THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW EVENTS / SPORTS TO THE SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA PROGRAM

1. **SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA APPROVED SPORTS**

A list of current School Sport Australia Approved Sports appears in the School Sport Australia Constitution and Strategic Plan.

Before any new sport is introduced as part of the School Sport Australia Championship program, the following procedures must be followed:

i) (At least 4) (a majority of) member bodies must indicate support for that sport together with a willingness to participate in any ensuing Championship.

ii) Support for a Championship in that sport must be sought and forthcoming from the National Sporting Organisation and be included in that sport’s development plan.

iii) A School Sport Australia member body must be prepared to host the initial Championship and other member associations must agree to be included on the ensuing hosting roster.

iv) Where no National Secretary exists for that sport, the Executive Committee shall call for nominations prior to the event.

iv) The inaugural host state, in consultation with other participating states, shall accept responsibility for drawing up the Interim Rules and Guidelines for that sport. These Rules and Guidelines are to apply for the inaugural Championship and, following discussion by team officials present, must be submitted to School Sport Australia for approval.

v) The inaugural host state may seek sponsorship for the event in consultation with the School Sport Australia Executive Officer and National Sports Secretary.

vi) Wherever possible, the School Sport Australia Executive Officer should attend the first Championship of any new event/sport introduced to the School Sport Australia calendar.

vii) In the case of championship events the age group at which any new Championship is conducted must be negotiated with the National Sporting Organisation to ensure that there is no duplication of existing NSO events and must take into account the School Sport Australia preferred age level of Under 16.

viii) An evaluation of the viability of the new event/sport to remain on the School Sport Australia program shall be conducted following the conduct of the second Championship/Exchange.
2. **SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA AFFILIATED SPORTS**

School Sport Australia may grant affiliation to other organisations conducting school sporting activities.

Any organisation meeting the requirements of the above policy and subsequently requesting affiliation with School Sport Australia will be expected to:

i) Submit the request for affiliation in writing and provide suitable documentation of the organisation’s operation and activities. This must include copies of the organisation’s Constitution, together with any other appropriate documents (e.g. policy statements, newsletters, calendars, financial statements etc).

ii) Nominate a representative/s to attend a School Sport Australia Executive Committee meeting to discuss all conditions of affiliation.

iii) Provide evidence of support for their application for affiliation from their respective National Sporting Organisation.

iv) Provide specific information about their existing or intended programs for schools.

v) If granted, agree to abide by all School Sport Australia rules and conditions of affiliation as per the existing School Sport Australia policy or any amendments.