

## NEW CHAMPIONSHIP POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

School Sport Australia (SSA) runs quality school sport championships in a range of sports for 10 – 12 Years and 13 – 19 Years age group. SSA should always be cognisant that we offer sports that reflect educational and community expectations hence new sports can be introduced into the SSA program.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline how a new championship such as a new sport or the addition of an age group / gender to an existing sport is introduced into the SSA program.

### POLICY

SSA will consider the introduction of new championships if they satisfy the following criteria.

1. At least four (4) Member Bodies must indicate support for that sport together with a willingness to participate in any ensuing Championship.
2. If there are less than four (4) Member Bodies:
  - 2.1. in a newly introduced sport it is the expectation the sport will reach championship status of four (4) team or more within two (2) years;
  - 2.2. in an existing sport with the introduction of a new age group and/or gender it is the expectation the new addition will reach championship status of four (4) team or more within two (2) years.
3. Support for a Championship in that sport should be sought from the National Sporting Organisation (NSO).
4. The introduction of a new Championship must be considered with the NSO to ensure that there is no duplication of existing NSO events. Consideration must take into account the SSA preferred age levels of 10 - 12 Years and 13 - 19 Years.
5. An SSA Member Body must be prepared to host the initial Championship and other member associations must agree to be included on the ensuing hosting roster.

## **AUTHORISATION**

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Signature of Chairperson of National Programs Committee

# NEW CHAMPIONSHIP PROCEDURES

## RESPONSIBILITIES

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

## PROCESSES

### Introduction of a New Championship

Before any new sport or new age group is introduced as part of the School Sport Australia (SSA) Championship program, the following procedures must be followed:

1. A Member Body or Bodies are to submit a request to the Executive Officer for consideration by the National Programs Committee (NPC) to add a new Championship to the SSA Program. The request is to be received at least 12 months prior to the anticipated date of the inaugural Championship or by the July NPC meeting in the year prior to the anticipated date of the inaugural Championship (whichever is the earlier). The timeline is also to be in accordance with the schedule outlined in item 4 below.
2. If the request is for a Championship to be added to a sport already on the SSA program then it must have the support of the National Sport Advisor (NSA).
3. If the request for a new Championship has been approved and where no NSA exists for that sport, the SSA Board shall call for nominations in the year prior to the Championship.
4. The inaugural host Member Body, in consultation with other participating Member Bodies, the SSA office and the NSA, shall accept responsibility for preparing Rules and Guidelines for that Championship in alignment with the relevant NSO rules. These Rules and Guidelines must be submitted to the NPC for approval prior to the distribution of the preliminary bulletin.
5. An evaluation of the new championship will be conducted by the NPC following the second Championship

## ATTACHMENTS

- Nil

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Championship Category Policy

## AUTHORISATION

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Signature of Executive Officer