

# UNISPORT AUSTRALIA (UNISPORT) GUIDELINE

## Eligibility of competitors

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## Introduction

This guideline outlines the UniSport eligibility requirements of competitors in order to provide clarification for participants and UniSport members. It is the participant's and member's responsibility to ensure that all athletes are eligible to attend and compete in the UniSport event.

## 1. Who is eligible?

In order to be eligible to compete in an UniSport event, the student must:

- a) Be a currently enrolled student
- b) Be proceeding towards a certificate or higher award offered by the member university or by a recognised feeder school\* of the university
- c) Be able to prove their identity, and must be able to prove their enrolment if requested
- d) Be covered by personal accident / injury insurance
- e) Have authorisation from the member that the student is eligible to compete (via the online registration process or eligibility form)
- f) Have accepted the terms and conditions of the UniSport participation agreement

\*A feeder school is deemed to be a college or school which has a partnership with a university which offers courses that allow the student (undertaking that course) to gain minimum university requirements to gain admission to a full degree program. These students must have an approved student identification number from the university.

Note on 1a) – be a currently enrolled student

For the purpose of defining a currently enrolled student the following clarifications shall apply:

- i. A student who is enrolled in a semester prior to (or during) the event in that calendar year is eligible
- ii. A student under a designated exchange scheme between an overseas university and the member's university is eligible
- iii. A student who is enrolled for an award at one university but is studying at another is said to be doing complementary work at the second university and is only eligible to represent the university at which the student is enrolled for an award. See appendix one for example.

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- iv. Where a university has more than one campus and those campuses have separate bodies controlling sport which are UniSport members, a student who is studying on more than one of the campuses is only eligible to represent the campus on which the student is enrolled for the majority of the workload. If the workload is equally shared between campuses then the student may elect to represent the campus of his/her choice. See appendix one for example.
- v. Where a university has more than one campus and those campuses have separate bodies controlling sport which are UniSport members, a student who studies on one campus (the home campus) but is a financial member of a club on the other campus for which he/she competes regularly in recognised competition, that student may, in instances where the home campus does not field a team in an UniSport competition, elect to represent the campus team in which he/she plays regularly. See appendix one for example.

A person is not considered or ceases to be considered a currently enrolled student for the purposes of participating at a UniSport event, if the person:

- a) Immediately discontinues, suspends, defers or postpones study\*, or
- b) Two months following the submission of a post-graduate thesis
- c) Commences their university studies in a semester that begins after the Nationals Division 1 competition concludes, is not eligible to compete

\* Extenuating circumstances:

UniSport recognises that there may be extenuating circumstances where an elite athlete suspends, defers or postpones study due to representing their country on the world stage of sport. An application for special eligibility status for an elite athlete wishing to compete at a UniSport competition may be submitted to the UniSport Chief Executive Officer by the UniSport member for consideration. The conditions for successful consideration are that:

- a) The athlete has represented Australia
- b) The reason for deferment was solely to represent Australia
- c) There is intention to recommence study in the immediate future
- d) The athlete competes in the same sport at an UniSport event that they represented Australia
- e) The application includes a copy of the deferment information and a declaration from the athlete that they will be returning to study in the immediate future

Note on point 1b) – be proceeding towards a certificate or higher award

A 'certificate' is an award as defined by the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and is listed in the relevant legislation of the university.

Note on point 1b) – offered by a member university of member university feeder school/program

If a student is enrolled in a feeder school or bridging course that is aiding them to enter their first or second year at the member institution to which the feeder school is associated, they are eligible providing that the feeder school/program

or bridging course is conducted by the member university. The student must have a relevant university student identification number.

Note on point 1c) - proof of identity, and must be able to prove their enrolment if requested

The competitor will be required to produce appropriate photographic identification such as the official student identification, driver's licence or proof of age card when requested by UniSport event personnel prior to each competition together with their UniSport event accreditation pass (if produced by the event).

Should a competitor's eligibility be questioned, the competitor and UniSport member which this person is representing must be able to produce proof of their enrolment within a reasonable timeframe (24 hours would be considered reasonable in most circumstances).

Note on point 1d) – be covered by personal accident / injury insurance

The competitor or all persons entered into the UniSport event must be covered by personal accident / injury insurance. This coverage must be taken by the university for all its eligible competitors. It is also recommended that student athletes source their own relevant personal accident insurance.

Note on point 1e) - have authorisation from the member university that the student is eligible to compete – eligibility certificate

Eligibility to represent a member university in a competition conducted under the jurisdiction of UniSport, shall be restricted to persons accepted via the online registration system or via the eligibility form which has been presented to the organiser of the UniSport event by the time and date specified by the organiser, provided that the person listed can at all times throughout the competition prove their identity (as per note on point 1c).

Note: eligibility certificates are used for stand-alone UniSport Nationals events. Eligibility for UniSport multisport events are completed via the online registration portal.

When an eligibility certificate has been received and processed by the organiser of the UniSport event, eligibility is deemed to be finalised. This may occur post event in some stand-alone event instances.

A completed eligibility or supplementary eligibility certificate is one which states:

- a) The gender specific sport for which the eligibility certificate applies, plus
- b) Each person's first name, surname and student ID number, plus
- c) The total number of persons listed, and
- d) Is signed by the member university's Executive Officer or his/her nominee.

In addition, the organiser of the UniSport event may require that the member provide details of management personnel (coaches, managers, or sports medicine personnel) and other details of the participants entering the competition.

Note on point 1f) - have accepted the terms and conditions of the UniSport participation agreement

All participants (competitors and management personnel) representing the member at the UniSport event must agree to UniSport terms and conditions of

entry (outlined in the UniSport participation agreement) upon registering for the event. Failure to provide this agreement prior to the commencement of the competition may result in the participant not being permitted to compete or participate in the UniSport event.

## 2. Penalties for breaches of the eligibility

In a circumstance where it is discovered that a competitor within a UniSport event is found to be not eligible as outlined in this guideline, the following penalties will be implemented:

### 2.1. Person NOT eligible

Team sport: If a person entered into a UniSport event is subsequently found not to be eligible then the team which the person was to compete in, or did compete in, shall be disqualified from the competition

Individual sport: If a person entered into a UniSport event is subsequently found not to be eligible then that person shall be disqualified from the competition.

### 2.2. Person eligible to enter into an UniSport event however does not play for their appointed/registered sport

If, in a team sport such as basketball, hockey etc, a team fields a player who is not registered in that team (not listed on the team sheet) or plays a person who uses the name of a player registered for that team, then the team shall forfeit\* the game in which the breach was discovered and any other games in which the said player or person's name was recorded on a score/team sheet.

\* This forfeit will result in the team being relegated to the bottom of the pool.

If, in the team sport such as tennis, squash etc., the team uses a person who is eligible but not listed on the team sheet, then the team shall forfeit twice the number of rubbers in which the said player or person's name was recorded on a score/team sheet.

If a person who is eligible but not listed as a registered person for that sport or a person who eligible but uses the name of someone else who is registered for that sport, competes in a non-team event such as athletics, swimming, etc., then this person's result will be null and void and all other competitors will move up one place.

### 2.3. Intentional breach

In a circumstance where a participant is not eligible to compete, and where a participant and/or member is believed to have intentionally breached this eligibility guideline, the participant will be disqualified from the competition and if the participant is within a team sport, the team will be disqualified from competition. In addition, an intentional breach will be viewed as bringing UniSport into disrepute and a breach of the UniSport Code of Behaviour may be submitted.

## Previous amendments

April 2003 | June 2005 | June 2008 | March 2011 | January 2013 | May 2014 |  
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## Appendix one – examples

The following examples are to assist understanding for the purpose of defining a currently enrolled student.

Example – 1a) iii).

A student is enrolled with Monash University but is studying complementary work at RMIT University. This student is eligible for Monash University.

Example – 1a) iv)

A student is undertaking a workload equally shared between University of Tasmania - Hobart and University of Tasmania - Launceston, may choose to represent either university. Should the majority of the workload be conducted at University of Tasmania - Launceston, then the student is eligible to compete only for this university.

Example – 1a) v)

A student studying at LaTrobe University – Bendigo but is a financial member of the LaTrobe University – Bundoora Hockey club and regularly competes in the state league, may compete for LaTrobe Bundoora in a regional UniSport sporting event so long as LaTrobe University – Bendigo does not field a team in that sport.