

## SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA



### SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA AND AFFILIATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS CONDUCTING SCHOOL SPORTING ACTIVITIES

There are four distinct categories of interstate school sporting activities conducted by different organisations. These are:

**CATEGORY (A)      SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA “APPROVED SPORTS”**

Championships conducted by School Sport Australia

**CATEGORY (B)      SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA / NATIONAL SPORTING ORGANISATION  
“JOINT EVENTS”**

Events conducted jointly by School Sport Australia and a National Sporting Organisation

**CATEGORY (C)      “AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS”**

Organisations affiliated to School Sport Australia (Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League Council) who conduct annual national championships.

**CATEGORY (D)      “ENDORSED EVENTS”**

Events for individual school teams conducted by National Sporting Organisations

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**CATEGORY A:                      APPROVED SPORTS**

School Sport Australia Championships conducted as per approved Rules and Guidelines and relevant School Sport Australia Policies.

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**CATEGORY B:                      JOINT EVENTS**

Events conducted by School Sport Australia must always reflect the educational commitment to sport as well as the policies of School Sport Australia, its members and individual state/territory education departments.

It is recognised however that for any partnership to succeed, the event must be mutually beneficial with both organisations respecting each others philosophies, policies and practices.

Where it is considered desirable to conduct events jointly with National Sporting Organisations, negotiations must include all of the following issues and procedures which impact on current School Sport Australia philosophies, policies and practices.

***It is strongly recommended that a written agreement detailing the specific responsibilities of each state school sports association and state sporting organisation should be drawn up by School Sport Australia and the respective National Sporting Organisation to assist states in their organisation for the joint event.***

## **A. KEY ISSUES**

In promoting educational outcomes for participants of joint events, School Sport Australia's policy/position on the following issues must be taken into account when negotiating the conduct of a joint event:

- 1. Team Selection:** Each state/territory team participating in the event must be a representative team selected through a process agreed to by the School Sport Australia member body and the state sporting organisation for that sport.
- 2. Officials Selection:** Team officials must be appointed through a process agreed to by the School Sport Australia member body and the state sporting organisation for that sport. At least one team official must be a teacher.
- 3. Duty of Care:** Teacher officials shall have final responsibility for the duty of care of participants.
- 4. Competition:** The competition must reflect the School Sport Australia policy on competition and be in accordance with the School Sport Australia Rules and regulations for that sport. Invitation teams may be invited to fill any bye in the competition.
- 5. Eligibility:** Only students enrolled at school and recognised as such by the School Sport Australia member body of the state/territory shall be eligible to participate in the event.
- 6. Billeting / Accommodation:** Billeting shall be the preferred method of accommodation at all School Sport Australia events.
- 7. Educational Excursion:** Where possible, provision should be made during the event for participants to attend an excursion to a place of interest in the host city or surrounds.
- 8. Codes of Behaviour:** All aspects of the event must be conducted under School Sport Australia's Codes of Behaviour.
- 9. Evaluation:** A pre-event briefing meeting of all team officials must be held. At the conclusion of the event, a post event meeting of all team officials must be held to evaluate the event and make any recommendations for change to School Sport Australia and/or the National Sporting Organisation.
- 10. Age Groups:** The Age Group for the event should be negotiated between the School Sport Australia and the respective National Sporting Organisation taking into account the needs of the respective organisations.
- 11. Hosting:** A Joint Organising Committee consisting of representatives of both the host state School Sport Australia member body and the state sporting organisation for that sport should be appointed to organise the event.
- 12. Length of Event:** The event, including travelling time, must not use any more than five (5) school days but if necessary may incorporate two weekends.

13. **Ceremonies:** An Opening and Closing ceremony for the event must be organised. Other ceremonies may also be held where appropriate (eg. Mayoral reception)
14. **Equitable Playing Time:** Every effort must be made by the team officials to ensure that all participants are given an equitable share of playing time during the course of the event.
15. **Certificates:** School Sport Australia Participation Certificates and Billet Appreciation Certificates must be distributed.
16. **Medallions:** School Sport Australia's policy on the allocation of medallions should be adhered to.
17. **Sponsorship:** School Sport Australia's Sponsorship policy must be adhered to.
18. **Printed Program:** A program for the event must be printed. The program must include team lists of all participants and their schools.
19. **Finance:** The School Sport Australia Championships Levies Policy must be adhered to. At the completion of the event, a full report, including a detailed financial statement must be forwarded to School Sport Australia.
20. **Alterations to Conditions of Competition:** No alterations can be made to the conditions of competition unless agreed to by both School Sport Australia and the National Sporting Organisation. Any alterations must be agreed to in the year prior to the competition.

## **B. PROCEDURES**

Where it is agreed to conduct a joint event, the following procedures must be followed:

- i) A joint Organising Committee with representatives from the School Sport Australia member body and the respective National Sporting Organisation must be established.
- ii) Initial discussions must be held between School Sport Australia and the National Sporting Organisation to determine specific areas of responsibility.

It is recommended that the School Sport Australia member body undertake all aspects of the management of teams and educational responsibilities, the National Sporting Organisation undertake all "technical" aspects, and all other "administrative" duties be the responsibility of the joint Organising Committee.

- iii) School Sport Australia member bodies and respective State Sporting Organisation's should jointly accept the invitation to participate and prepare all team requirements. Should one of the organisations be unable to participate, the other organisation may accept full responsibility for all requirements.

**Note: A School Sport Australia member body and a State Sporting Organisation cannot each send separate teams.**

- iv) In cases where participation is to be the sole responsibility of the State Sporting Organisation, the principles of Part (A) of the School Sport Australia policy on *"The Participation in ASSC Championships by Non-Affiliated Organisations"* should be adhered to.
- v) The School Sport Australia National Secretary of the sport shall accept responsibility for negotiating with the National Sporting Organisation all general details including *Venues, Dates and Competition Rules and Guidelines*.
- vi) Any final decision to proceed with a joint event can only be made by a School Sport Australia Management Committee and must occur at least twelve (12) months before implementation.

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## **CATEGORY C:            AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS**

Events conducted as representative team and/or school championship format by:

- The Australian Secondary Schools Rugby League Council

The above groups may seek annual affiliation with School Sport Australia under the following conditions:

- i) The organisation must be administered by school teachers and the officials of all participating teams must include at least one school teacher.
- ii) The organisation must abide by any policies of the Australian Education Systems Officials Committee.
- iii) Affiliation is not a promise or guarantee of School Sport Australia, its member bodies or State/Territory Education Department approval or support.
- iv) Direct financial assistance from School Sport Australia, its member bodies or any State/Territory Education Department is not promised or implied.
- v) School Sport Australia shall be recognised as the umbrella body of school sport and the link organisation between the affiliated group and the Australian Education Systems Officials Committee.
- vi) The affiliated group shall abide by the School Sport Australia International Tour Guidelines (as approved by the Australian Education Systems Officials Committee.)
- vii) The affiliated group and its activities will be recognised as part of the School Sport Australia program, will be publicised as such and will receive the support of the Australian Education Systems Officials Committee providing all aspects of the affiliation conditions are agreed upon and implemented.
- viii) A representative of the affiliated group may attend School Sport Australia Secondary Management Committee meetings and may attend and vote at National Secretary Committee meetings. A report of all national and international activities must be tabled at these meetings.
- ix) Affiliation shall be applied for annually.
- x) There shall be no affiliation fee.

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## **CATEGORY D:            ENDORSED EVENTS**

Events conducted for school teams by National Sporting Organisations may be endorsed by School Sport Australia when requested provided the following conditions are met:

- i) School Sport Australia endorsement will recognise the event of a National Sporting Organisation as a sporting event for school age children and will be publicised as such provided that School Sport Australia has some direct involvement in the event.
- ii) School Sport Australia endorsement must be acknowledged in the promotion and conduct of the event, including the use of the School Sport Australia logo on all publications.

- iii) School Sport Australia endorsement is not a guarantee of School Sport Australia state member body or State/Territory Education Department support or recognition.
- iv) The School Sport Australia member body in the state where the event is being hosted should be consulted and kept updated on event organisation.
- v) The sport must be able to demonstrate a commitment to the development of that sport in schools.
- vi) Direct financial assistance from School Sport Australia, its member bodies or any State/Territory Education Department is not promised or implied.
- vii) Where possible, existing state based school competitions should be used in any team selection process.
- viii) A School Sport Australia representative must be included on the Organising Committee for the event.
- ix) At the completion of the event, a full report, including a detailed financial statement must be forwarded to School Sport Australia.
- x) Endorsement must be applied for annually.
- xi) An endorsement fee may be applicable.