PARTICIPATION OF NON-AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

School Sport Australia conducts annual Championships for its member bodies in 21 approved sports.

It is recognised, however, that not all member bodies may be in a position to participate in every Championship.

To encourage participation in these events by students from states where that state’s School Sport Australia member body is unable to nominate a team, the following guidelines are provided.

PART A - MEMBER ASSOCIATION DELEGATION

1. Host states can only extend invitations to participate in School Sport Australia events to School Sport Australia member bodies.

2. Member bodies may accept the invitation to participate or can delegate, under stipulated conditions, another organisation to select and prepare a team for the School Sport Australia event.

3. Participation in the School Sport Australia event can only occur if the other organisation accepts any hosting commitments as per the School Sport Australia roster.

4. Where a member body delegates representation to another organisation, it will be the member body’s responsibility to:
   
   i) Formally accept the invitation and advise the host state and School Sport Australia that the other organisation will be entering a team.

   ii) Gain local Education Department/Ministry approval for this and advise same in writing to the host state and School Sport Australia.

   iii) Ensure that all aspects of liability, costs and student welfare and protection are negotiated between the Department, member bodies and the other organisation.

   iv) Ensure that the member body’s regulations requiring a practicing teacher to be included as part of the team management are met.

   v) Provide the other organisation with copies of that sport’s School Sport Australia Rules and Guidelines and any other relevant School Sport Australia policies under which the event is conducted and ensure that other organisation agrees to participation under these conditions.
vi) Ensure that all relevant information from the host state about the event is forwarded to the other organisation.

vii) Ensure that all deadlines as stipulated by the host state are met.

**Note:**
At meetings conducted during the event, a delegate from any team “delegated” by a member body shall represent that body and shall be free to speak and entitled to vote.
PART B - NON-MEMBER STATE

In those states which do not currently have an operative School Sport Australia member body, an invitation to participate in School Sport Australia event can be extended by School Sport Australia to a State Sporting Organisation (SSO) for them to participate in a School Sport Australia event.

Participation by a team selected by a SSO is conditional on:

1. The SSO gaining written approval for such participation from that state’s Education Department and forwarding same to School Sport Australia

2. All aspects of liability, costs and student welfare and protection being negotiated between that state’s Education Department and the SSO (state matter).

3. An officer of the SSO being nominated as the contact person responsible for the coordination of the team and to receive all relevant information from the host state (including that sport’s Rules and Guidelines and any other relevant School Sport Australia policies under which the event is to be conducted).

4. The SSO agreeing to abide by all Rules and Guidelines and School Sport Australia policies for the event.

5. The SSO agreeing to pay the Participation Fee to School Sport Australia.

6. The SSO agreeing to pay the Event Levy to the host state.

7. The SSO accepting its hosting commitments as per the School Sport Australia roster.

Notes:

a) At Sports Management Committee meetings conducted during the event, a delegate from Tasmania shall be free to speak and shall be entitled to vote.

b) Tasmanian state teams shall be eligible to win the event and team members shall be eligible for any awards or selections.

c) It is the School Sport Australia philosophy that participating team management at School Sport Australia events includes at least one practicing teacher.