

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.

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The following guidelines should be read in conjunction with this document. All can be found on the [AUS website](#).

- Eligibility of competitors guideline
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DEFINITIONS

- AUC – Australian University Championship
- AUG – Australian University Games
- AUS – Australian University Sport
- RUC – Regional University Championship
- RUG – Regional University Games
- NUG – Northern University Games
- EUG – Eastern University Games
- SUG – Southern University Games
- WUG – Western University Games

INTRODUCTION

The qualification guideline has been developed in line with the following objectives

- To raise the standard of sport outcomes at regional and national events
- To provide better value to those attending
- To raise the profile of the events
- To create an identifiable link between regional and national events

These objectives link to the AUS strategic plan section relating to participation in sport. Specifically;

- To increase participation in sport
- To deliver successful and well managed events

AUS REGION ALLOCATION

For the purpose of regional attendance and qualification for AUG, AUS members are split into the following regions:

North	East	South	West
Bond University	Australian College of Physical Education	Deakin University	Curtin University
Central Queensland University	Australian Defence Force Academy*	Federation University Australia	Edith Cowan University
Charles Darwin University	Avondale College	Flinders University	Murdoch University
Griffith University	Charles Sturt University	La Trobe University	The University of Western Australia
	International College of Management Sydney		
James Cook University	Macquarie University	Monash University	
Queensland University of Technology	The Australian National University	RMIT University	
Southern Cross University	The University of New South Wales	Swinburne University of Technology	
The University of Queensland	The University of Newcastle	The University of Adelaide	
University of New England	The University of Sydney	The University of Melbourne	
University of Southern Queensland	University of Canberra	University of South Australia	
University of the Sunshine Coast	University of Technology Sydney	University of Tasmania	Other
	University of Wollongong	Victoria University	Australian Catholic University
	Western Sydney University		University of Notre Dame Australia

**due to the inability of ADFA to compete at a regional university games event, their participation in the Australian University Games in qualification sports will be subject to review once all regional events are complete and teams have been allocated to qualification positions.*

Each university is required to participate in their respective regional event to qualify (for qualification competitions) for entry into AUG. A university can compete in other regions only if

- The sport is not a qualification competition and
- The sport is not offered as part of the regional program in their own region or until such time that a region can support a competition ie: AFL may only be offered at the Southern University Games. Universities from the North, East and West will be permitted to enter an AFL team into the Southern University Games.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Australian Catholic University and University of Notre Dame Australia have campuses that span more than one region. Due to these geographical challenges, each university will have the option to nominate which region they wish to qualify from for sports within the qualification framework. Each university will be required to nominate their specific region for each sport by one week prior to the national conference (usually held in May).

WHO CAN ATTEND AUS EVENTS

The [AUS eligibility guideline](#) outlines who is able to attend AUS events.

Australian University Championships include:

- All sports within the Australian University Games
- Stand alone championships (managed by AUS or appointed university), such as Snow Sports, Surfing and Rowing
- Championships held within a NSO or community event, such as Triathlon, Distance Running and Orienteering
- Universities must compete as one campus at any Australian University Championship event

Regional University Championships include:

- All sports within a regional university Games event (northern, eastern, southern and western unigames)
- Stand alone championships (managed by AUS or appointed university)
- Championships held as part of a NSO, SSO or community event

Universities are able to compete as separate campuses at any Regional University Championship event, including the RUG. Universities with more than one campus can elect to either compete as one campus (University of Sydney) or compete as separate campuses (ie The University of Sydney and The University of Sydney Cumberland Campus).

Each university will be required to confirm if they will compete as one entity or separate campuses and notify AUS of the decision before the first regional university championship for that region in a calendar year. This status will remain in place for that calendar year.

Combined teams

AUS does not accept combined teams except for the following circumstances:

- If a sport is at risk of losing its AUS sport status due to consistent low participation ie: womens cricket
- If a university competes as separate campuses at a regional university Games however cannot field a team from each campus, can join to combine one team representing that university
 - Note in this instance, the team result will not be counted towards per capita or overall awards if the two campuses are competing separately in the event

PROCESS FOR ENTRY/QUALIFICATION TO THE AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

1. Individual sports

- 1.1. 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. For example in Athletics a certain time or height may need to be achieved for entry and for Taekwondo proof of belt level may be required.
- 1.2. If a qualification standard is required, then the National Sporting Organisation will be involved to ensure that this standard is appropriate for the level of competition. All qualification standards are reviewed in conjunction with AUS sport rules every two years.
- 1.3. Qualification standards are outlined within the specific AUS rules for that sport and/or within the event information circulated to participants prior to the close of registrations.
- 1.4. Participants should note that their entry is subject to reaching the qualification standards for their sport (if they exist) and they must provide proof that they have reached the qualification standard as part of their registration process. This proof must be submitted upon registration or (if requested) to their university team manager prior to the close of entry date for that event.

2. Team sports

- 2.1. For the Australian University Games, sports will be broken into divisions (see [AUS divisional structure guideline](#)) and/or qualification format based on the following:
 - a) Up to 13 teams entered = one division
 - b) 14 or more teams (however many teams there are in the competition that year) = two divisions with eight teams in division one and the remainder of teams in division two
 - c) A sport competition will move into a qualification format once the competition has been contested in all four AUS regions (north, east, south and west) with a minimum of four teams from three different AUS members for a period of two consecutive years
 - Upon reaching qualification, the competition will be capped at 20 teams
 - The competition format will include a reclassification grading system that will be completed in the early rounds of the competition. All teams will be placed in one division across four pools. After reclassification, teams will be split into division 1 and division 2 with eight teams in division 1 and 12 teams in division 2. Teams will play out remaining games in these divisions.
 - The following table outlines the pool structure, who automatically qualifies via results from the previous AUG and via their regional university games event:

	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	AUG 1 st place from previous year	AUG 2 nd place from previous year	AUG 3 rd place from previous year	AUG 4 th place from previous year
2	AUG Division 2 2 nd place from previous year	AUG Division 2 1 st place from previous year	AUG 6 th place from previous year	AUG 5 th place from previous year
3	AUG 7 th place from previous year	AUG 8 th place from previous year	AUG Division 2 3 rd place from previous year	AUG Division 2 4 th place from previous year
4	West – 1 st place in WUG from current year	North – 1 st place in NUG from current year	South – 1 st place in SUG from current year	East – 1 st place in EUG from current year
5	East – 2 nd place in EUG from current year	South – 2 nd place in SUG from current year	North – 2 nd place in NUG from current year	West – 2 nd place in WUG from current year

3. Regional bias

3.1. Due to the increase in popularity for all sports in AUS programs, no regional bias will be considered for any sport.

4. Confirmation of participation

4.1. Teams that gain automatic qualification will be required to nominate and confirm their entry into AUG for that year, one week prior to the AUS national conference (usually held in May).

4.2. Should a team that has automatically qualified, not nominate their attendance or decline to send a team, that position will become vacant and all teams (ranked by previous year AUG results) will move up one ranking. This may allow teams that placed 5th in division two to now move into a secure qualification position.

4.3. Any team failing to nominate their attendance for the upcoming AUG will be required to qualify through the qualification process for that year.

4.4. Should a university who confirms their nomination, elect to not enter their team into the competition, they will forfeit their spot and be required to requalify that following year.

4.5. Universities will be made aware at the start of each year, which competition(s) they have received automatic qualification into AUG (based on the previous years results).

4.6. The timelines required to nominate for division 1 and division 2 for non qualification competitions is listed within the [AUS divisional structure guideline](#) (section 3).

5. Championships held outside the AUG format

5.1. Championships managed by AUS that are held outside of the AUG format will follow the same process for team and individual qualification except for the following circumstances

- Section 2 (c) will not be implemented

6. Championships held as a category within a NSO or community event

6.1. Individual sports that have an AUC as part of an NSO or community event do not follow any qualification process. Event entries are at the discretion of the event organiser and follow their specific entry procedures.

6.2. Team sports that have an AUC as part of an NSO or community event will follow the team qualification process except for the following circumstances

- Section 2 (c) will not be implemented

PROCESS FOR ENTRY/QUALIFICATION TO REGIONAL UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Individual sports

1.1. 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. For example a participant may be required to provide proof of their current handicap for Golf.

1.2. If a qualification standard is required then the National Sporting Organisation will be involved to ensure that this standard is appropriate for the level of competition. All qualification standards are reviewed in conjunction with AUS sport rules every two years.

- 1.3. Qualifications standards are outlined within the specific AUS rules for that sport and/or within the event information circulated to participants prior to the close of registrations.
- 1.4. Participants should note that their entry is subject to reaching the qualification standards for their sport (if they exist) and they must provide proof that they have reached the qualification standard as part of their registration process. This proof must be submitted upon registration or (if requested) to their university team manager prior to the close of entry date for that event.

2. Team sports

- 2.1. AUS will endeavour to accept all teams entered into the specific competition at any regional university games event unless venue issues require competitions to be limited. If this is the case, members will be notified of these limitations/restrictions at the AUS national conference (usually held in May).
- 2.2. Should competitions need to be restricted by venue constraints the following preferences will be followed:
 - Preferences will be given to AUS members
 - Universities will only be permitted one team into each competition

3. Multiple teams

- 3.1. Universities are able to enter multiple teams into a regional university Games event unless point 2 applies. Only the top placed team will count towards pennant tally's, per capita awards and qualification.

4. Competing as separate campuses

- 4.1. Universities are able to compete at a regional university Games event and regional university championship event as separate campuses. Each campus will be treated separately for overall pennant and medal tallies. Universities competing as separate campuses at a RUG event will receive the highest final regional placing from either campus when being considered for AUG qualification.

5. Qualification for AUG

- 5.1. Each region has a number of [qualification spots allocated](#), which enable university teams from each region to qualify for the remaining positions in qualification competitions at the AUG that year.
- 5.2. University teams finishing first and second in their respective regional university Games competition will have the opportunity to attend the AUG that year. Once it is determined who the 1st and 2nd place winners of each regional university Games competition are, those teams will have the option to:
 - a) To represent their region at that years AUG
 - b) To decline the opportunity to represent the region at that years AUG
- 5.3. If the university who places 1st or 2nd in their regional Games competition, have already qualified for the AUG via the previous AUG results or decline to take up the spot, the 3rd placed team will be offered the qualification position and so on, until the qualification spots are filled by that region.
- 5.4. If a region is unable to fulfil the qualification spot it will be filled by offering it as follows:
 - a) To the next top ranked team from the east. If that team cannot fill the spot it will be offered the spot will be offered...
 - b) To the next top ranked team from the south region. If that team cannot fill the spot then it will be offered...
 - c) To the next top ranked team from the north region. If that team cannot fill the spot then it will be offered...
 - d) To the next top ranked team from the west region
- 5.5. If the qualification spot cannot be filled after following steps 5.3 and 5.4 above, the spot will remain vacant and a bye will be implemented for that position.

6. Competition unable to be held

6.1. Where a sport that requires a pathway to qualify for AUG cannot be hosted within a regional university games event due to venue restrictions ie: no pool to hold a Water Polo competition, that sport will be held as a stand alone regional championship.

6.2. Where a sport fails to be contested at a regional event due to a lack of teams, those teams entered will automatically gain the allocated qualification spot for their region (for that competition) provided entry (of the full team) into the regional event has occurred by the close of entries for that sport.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS THAT CONSTITUTE A COMPETITION

A minimum of 3 teams is required to constitute a competition at all AUS unigames events with the following guidelines

- A pennant will only be awarded if there are teams from three different universities
- If a competition has less than 3 universities entered but has 3 teams, medals will be awarded but no pennant or overall points will be awarded/counted

A competition may be conducted with 2 teams however this will be at the discretion of AUS after consultation with the teams who have entered.

INVITATIONAL TEAM PARTICIPATION

Invitational teams

Invitational teams are able to compete in the following events upon approval by the AUS Chief Executive Officer

- Australian University Games
- Australian University Championships (not held as part of an AUG)
- Regional University Games
- Regional University Championships (not held as part of an RUG)

Invitational teams may include:

- Australian based representative teams
- National Talent Identification (NTID) teams or individuals
- Development squads

Applications must be made to the AUS Chief Executive Officer at least three months before the event addressing each of the following criteria.

- a) Insurance – provide proof of personal accident insurance for its participants.
- b) Team management – suitable person nominated as team manager whom is educated in good team management practices.
- c) Team quality brief – complete brief form outlining the team history and/or athletes involvement in the sport i.e state development squad.

Invitational teams are not eligible for overall or per capita awards (points or pennants) however will receive medals should they place in their competition.

International teams

International teams are able to compete in the following events upon approval by the AUS Chief Executive Officer

- Regional University Games
- Regional University Championships (not held as part of a RUG)

Applications must be made to the AUS Chief Executive Officer at least two months before the event as per the [AUS International team participation guideline](#).

NOTE: International teams are no longer able to participate in the Australian University Games. International teams may compete in stand alone Australian University Championships by invitation only and only once all Australian universities have had the opportunity to enter a team.

PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS

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