



AUS GUIDELINE

Qualification for Participation In AUS Events

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The AUS Qualification for Participation Guideline provides the framework for participation in AUS Sanctioned events.

DEFINITIONS

AUS Sanctioned Event – visit www.unigames.com.au for an overview of this Guideline.

AUC Event – Australian University Championship (Level 1 and Level 2 Sanctioned Events including Australian University Games)

Non AUC Event – Participation Opportunity (Level 3 Sanctioned event) including AUS managed Regional Games.

SUMMARY: A summary of the guideline is below:

Under Section A – Access to participation opportunities:

This section outlines the requirements of the competitor in order to gain access for both AUC and Non AUC events.

Under Section B – Requirements for Participation and Associated Processes:

This section outlines the qualification requirements for the team sports and the individual competitors, and explains special qualification options.

INTRODUCTION

The AUS Qualification for Participation Guideline provides the framework for two components of participation and contains the following information:

A. Access to Participation Opportunities

1. AUS Sanctioned Events
 - i. AUC Events – AUG
 - ii. Non AUC Events – Regional Games

B. Requirements for Participation and Associated Processes

1. Individual Sports – Qualification Standards
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 - 2.1 Overview
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3. Special Qualification
 - 3.1 Invitational Teams / Individuals
 - 3.2 Multiple team participation

A. ACCESS TO PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

The unique aspect of AUS events is that it provides competition for athletes who are also juggling the requirements of academic education. For this reason AUS requires the following criteria to be met in order to gain access to AUS sanctioned events:

Athletes

1. For all AUS Sanctioned Events, the competitors must be:
 - a) Eligible to compete as outlined in the AUS Eligibility Policy; and
 - b) Representing a current financial AUS member or associate member with appropriate insurance cover; or
Representing an organisation granted invitational status for that event by the AUS Chief Executive Officer.

AUS Member Universities

For Non AUC Sanctioned Events, members or associate members that have regional campuses may compete:

- (i) as separate campuses, or
- (ii) as the one university institution.

For AUC Sanctioned Events, members will be required to compete under the banner of the member's university institution.

NOTE: AUS promotes participation, and encourages AUS members that have a multi-campus environment who are having difficulty to field teams, to field combined teams from any or all of their campuses.

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AND ASSOCIATED PROCESSES

For AUS Sanctioned events there may be a qualification process / standard that must be achieved in order for an individual or team to participate.

There are generally three processes / standards that need to be achieved:

1. Individual Sports – Qualification Standards
2. Team Sports – AUG Divisional Qualification
3. Special Qualification

1. Individual Sports – Qualification Standards: 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.

If a qualification standard should be required then the National or State Sporting Organisation should be involved to ensure that this standard is appropriate for the level of competition and should be reviewed at least every two years in relation to relevant AUS event standards across all regions and national.

The qualification standards will be outlined within the AUS sports specific rules and/ or within the event information circulated to participants prior to the close of registrations.

For example, for Athletics there may be a time or distance that must be achieved, and for Taekwondo proof of the belt level may be required.

2. Team Sports:

2.1 Overview

For all AUS sanctioned national events (AUG & AUCs) universities are limited to 1 team per sport. For any AUS sanctioned event there is no qualification requirement (except for Division 1).

Multiple Team Entries (where applicable)

Athletes can only compete for one of the teams their university registers in a particular sport. i.e. An athlete can not compete in soccer team 1 and in soccer team 2 nor be swapped between teams. However, athletes can be replaced via the replacement player process

whereby an athlete can be removed from team 1 and replace another athlete in team 2 (however the replaced athlete is no longer permitted to compete).

2.2 Divisional Sport Guideline

Refer to the Divisional Sport Guideline www.unigames.com.au for reference on how teams are to be allocated to Division 1 and Division 2 in selected sports at the Australian University Games.

3. Special Qualification – For some AUS Sanctioned events, an organisation or AUS member or associate member may gain special qualification to the event.

3.1 INVITATIONAL TEAMS/ INDIVIDUALS - Invitational teams/ individuals may also receive special qualification into the sports competitions. The AUS international team participation guideline outlines the procedure for international teams to participate – <https://secure.unigames.com.au/resdetail.asp?id=2550&orgid=1>.

Guidelines to participation of invitational teams

The invitational team will be required to meet all participation aspects of the AUS event, including submission of relevant paperwork, fulfilment of playing and officiating duties, attendance at meetings, etc.

In relation to the sporting competition the invitational team/s will compete throughout the competition, with playing commitments in the pool/heats and progression matches/finals.

SEEDING: The invitational team will be seeded according to advice received from the National and/ or State sporting organisations, and the competition management personnel.

MEDALS: Medals will be awarded to successful competitors for first, second and third based on merit.

WINNER'S PENNANT: In circumstances that a Winner's pennant is awarded this pennant will be awarded to the Winner of the sporting competition.

UNIVERSITY CHAMPION TITLE & PERPETUAL TROPHY: The University Champion title and the perpetual trophy will be awarded to the best placed AUS member or associate member team / participant.

OVERALL POINTS: When determining points for sport that will be used for the calculation of the overall university points, the points will be calculated on the total number of participating AUS member or associate teams/ participants within the competition and then awarded to only AUS member teams / participants.

AUS MERIT OR GREEN & GOLD SELECTION: Participant/s within an invitational team/s are not eligible to be selected in the AUS Green & Gold selection.

REPRESENTATIVE OPPORTUNITIES: Consideration should be given to additional opportunities which may arise as a result of the presence of invitational teams/ individuals.

3.2 SPECIAL QUALIFICATION - AUS MEMBER MULTIPLE TEAM PARTICIPATION (excluding AUG and AUCs).

Upon entry AUS members that wish to submit additional teams to participate in the AUS event, need to ensure that their intention is clear on the relevant entry form.

Additional entries should be determined through a random draw between the interested members. Where a member has nominated more than one additional team, the third and other teams are not included in the random draw until all first option members have been allocated a place.

Process:

- a) Allocate all entered first teams
- b) Conduct a random draw for second-ranked teams until all additional places are taken, then

- c) Conduct a random draw for third-ranked teams until all additional places are taken, and
- d) So on until all additional places are taken.

Conduct of the Draw

The random draw should be conducted by the AUS National Programs Manager in respect to AUC and Non AUC events respectively.

Seeding

The additional teams will be allocated lowest seeding in the order that the teams were drawn.

Progression of additional teams

The additional teams within the competition will be eligible to progress through the draw. A second, third, fourth-ranked team will have equal value and access to other teams.

Allocation of points for Overall and Per Capita Awards

Only the best placed team per AUS member will receive points for the calculation of the Overall and Per Capita Awards. The points will be based on the place that the team received and shall not be adjusted to account for additional teams.

3.3 SPECIAL QUALIFICATION - AUS MEMBER COMBINED TEAMS

Upon application to AUS, combined teams may be permitted to compete at AUS events. Where more than one university is unable to field a full team they may apply to compete as a combine team. Approval will be at the discretion of AUS for sports that AUS deems to be of a developing nature i.e. Women's Cricket

For example - The University of Western Australia, Murdoch University & Edith Cowan University may apply to combine to compete as a Combined Team in Handball or Women's Cricket.

Note: a university is not permitted to field a full team and be part of a combined team within the same sport.

Seeding will apply as per section 3.2.

Guidelines to participation will be as per section 3.1 with the following exceptions:

- ✓ Combined teams (AUS members) will not be eligible for Overall Points or perpetual trophies.
- ✓ Participants within combined teams will be eligible for Green & Gold selection.