

## INVITATION TEAM POLICY

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### INTRODUCTION

School Sport Australia Championships are open to all member bodies to enter one team.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a structure for host member bodies when a member body chooses not to be represented in a team sport championship.

### POLICY

#### Participation at School Sport Australia Championships

a) Member Bodies

At any School Sport Australia Championship, each School Sport Australia member body shall be entitled to enter one team unless alternative arrangements are agreed to as specified below.

b) Invitation Teams

Where there is a Championship, that does not fulfil the eight (8) team entries or an even number of team entries [minimum four (4) teams being one (1) team from four (4) SSA member bodies] and a bye occurs, the following will happen (in priority order):

- i. The Host Member Body may leave the bye intact.
- ii. The Host Member Body may field an invitation team from their own State / Territory and must be approved by the National Programs Committee.

Intention to field an invitation team must be notified to all SSA member bodies through the National Programs Committee and Championship bulletins.

This team and its members shall compete on the same basis as all other teams.

- iii. If the Host body does not wish to field an invitation team, then the Host body is to issue an invitation to all competing SSA member bodies to field an

invitational team. If more than one SSA member body wishes to take up the invitation, then the National Programs Committee, in consultation with the relevant National Sport Advisor, decide on the invitation entry.

Intention to invite an invitation team from another SSA member body must be notified to all SSA member bodies through the National Programs Committee in the previous year. This team and its members shall compete on the same basis as all other teams.

- iv. If (i), (ii) and (iii) above are not met, then the Host Body, in consultation with the National Sport Advisor, may arrange to A. field a composite team OR B. invite a First Nation Team to compete.

The composite team must be made up of at least one student from each SSA member body competing at that Championship (where possible). The team officials for the composite team shall be appointed by the Host Body in consultation with the National Sport Advisor. The duty of care of students in composite teams shall remain with their own state team officials.

The composite OR First Nation team option should be used when the lack of depth of competitors in that sport prevent the Host Body or another SSA member body from fielding an invitation team.

Intention to form a composite team OR invite a First Nation team must be notified to all SSA member bodies through the National Programs Committee in the previous year. This team and its members shall compete on the same basis as all other teams.

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

- International Team Invitation Policy
- Multiple Team Policy

## AUTHORISATION



Signature of Chairperson of National Programs Committee