

## AUS GUIDELINE

### Allocation & review of AUS sport status

2016

#### INTRODUCTION

The following guideline aims to ensure and maintain that a high standard of national university sporting competitions are conducted under the auspices of AUS. To monitor the success or otherwise of current and/or potential national university competitions, a minimum criteria to assist in the evaluation of AUS sport status has been established.

#### 1. CRITERIA FOR THE ALLOCATION OF AUS SPORT STATUS

For a sport to be considered for inclusion into AUS programs at either a regional or national level it must meet the following criteria.

- a) That it must be a sport represented by an Australian Sports Commission (ASC) recognised National Sporting Organisation (NSO).
- b) That the NSO endorse the application of the sport to be included in AUS programs.
- c) That the sport can offer both a mens and womens competition in addition to a mixed (or open) competition.
- d) That a current network of clubs or social competitions exist on campus at 25% of universities within each AUS region or participation rates can be quantified.
- e) That the NSO supports inclusive programs and offers opportunity for all to participate in the sport.

#### 2. APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION OF SPORT TO AUS SPORT STATUS

All applications must follow the outlined process:

- a) Applications must be received by 30 June for potential inclusion in the following year. If applications are received after this date, assessment is at the discretion of AUS and may be put on hold until the follow year appraisal window.
- b) AUS considers all applications against the stated criteria and within strategic context of AUS. All applications will either be approved or denied. AUS may require feedback from its membership or other interested parties.
- c) All applications should include the following information
  - i. Completion of the Allocation of AUS Sport Status application form (see appendix A)
  - ii. Provide a brief history of the sport in the university environment (no more than one page)
  - iii. Provide a history of the event for which the sport will be included (for sport inclusion into events not managed by AUS)
  - iv. Include a letter of support for inclusion from the relevant NSO
  - v. Provision of a set of draft sport rules that would govern the competition (if there are separate requirements to NSO/International rules ie local rules)
- d) A summary of the application process can be found in appendix B.

#### 3. PROGRESS OF SPORT ONCE ACCEPTED INTO AUS PROGRAMS – SPORTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN A REGIONAL OR NATIONAL MULTI SPORT GAMES

Once a sport has achieved AUS status

##### 3.1. Team sports

- a) The sport will be offered as a competition at the regional university games level in the first instance
- b) In its first appearance at a regional university games, the sport will be a non pennant event.
- c) The sport will reach pennant status at a regional university games in its second year providing the first year of competition reached a minimum of six teams (from at least three universities)
- d) Once the sport is played across at least three AUS regions with a competition\* held for three consecutive years in at least three regions, it will be elevated to a national competition and be included as a stand alone Championship or be included in the Australian University Games.
- e) \*NOTE: four teams from at least three universities will constitute a competition
- f) In its first year as a national sport, it will be conducted as a non pennant event and will host a male and female competition.

- g) The sport will be elevated to pennant status once a competition\* has been sustained across a two year period ie in its third year at a national level.
- h) \*NOTE: four teams from at least three universities will constitute a competition

#### 4. Individual sports

- a) For the purpose of definition, an individual sport is classed as a sport where a person competes in the field of play as one person ie athletics, swimming
- b) The sport will be offered in its first year as a national championship as a non pennant event in both mens and womens competitions
- c) The sport will reach pennant status once participation levels have exceeded 20 participants per male and female competition for two consecutive years

### **5. PROGRESS OF SPORT ONCE ACCEPTED INTO AUS PROGRAMS – SPORTS THAT ARE INCLUDED IN EVENTS NOT MANAGED BY AUS**

#### 5.1. Team sports

- a) The sport will be a non pennant event in the first year
- b) The sport will reach pennant status in its second year providing the first year of competition reached a minimum of six teams (from at least three universities)

#### 6. Individual sports

- a) For the purpose of definition, an individual sport is classed as a sport where a person competes in the field of play as one person ie triathlon, distance running
- b) The sport will be offered in its first year as a non pennant event in both mens and womens competitions
- c) The sport will reach pennant status once participation levels have exceeded 20 participants per male and female competition for two consecutive years

### **7. MAINTAINING SPORT STATUS**

AUS will undertake an annual review of all sports offered in the national and regional programs. To maintain AUS sport status, the sport must pass the AUS sport audit criteria (outlined in appendix C). If a sport has had difficulty in achieving participation, AUS will given consideration to the withdrawal of AUS sport status.

#### 7.1. Team sports

- a) If a team competition is cancelled at either a national level due to lack of teams for two consecutive years, the sport will be dropped from the national program and be required to qualify for national status via the sport process outlined in item 3 (i).
- b) If a team competition is cancelled at a regional event due to lack of teams for two consecutive years, the sport will be dropped from the regional program and will be required to reapply for AUS sport status.

#### 7.2. Individual sports

- a) National event: if competition numbers fall below a total of 30 participants (counting both male and female participation) for two consecutive years, it will be dropped from the national program and be required to qualify for national status via the sport process outlined in item 3 (i)
- b) Regional event: if competition numbers fall below a total to 10 participants (counting both male and female participation) for two consecutive years, the sport will be dropped from the regional program and will be required to reapply for AUS sport status.

#### 7.3. Sports that are held in non AUS managed events

- a) Participation numbers will be monitored and should they drop below appropriate levels as indicated in 5 (i)a and 5 (ii)a AUS will discuss the continued inclusion with event organisers and consult the AUS membership to determine the appropriate pathway.

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### **PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS**

May 2009 | January 2011 | April 2012



**APPENDIX A**  
Application form for allocation of AUS sport status

Sport for inclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sport entity submitting application:**

Entity name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the sport have [an NSO recognised by the ASC](#) (funded or not)

Yes

No

If no, is there a reason why the NSO has not gained ASC recognition?

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Who is the NSO entity for the sport?

\_\_\_\_\_

What competitions does the sport traditionally offer (tick all that apply)

Men

Women

Mixed

Open

Provide details of university aged athlete participation at events that the sport currently holds. Does the sport has specific university aged categories?

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What club structures on university campuses exist for the sport? How many students currently compete in on campus clubs for the sport?

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Has the sport gained support from any AUS member university? If so list who.

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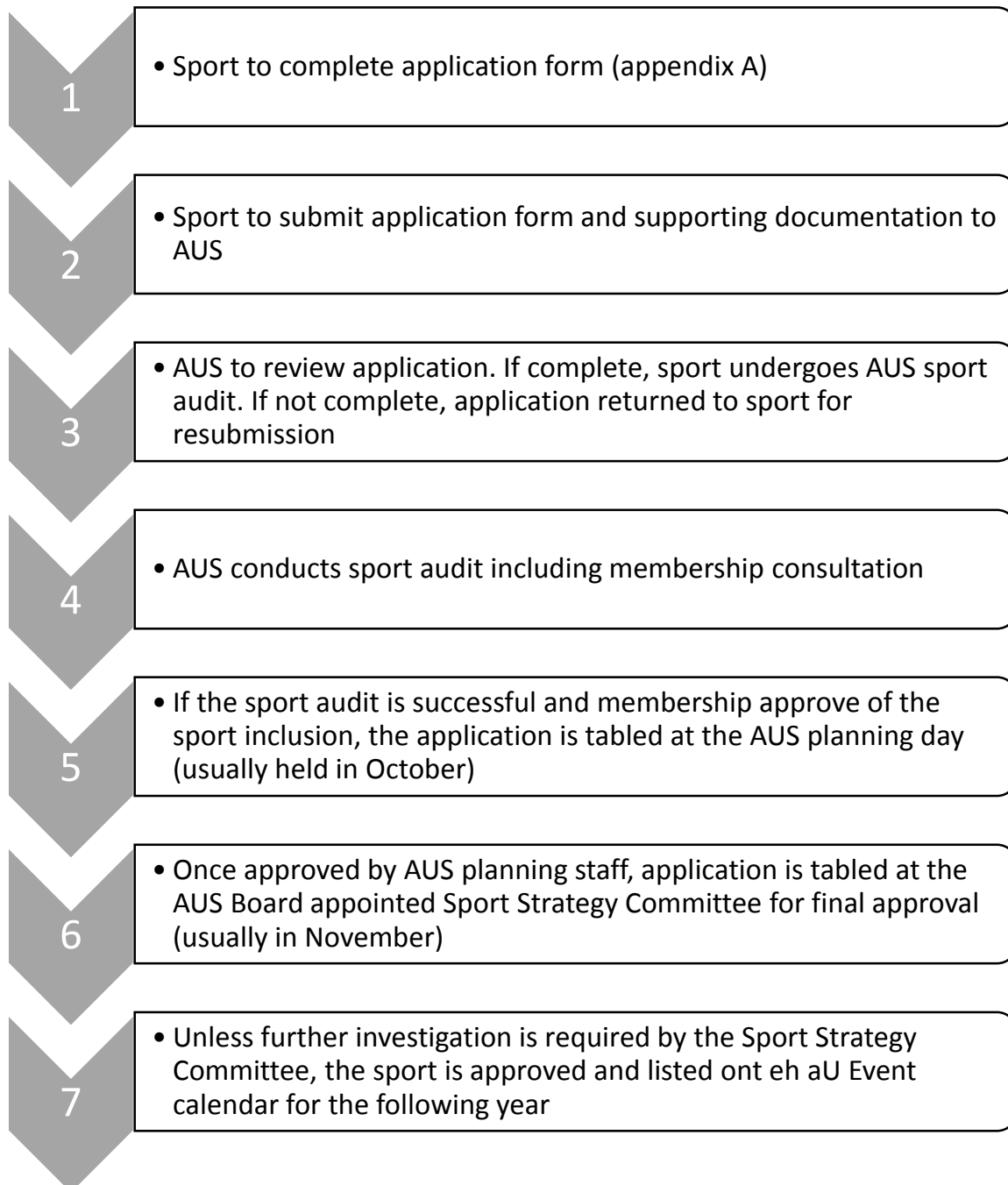
Applications must be received by 30 June if they wish to be considered for inclusion in the following years programs.

Applications should be sent to [National Programs Manager](#)

Applications that do not include all relevant criteria will be returned for completion

## APPENDIX B

### Summary of application process



## APPENDIX C

### AUS sport audit checklist

#### Governance

- ✓ Existing governance structure
- ✓ NSO recognised by ASC
- ✓ NSO implements SSO structure
- ✓ NSO/SSO existing support/relationship with AUS and sport entity
- ✓ Rules exist for the sport

#### History

- ✓ Length of time the sport has been in AUS programs (existing sports only)
- ✓ Participation trends over past five years at regional and national level (existing sports only)
- ✓ History of the sport in Australia
- ✓ History of the entity conducting the sport (if not an NSO)

#### Equity

- ✓ Competitions offered to both genders as well as mixed and/or open
- ✓ Programs for inclusion exist
- ✓ Gender participation split across the sport in general
- ✓ Does the sport fit with the [AUG Guideline – Equal Opportunity](#)

#### Club & competition structures

- ✓ Clubs on campuses at universities exist
- ✓ Community club existence across all states
- ✓ Other events available for the sport
- ✓ Do events currently exist in the sport for university students other than unigames

#### Popularity

- ✓ Appeal to university students
- ✓ Participation statistics on university aged participation
- ✓ Support from membership
- ✓ AUS member feedback

#### Financial

- ✓ What is the cost to conduct the sport

#### Sport

- ✓ Field of play requirements
- ✓ Equipment requirements
- ✓ Established officials network