

COVID-19 COMPETITION REPLACEMENT POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

The following COVID-19 competition replacement rules will apply to 2022 events only.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure:

- the best possible opportunity for teams to participate in the School Sport Australia (SSA) Championships.

POLICY

Player replacement:

Teams competing in any competition must have the required playing number of players and at least 1 reserve to field a team in a game. Replacement players are permitted in the following circumstances:

- The team may request a reserve player from the host state reserve players (those who did not make the host state team). The host state would arrange permission for the student to compete for another state/territory. The host state championship convenor (or delegate who is a teacher or the parent) would have duty of care of the replacement player.
- The team may request a player from another team if that team is not playing – this is to be a different player for each of the matches where a replacement player is needed. In this circumstance then the duty of care and responsibility remains with the team the player truly represents and their team officials. One team official (or delegate) will need to be with the replacement player when they are playing for the team who requires the replacement player.

Players who become the replacement player and take the field/court for another team, player welfare is of primary importance. Player welfare will be the responsibility of the team officials and consideration must be given on how best to use that player in prior or subsequent games.

Team Official replacement:

A team must be able to fill the following team official positions to be able to field a team in a game – coach and team manager/primary carer. The following replacement team officials are permitted:

- Suitably qualified/experienced team officials from the host state/organising committee
- National Advisor
- Team officials from another state/territory
- Suitably qualified/experienced parent from the team

A team must ask the SSA National Advisor and Championships Convenor for permission to request either a replacement player or a team official and the National Advisor and Championship Convenor will coordinate this.

AUTHORISATION

Signature of Chairperson of NPC

