

AUS GUIDELINE

Divisional structure

2016

INTRODUCTION

The following guideline has been developed to define the process of assigning teams to division 1 and division 2 for the Australian University Games and to confirm the number of teams that make up a competition in either the regional or Australian University Games

REGIONAL UNIVERSITY GAMES

All AUS regional university games events will offer one division of competition with teams ranked according to the ranking and seeding process outlined in [AUS Guideline – Allocation to pools](#).

A minimum of 3 teams is required to constitute a competition at all regional university games events with the following guidelines

- A pennant will only be awarded if there are teams from three different universities
- If a competition has less than 3 universities entered but has 3 teams, medals will be awarded but no pennant or overall points will be awarded/counted

A competition may be conducted with 2 teams however this will be at the discretion of AUS after consultation with the teams who have entered.

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES

1. Competition size

- 1.1. When a competition reaches 14 or more teams, division 1 will be made up of 8 teams and the remainder of teams will be in division 2. The minimum two division structure will be: Division 1 = 8 teams Division 2 = 6 teams
- 1.2. If 13 teams or fewer are registered for a competition, a single division structure will be used.
- 1.3. A minimum of 3 teams is required to constitute a competition at the Australian University Games with the following guidelines
 - a) A pennant will only be awarded if there are teams from three different universities
 - b) If a competition has less than 3 universities entered but has 3 teams, medals will be awarded but no pennant or overall points will be awarded/counted
- 1.4. A competition may be conducted with 2 teams however this will be at the discretion of AUS after consultation with the teams who have entered.
- 1.5. One team per university is permitted to enter in each sport competition that is not a qualification competition, and can be entered in either division 1 or division 2 (i.e. no university can have a team in both divisions).

2. Qualification for division 1

The following process will be utilised to confirm divisions at the Australian University Games.

- 2.1. For competitions that have not yet reached the qualification format requirements
 - a) The previous AUG results will determine team rankings in the first instance
 - b) If the competition had two divisions the previous year:
 - Teams that placed 7th and 8th in the previous AUG results will be relegated to place 9th and 10th in the rankings
 - Teams that placed 9th and 10th in the previous AUG results will be promoted to place 7th and 8th in the rankings
 - c) Upon close of entries, team entries will be confirmed:
 - Teams that have not entered will be taken from the ranking list and all teams will move up a place accordingly

- Teams that did not enter in the previous AUG will be ranked after all those that did compete the year prior as per the random seeding process outlined in the [AUS allocation of entrants to pools guideline](#).
- d) The top 8 teams will constitute division 1
- e) If a division 1 team withdraws from the competition after the close of entry date, then no team will be promoted to replace the withdrawn team unless an application for promotion had been received prior to the close of entries date

2.2. For competitions that are within the qualification format

- a) The competition will retain its qualification format permanently unless team entries drop below 18 teams for two consecutive years
- b) Teams in the first instance will be ranked according to previous year AUG results
- c) Teams that placed 7th and 8th in the previous year AUG results will be relegated to place 9th and 10th in the rankings
- d) Teams that placed 9th and 10th in the previous year AUG results will be promoted to place 7th and 8th in the rankings
- e) Any team ranked 5th or below from division 2 in the previous year will be required to qualify for that competition via their regional games event.

2.3. Each region is allocated 2 qualification spots within the AUG qualification competitions:

	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	AUG 1 st place from previous year	AUG 2 nd place from previous year	AUG 3 rd place from previous year	AUG 4 th place from previous year
2	AUG Division 2 2 nd place from previous year	AUG Division 2 1 st place from previous year	AUG 6 th place from previous year	AUG 5 th place from previous year
3	AUG 7 th place from previous year	AUG 8 th place from previous year	AUG Division 2 3 rd place from previous year	AUG Division 2 4 th place from previous year
4	West – 1 st place in WUG from current year	North – 1 st place in NUG from current year	South – 1 st place in SUG from current year	East – 1 st place in EUG from current year
5	East – 2 nd place in EUG from current year	South – 2 nd place in SUG from current year	North – 2 nd place in NUG from current year	West – 2 nd place in WUG from current year

2.4. Further information can be found in the AUS guideline – [qualification for participation](#).

3. Confirmation of divisions

3.1. Non qualification competitions

- a) Initial team rankings for each competition will be released by the national conference (usually held in May)
- Teams that have been unable to field a team in the previous years AUG, can apply for special consideration entry to compete in division 1. Applicants should refer to section 4
 - Teams who are ranked 1-8 in the initial team rankings for non qualification competitions can assume they will be in division one. If due to the inconsistent natures of university teams they feel they cannot compete in division 1, they can apply for special consideration for relegation to division 2. Applicants should refer to section 4
- b) Final team rankings for each competition will be released one week after the close of entries after the process 2.1 (c) and 2.1 (d)

3.2. Qualification competition

- a) For competitions under the qualification format, teams that gain automatic qualification will be required to nominate and confirm their entry into AUG for that year one week prior to the AUS national conference (usually held in May).
- b) Should a team that has automatically qualified, not nominate their attendance or decline to send a team, that position will become vacant and all teams (ranked by previous year AUG results) will move up one ranking. This may allow teams that placed 5th in division two to now move into a secure qualification position.
- c) The following timeline will be in place for teams to nominate their attendance:
- One week prior to the AUS national conference: teams confirm their intent to take their division 1 place
 - National conference: division 1 teams announced
 - 1st week in July: regional university games events held
 - Monday post regional university games events: AUS release rankings for qualification competitions

- 1st Friday in August: all teams in qualification competitions confirm their intent to take up their place at the AUG. Teams next in line for positions will be contacted should a position become vacant
 - Four weeks out from AUG: AUG entries close (Friday of that week)
 - Day after AUG entries close: AUS provides confirmation of rankings and divisions for all sports and promotion/relegation process implemented as per the promotion/relegation process outlined in section 4 of this guideline
- d) If a team withdraws from the competition after the close of entry date, no team will replace the withdrawn team and that competition will be played with the remaining teams
- If the number of withdrawals warrant, the competition may be reduced to a single division competition (ie if team numbers drop below 14). This will see the competition lose its qualification status if this occurs for two consecutive AUG events.

4. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- 4.1. The promotion/relegation nomination process must be completed by the Tuesday (5pm) after the close of entry date. Applications are assessed and the following factors taken into consideration:
- a) If there is a vacancy within the division
 - b) The quality of the application submitted
- 4.2. Promotion.
- a) Should a team wish to apply for promotion from division 2 to division 1, they must complete the online promotion/relegation form. As a part of this process they must:
 - Document consistent high results at previous AUG events
 - Consistent participation at previous AUG events
 - Explanation for non participation in the previous year
 - Consistent participation at their regional university Games event
 - b) Nominating teams should have a number of players participating in one or more of these levels of competition:
 - National representation, Open/age national league, championship or event
 - State representation, Open state league, championship or squad
- 4.3. Relegation
- a) If a team has experienced a dramatic change in team personnel due to graduation from university etc, they must complete the online promotion/relegation. The integrity of division 1 is of the upmost importance, any relegation will be at the complete discretion of AUS, and will only be considered in extreme circumstances.
- 4.4. **Note:** It is the responsibility of the University Team Manager to ensure that all teams from their university are placed in the correct division and thus should be familiar with the standard of their teams. If a team is unsure if it will be in division 1 or 2 but wishes to be in a particular division, they should submit a promotion / relegation form.

PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS

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