

CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATION POLICY

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Scheduled review date: May 2027

INTRODUCTION

School Sport Australia firmly believed that the present Championship Rotation Policy regarding the hosting of championships needed to be changed to develop more stringent set of criteria to be considered prior to agreeing to the host and the location. This replacement of the former Championship Rotation Policy with the new Championship Location Policy was due to several factors including but not limited to increase travel costs, available of quality facilities close to major airports, availability of experience officials particularly for older age groups, the mixed accommodation choice and introduction of multi-championships games concept. It's integral to the delivery of the competitions in maintaining our point of difference to State and National Sporting Organisations (NSO) as rotation presents education opportunities and equity of opportunity.

The previous policy was influenced by several factors including:

- the education opportunities for students and officials
- host Member Bodies participating in the championship.
- balance of workload
- facilities available in the states/territories
- cost of participation
- equity of opportunity.

While these factors above are continuing the impact on student participation costs particularly to travel costs and the capacity of venues to hosts has an impact on ensuring the School Sport Australia Championships are accessible to all.

School Sport Australia has developed a Criteria and process for a Three-Year roster to be developed and a yearly confirmation process. This process considers the availability and capability of host venues and other initiatives such as School Sport Australia Games.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that School Sport Australia Championships rotate around the participating Member Bodies in an organised, with focus on reducing travel costs for students and quality of facilities, manner whilst acknowledging not all participating members bodies may be able to host all School Sport Australia Championships.

POLICY

Member Bodies may host SSA Championships in all sports whilst recognising the following factors as key to the obligation:

- The member body be involved in the sport and age group.
- The member body have the required minimum facilities.
- The member body be able to present the championship at a reasonable cost to participants with particular reference to venues and transport.
- The member body have a balance of championships from year to year.
- The member body has a balance of scheduling of championships within the calendar year.
- Consideration of multi-sport model such as the School Sport Australia Games.
- The policy can allow a three (3) year rotation of a championship hosting if agreed by the National Programs Committee (NPC) the year preceding the championship.
- A Memorandum of Understanding with an NSO can influence the rotation of championships and the venue, only if agreed by the NPC.

AUTHORISATION



Signature of Chairperson of National Programs Committee

CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATION PROCEDURES

RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Officer to implement this policy and monitor its effects.

CRITERIA

- Availability of capital city airport within 2 hours drive of the venue.
- Availability of a mix of accommodation and food offerings, within 30 minutes' drive of furthest venue, and has at least 3 x times the amount of student and officials' beds accessible in short term/overnight rental.
- Availability of enough transport, hire car and buses, from airport to accommodate students and officials travel.
- Quality sporting facilities availability and affordable, national, or state standards, which allows for normal schedules and draws, with minor alterations only, to be conducted. Facilities need to include the following:
 - Access to Dressing Rooms, Canteen, first aid room and other associated facilities
 - Quantity and quality of surface space needed under Rules & Guidelines
 - Adequate Spectator facilities, officials' room, and public address system
 - Live streaming capabilities preferably raised filming platform or area with power.
 - Merchandise Stall, power accessible, location with high traffic area.
- Availability of qualified officials and referees locally without the need for major accommodation costs for the same.

PROCESSES

- A draft Calendar will be devised for 3 years in advance updated each year to maintain a 3 - year plan. The next year calendar final approval by June NPC meeting.
- Member Body review present and future host venues based on the criteria and submit to SSA office on a yearly basis in February the Championships they are capable of hosting over the next three years and location or locations that this can be facilitated.
- In conjunction with NSA the SSA Executive officer will review Member Body submission and seek clarification if needed prior to submitting to NPC in April the lists of approved host venues for the next three years.

- Where appropriate the NSO should be consulted regarding support for or other matters, such as National Championship clashes, which may influence both dates and locations.
- Once host venues are approved then SSA will in conjunction with Member Bodies consider future School Sport Australia Games (SSAG) or similar event locations and possible International Tours. SSAG, not necessarily confirmed venue, should be included into the draft three-year calendar.
- Other policies or decisions approved by the Board in the future will need to be considered Prior to NPC approving the draft three-year roster.
- All approved decisions and SSA policies, SSAG and approve hosting venue are considered then where possible all Member Bodies should be allocated Championships in the three-year draft roster considering their other SSA Championships responsibilities and their capacity to deliver.
- The draft three-year roster will be confirmed each year at the May meeting of the NPC.
- Any adjustment to the roster must be made in consultation with NPC.
- The SSA Executive Officer and the relevant National Sport Advisor (NSA) are to be informed immediately of the decision.

ATTACHMENTS

- Nil

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Nil

AUTHORISATION



Signature of Executive Officer: