

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS POLICY STATEMENT

School Sport Australia endorses student participation in international sport programs in Australia and overseas.

Rationale

School Sport Australia supports this participation in order to:

- Provide students and team officials with developmental pathways in that sport and enhance the understandings and opportunities for lifelong learning
- Enhance intellectual, social and cultural educational outcomes for students through its exposure to different cultures in contextual situations
- Build stronger partnerships with our NSO through the collaboration process and the elevated profile it generates
- Raise the profile of School Sport Australia in the government and corporate communities through greater knowledge of our core business.

Context

An underlying principal of all tours is that there is an international cultural experience with sporting competition as the facilitator.

Participation in international sport programs has one or both of the following two elements:

- In a world championship event
- At an international elite level of competition

Definition

An International Sport Program can be:

- An International Sport Tours held overseas
- An International Sport Tour held at home
- An International event organized at home by School Sport Australia
- A School Sport Australia All Australian team
- International School Sports Federation (ISF) SSA hosted events
- Pacific School Games

Criteria of International Programs

International Sports Programs

- Sports are only allowed to tour to countries with a DFAT rating of Level 1 or 2,
- Sports are only allowed to tour internationally every year as long as they:
 - i) Demonstrate support from suitable staff to apply for team official positions
 - ii) Support from the sport's National Sport Organization (NSO),
 - iii) Guaranteed international standard competition.

An International Sports Tour held at home

- Sports are encouraged to host an international event to allow selected teams an “international competition and experience”.

International School Sport Federation (ISF) Events

- Sports are only allowed to attend an ISF Event held in countries with a DFAT rating of Level 1 or 2
- Sports are only allowed to attend an ISF Event every year as long as they:
 - i) Demonstrated support from suitable staff to apply for team official positions
 - ii) Support from the sport's NSO
 - iii) Guaranteed international standard competition.

School Sport All Australian Team

- An All Australian Team will be selected when there is no International Tour held overseas or in Australia.