

## AUS GUIDELINE

### Allocation of entrants to pools

2016

#### INTRODUCTION

The following guideline provides the framework and method for allocating entrants to pools for AUS events.

#### 1. ALLOCATIONS FOR SANCTIONED EVENTS

For AUS sanctioned events (events not managed by AUS) pool allocation will be determined after teams are randomly seeded by way of a random draw.

#### 2. ALLOCATIONS FOR AUS MANAGED EVENTS

The unique aspect of AUS events is their variable nature, with events occurring with varying entry numbers. This means it is challenging to implement a standard pool allocation method which does not need refining each time. To ensure this process is done fairly and with consistency AUS will endeavor to achieve the following outcomes when completing this process.

- a) Teams with similar seedings (determined by results from the previous year's event) should where possible be allocated to different pools
- b) The relative strength of the pools should be as near as possible equal

#### 3. RANKING

Prior to allocating teams to pools, full ranking of the teams is undertaken.

Due to the nature of AUS events, teams are ranked for their competition according to the results of the previous year. If a team did not compete in the previous year, that team will be ranked below all others using the AUS seeding allocation.

##### 3.1. AUS seeding allocation process

- a) Annually (usually at the AUS national conference) a member representative from each region will assist the National Programs Manager in the seeding of universities for that calendar year
- b) The seeding allocation process will see AUS member universities randomly drawn from a hat. The first drawn university will be seeded first, the second drawn university will be seeded second and so on until all members have been seeded
- c) The seeding allocation allows AUS event staff to rank universities in that current competition year, if they did not enter (and thus been ranked by results) from the year prior

##### 3.2. Ranking of teams for AUS regional events

- a) The previous year's event results will determine ranking in the first instance
- b) Teams with no previous participation history will be ranked behind previous years teams according to their position in the AUS seeding allocation process
- c) Consideration will then be given for invitational and international teams who will be ranked alphabetically
- d) Additional AUS member teams will be randomly seeded behind teams according to their position in the seeding allocation process after the completion of steps 3.2 a) b) and c)

##### 3.3. Ranking of teams for the Australian University Games and Australian University Championships

- a) The previous year's event results will determine ranking in the first instance
- b) Consideration will then be given for teams applying for promotion and relegation between divisions 1 and 2 as per the promotion/relegation process (outlined in [AUS guideline – divisional structure](#))

- c) Teams with no previous participation history will be ranked behind those teams in step 3.3 a) and b) according to their position in the seeding allocation process
- d) Division 1 will consist of the top eight teams with the remaining teams in division two once steps 3.3 a) b) and c) are complete.
- e) Once a competition reaches 14 or more teams, it is split into two divisions as per the AUS Divisional Structure guideline.

#### 4. POOL ALLOCATION

4.1. The number of pools allocated in each division will be at the discretion of the organiser however where possible, in events managed by AUS, AUS will endeavour to always use an even number of pools.

4.2. Once teams have been ranked, the international across and down allocation system should be implemented to evenly distribute the seeded entrants to pools.

Examples:

##### Two pools:

Pool A	Pool B
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

##### Four pools:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13

#### 5. REVIEW AND REFINEMENT

Once the entrants have been allocated to pools using the international across and down system it is essential to review this allocation to ensure where possible the key outcomes (section 2) have been achieved. The event organiser may need to refine this allocation if they have not been met.

Throughout this process detailed notes should be kept on the justification for these refinements.

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#### PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS

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