



AUS Events Selection Policy

This Policy sets out how athletes, team managers and coaches will be selected by Adelaide University Sport for Australian University Sport (AUS) events.

The selection criteria has been established to ensure the highest possible standard of competition and management for Adelaide University teams at AUS events, such that the following is achieved, as per the '2013 – 2016 Strategic Plan':

Aim for an improved performance at the Australian University Games (AUG), either through a broad uplift in results and/or an increase in student participation, such that either a top 10 finish or winning a Games champion per capita award is achieved by 2016.

1. AUS Event Selection

1.1 Athletes – Australian University Games and Southern University Games

When entering teams and representatives into the Australian University Games (AUG) and Southern University Games (SUG), to ensure that the highest possible standard is achieved, AU Sport will select athletes based on:

- Ability (skill, understanding of the game and good fitness)
- Team Balance (that all positions in a team are fielded)
- Availability (ability to attend training sessions and all competition days)
- Attitude (has a fair and positive sporting attitude)

Further to this, the person must:

- be an enrolled AU student at the time of the event
- be competing in the chosen sport at a minimum of a C Grade/Division 3 level, if applicable for the sport and where the sport is provided by AU Sport (although the participant does not have to compete for the AU Sport club), or be competing in a sport with similar and transferable skills (i.e. mixed netball and basketball, or futsal and soccer) at a minimum of a C Grade/Division 3 level* (refer to Appendix 1)
- participate in team selection trials (if held)
- attend team training sessions prior to the event
- adhere to 'The University of Adelaide – Australian University Sport Events Code of Conduct'
- fulfil any extra sport specific selection criteria set out in the Sport Grade Classifications (refer to Appendix 1)

**A limited number of extra players, who did not fulfil this requirement, may be added to the team at the discretion of AU Sport, pending they fulfil the other requirements. This will only be considered if the team is marginally short of reaching the minimum number of participants required to enter the team.*

**The criteria may be subject to amendment for the SUG, at the request of an AU Sport Club, where the sport nominates a “development team” for the SUG event.*

1.2 Applying for AUG and SUG Selection

To apply for selection, the athlete must complete the ‘AU Sport Uni Games Expression of Interest’ form (refer to Appendix 2), specifying his/her sport experience. The following shall occur once expressions of interest close (the closing date will be shown on the form):

1. Consultation with the Coach and/or Team Manager for each sport
2. Confirmation from the athlete’s club may occur to confirm playing standard
3. Trials (if numbers permit)
4. Announcement of team

All selections must be free of favouritism or bias.

1.3 Selections for AUG after SUG

Representing AU Sport at SUG does not guarantee selection of an athlete into the same team for the AUG. After SUG, selections will be open to all AU students as per 1.1 and 1.2.

1.4 Athletes – Australian University Championships

To be eligible for selection in Australian University Championship events (AUC), participants must:

- be an enrolled AU student at the time of the event
- fulfil the sport specific selection criteria set out below:

EVENT	CRITERIA
Rowing	As per the AU Boat Club selection criteria
Snow Sports	Minimum Level 4 skier or boarder

All selections must be free of favouritism or bias.

1.5 Coaches and Managers – AUG, SUG and AUC

All coaches and team managers will be selected based on the requirements of the team, their experiences and their attitude to intervarsity competition. Coaches and Team Managers are required to provide assistance to the AU Sport University Team Managers.

For specific information on the Coaches and Team Managers selection criteria, please refer to the '**Coaching Position Description**' and '**Team Manager Position Description**' for each year.

2. Uni Games Student Committee and Team Captain Selection

2.1 Uni Games Student Committee Selection

The 'Uni Games Student Committee' was developed in 2014 to assist the University Team Manager (UTM) in delivering the best possible experience for Inter-Varsity teams, including the Southern University Games, Australian University Games and Australian University Championships.

The Committee shall be selected by the UTM in March each year and shall consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 students, with an even gender mix.

To be selected, the person must:

- Have at least one year of experience competing at the AUG and/or SUG
- Be attending the SUG and/or AUG that year
- Fulfil the criteria set out in section 1.1
- Have no history of misconduct, as per the Code of Conduct

A person may only be selected for the student committee a maximum of three times.

The Uni Games Student Committee will be notified of selection via email from the UTM. In the case of a position not being filled, the UTM may ask another participant who fulfils the criteria.

2.2 Team Captain Selection

One male and one female team captain will be selected from the Uni Games Student Committee. The person must:

- Have at least 2 years of experience competing at the AUG and/or SUG
- Be attending the AUG that year (those also attending the SUG are preferred)
- Be a strong leader, with a performance-based attitude

The Team Captains will be selected by the UTM after the first Uni Games Student Committee meeting and will be notified via a phone call. In the case of a position not being filled, the UTM may ask another participant who fulfils the criteria.

3. Financial Assistance

3.1 Elite Athletes

Tiered financial support will be provided to Elite Athletes for AUG, SUG and AUC Rowing only.

Refer to the '**AUG Financial Assistance Plan**', '**SUG Financial Assistance Plan**' and '**AUC (Rowing) Financial Assistance Plan**' for each year and Appendix 1 for eligibility.

3.2 Team Personnel

Financial support will be provided to Team Managers, Coaches and Media for the AUG, SUG and AUC Rowing only.

Refer to the '**AUG Financial Assistance Plan**', '**SUG Financial Assistance Plan**' and '**AUC (Rowing) Financial Assistance Plan**' for each year.

4. Appeals

There is a detailed process and set of guidelines that must be followed if an athlete and/or team personnel wishes to appeal against their non-selection:

Generally, the grounds for a selection appeal could comprise:

- the selectors did not follow the procedures laid out in the policies, rules, regulations and/or criteria of AU Sport
- there was an error in the information on which the decision was based
- members of the decision-making group were influenced by bias
- the decision reached was grossly unfair or unreasonable

The appellant should put forward a detailed case to AU Sport, outlining point by point the reasons for the appeal, within 7 days of the team selection announcement.

The appeals process shall follow the '**AU Sport Handling Complaint Policy and Guidelines**'.

APPENDIX 1

SPORT GRADE CLASSIFICATIONS

This document is a guide for understanding the 'AUS Events Selection Policy' and 'Financial Assistance Plan' for the Southern and Australian University Games and the Australian University Rowing Championships. Final selections and funding decisions are at the discretion of AU Sport.

SPORT	MINIMUM DIV 3 / C GRADE CLASSIFICATION	DIV 1 / A GRADE CLASSIFICATION	STATE CLASSIFICATION	NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION
Athletics – Cross Country	Cross Country - Time should place in the top 8 from the previous years' event. 5km Road Relay – Men 20.00minutes; Women 25.00minutes.	Place within the top 3 at the Open State Championships or have a time equivalent to those who placed.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Athletics – Track & Field	Recorded the minimum Athletics qualifying times/distances/heights outlined in the 'AUS Athletics – Outdoor Track and Field Rules' within the last 12 months.	Place within the top 3 at the Open State Championships or have a time/distance/height equivalent to those who placed.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Australian Rules Football	Division 4 in the SAAFL competition.	Division 1 in the SAAFL competition.	State Amateur representative.	SANFL player.
Badminton	B Grade in the SABA competition.	State League in the SABA competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Baseball	Division 3 in the Baseball SA summer competition or Division 1 in the SA Winterball Competition, or	Division 1 in the Baseball SA summer competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.

	fulfil the Softball criteria (women).			
Basketball	Division 4 in the Basketball SA District competition or A Grade in the Basketball SA Church or Country competitions.	Premier League team in the Basketball SA Premier League competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Beach Volleyball	A Grade in the SABVS or fulfil the Indoor Volleyball criteria.	AAA Grade team in the SABVS.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Cheer	Training with a Cheerleading squad.	N/A	State representative.	Australian representative.
Cricket – T20	Playing in a SACA competition or C3 in an ATCA competition.	A Grade in the SACA competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Cycling	As there are no separate women's grades, women should be racing in at least E grade and both men and women should have at least one season of racing experience.	Men - A Grade in the Winter Road Series or race in the Bowden Elite team in the Summer Criterium Series. Women - B Grade or winning C Grade in the Winter Road Series or race in the USG team in the Summer Criterium Series.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Fencing	Completed a novice course and registered with Fencing SA.	Ranked within the top 3 in the open competition ranking.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Football (Soccer)	Men – Amateur League Division 3 or Collegiate League Division 2. Women – FFSA Division 3.	Men – Collegiate or Amateur League Division 1. Women – FFSA Premier League.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Futsal	Fulfil the Soccer criteria.	N/A	State representative.	Australian representative.
Golf	Handicap of 20 or lower.	Handicap of 12 or lower (on a metropolitan course).	State representative.	Australian representative.

Handball	Playing for a club in the Handball SA competition or fulfil the minimum standard for another sport with similar skills.	N/A	State representative.	Australian representative.
Hockey	Metro 2 in the Hockey SA Metropolitan competition.	Premier League team in the Hockey SA Premier League competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Judo	Minimum 5th kyu (yellow belt).	Brown belt in competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Kendo	Hold AKR membership and be practising in armour.	Place within the top 3 in the Dan Grade competition at the State Championships.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Lawn Bowls	Metro 2 in the Bowls SA Saturday Open Gender competition or fulfil the minimum standard for another sport with similar skills.	Premier League in the Bowls SA Saturday Open Gender competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
League of Legends*	Diamond 5 ranking.	Master ranking.	Challenger ranking.	World Championship competitor.
Netball	Women and Mixed (women) – C1 in the Netball SA AMND, B1 in the SAUCNA or B Grade/Senior 3 in a Country Netball competition. Mixed (men) – Playing in a social league team or fulfil the minimum standard for another sport with similar skills.	Women – League team in the Netball SA AMND. Mixed – N/A	State representative.	Australian representative.
Rowing	As per the AU Boat Club selection criteria.	N/A	State representative.	Australian representative.

Rugby Union 7s	Third Grade in the SARU competition.	Premier Grade in the SARU competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Sailing	All members must hold a current YA membership card.	Division 1 in the state series, which is recognised by YA.	Placed in the top 3 in a state championship event, which is recognised by a class association YA or IRC.	Raced in an International event, which is recognised by ISAF.
Softball	C Grade in the Softball SA competition, or fulfil the baseball criteria.	A Grade in the Softball SA competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Squash	State 3 in the Squash SA Pennant competition.	Premier League in the SA Pennant competition, or a squash matrix ranking of 250 or higher.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Swimming	Recorded the minimum Swimming qualifying times outlined in the 'AUS Swimming Rules' within the last 12 months.	Place within the top 3 for State Opens or have a time equivalent to those who placed.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Table Tennis	Division 2 in the Table Tennis SA Pennant competition.	State League in the Table Tennis SA Pennant competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Tae Kwon Do	Minimum yellow belt.	Black belt.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Tennis	Division 3 in an association competition.	State League in the Tennis SA competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Tenpin Bowling	Men – 130 average Women – 125 average or fulfil the minimum standard for another sport with similar skills.	Men - 185 average Women – 175 average Established over a minimum of 18 games in a Sanctioned or Accredited League.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Touch	B Grade in a Touch SA Park Touch competition.	Men's or Women's State League team in the Touch SA State League competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.

Ultimate	Division 2 in the SAFDA State League competition or compete in Social League.	Division 1 Open or Mixed in the SAFDA State League competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Volleyball	Division 1 in the SA State League competition.	League team in the SA State League competition.	State representative.	Australian representative.
Water Polo	Playing in the Water Polo SA 'A Grade' competition, or fulfil the minimum standard for a sport with similar skills whilst being a competent swimmer.	N/A	State representative.	Australian representative.

*As League of Legends is not an AUS pennant competition, players are not currently eligible for funding, however this criteria should be adhered to for selection purposes.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

AA Athletics Australia

AMND Adelaide Metro Netball Division

ATCA Adelaide Turf Cricket Association

AUS Australian University Sport

Australian Representative you have been selected to represent Australia in your sport at an International competition in an open or age group category in the 12 months prior to the event. Representatives from other countries may be considered at this level, based on the world ranking of that country compared to the Australian team. If ranked well below the Australian ranking, this person may receive funding under the 'State Classification'.

Div 1 / A Grade	to receive funding the athlete should have consistently competed at the identified Division 1 / A Grade level (i.e. the highest level available in the respective state-wide competition) in the most recent/current competition season or fulfilled the ranking criteria in the most recent/current competition season.
FFSA	Football Federation of South Australia
IRC	International Rule (sailing)
ISAF	International Sailing Federation
SA AFL	South Australian Amateur Football League
SABA	South Australian Badminton Association
SABVS	South Australian Beach Volleyball Series
SACA	Southern Australian Cricket Association
SAFDA	South Australian Flying Disc Association
SANFL	South Australian National Football League
SARU	South Australian Rugby Union
SAUCNA	South Australian United Church Netball Association
State Representative	you have been selected to represent your state in your sport at a National competition in an open or age group category in the 12 months prior to the event.
YA	Yachting Australia

APPENDIX 2

AU Sport Uni Games Expression of Interest Form *(to be hosted on the AU Sport Membership system)*

1. Select which event(s) you are applying for: (multiple choice)

Australian University Games
Southern University Games
Australian University Championships (Rowing or Snow)

2. Select which sport(s) you are applying for: (multiple choice)

List all sports

3. If applicable for your sport, what is the main position you play? (text)

If you are applying for a sport which is not an AU Sport Club, including Futsal, Handball, Softball, Tenpin Bowling and Water Polo, and you do not currently play this sport, please answer for the sport you currently play

4. FOR TEAM SPORTS ONLY: What is your current level of ability in this sport(s) (answer for the most recent competition season)? (multiple choice)

If you are applying for a sport which is not an AU Sport Club, including Futsal, Handball, Softball, Tenpin Bowling and Water Polo, and you do not currently play this sport, please answer for the sport you currently play

N.B For sports such as Badminton, Table Tennis, Tennis and Squash, these are regarded as team sports.

International (i.e. you have represented your country)
National (i.e. you have represented your state)
Division 1 / A Grade
Division 2 / B Grade
Division 3 / C Grade
Below Division 3 / C Grade

5. FOR INDIVIDUAL SPORTS ONLY: What is your current level of ability in this sport(s), such as best times/distances recorded in the last competition season, current handicap, current belt colour or current racing grade?
(multiple choice)

For Athletics, Cycling, Golf, Judo, Kendo, Swimming and Taekwondo only

6. Elaborate on your achievements. (text)

If you are applying for a sport which is not an AU Sport Club, including Futsal, Handball, Softball, Tenpin Bowling and Water Polo, and you do not currently play this sport, please answer for the sport you currently play

7. If playing for a club, name the club(s) to which you CURRENTLY belong.
(text)

If you are applying for a sport which is not an AU Sport Club, including Futsal, Handball, Softball, Tenpin Bowling and Water Polo, and you do not currently play this sport, please answer for the sport you currently play

8. If you are CURRENTLY playing for a club, specify what league you are competing in and whether you are playing in seniors, reserves or at age group level. (text)

If you are applying for a sport which is not an AU Sport Club, including Futsal, Handball, Softball, Tenpin Bowling and Water Polo, and you do not currently play this sport, please answer for the sport you currently play

9. If you have PREVIOUSLY played for a club in a competitive league, list the club(s) and league(s) and what year(s) this was. (text)

If you are applying for a sport which is not an AU Sport Club, including Futsal, Handball, Softball, Tenpin Bowling and Water Polo, and you do not currently play this sport, please answer for the sport you currently play

10. Leadership experience: (multiple choice)

- University Games Team Captain
- University Games Student Committee
- University Games Team Manager / Coach
- University SRC
- School SRC
- Manager / Assistant Manager / Team Leader in the workplace
- Other

11. Elaborate on your leadership experience if you believe it will enhance your application: (text)

12. What is the main reason you wish to represent the University of Adelaide at the University Games? (multiple choice)

- To compete in a National competition
- For the social events
- To develop my sport skills/ability