invitational teams**

#### Invitational teams

Invitational teams are able to compete in the following events upon approval by the UniSport Chief Executive Officer

- Nationals Div 2
- National University Championships (standalone events)

Invitational teams may include:

- Australian based representative teams
- National Talent Identification (NTID) teams or individuals
- Development squads

Applications must be made to the UniSport Chief Executive Officer at least one month prior to the opening of entries for the event addressing each of the following criteria.

- a) Insurance – provide proof of personal accident insurance for its participants.
- b) Team management – suitable person nominated as team manager whom is educated in good team management practices.
- c) Team quality brief – complete brief form outlining the team history and/or athletes involvement in the sport i.e. state development squad.

Invitational teams are not eligible for overall or per capita awards (points or pennants) however will receive medals should they 'place' in their competition.

#### International teams

International teams are able to compete in the following events upon approval by the UniSport Chief Executive Officer

- Nationals Div 2
- National University Championships (standalone events)

Applications must be made to the UniSport Chief Executive Officer at least one month prior to the opening of entries for the event.

## **Previous amendments**

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