



Australian Government
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTING ORGANISATIONS BY THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

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NSO Website: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

Principal contact(s):

1. Name: _____

Position: _____

Contact details: _____

2. Name: _____

Position: _____

Contact details: _____

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Name of NSO

yes/no

Section A: General

All criteria in Section A must be met

- A1. The activity meets the ASC’s definition of “sport”. _____

- A2. The organisation can satisfy the ASC that it is the pre-eminent organisation taking responsibility for the development of the sport in Australia. _____

- A3. As the pre-eminent organisation taking responsibility for the development of the sport in Australia, the organisation is accountable at the national level for providing its members with technically and ethically sound sport programs, policies and services. _____

- A4. The organisation has been an incorporated association or Company for a minimum of three years. _____

- A5. The organisation has produced annual audited financial statements and annual reports for the past three years. _____

- A6. The organisation has an operable and current three-year (or longer strategic plan that addresses all aspects of the sport (this may include issues relating to access, equity and the management of risk within the sport) . _____

- A7. The organisation has formally committed to a governance structure that is consistent with the ASC’s governance principles of best practice. _____

- A8. The organisation has an operable and current anti-doping policy consistent with the ASC’s anti-doping provisions. _____

- A9. The organisation has an operable and current policy on harassment and member protection consistent with the ASC’s Member Protection Policy. _____

Note: *The organisation must provide documentary evidence to substantiate compliance with the above criteria as part of the assessment process.*

yes/no

Section B: National & International Scope

All criteria in Section B must be met

- B1. The organisation has active branches or affiliated State/Territory Associations in at least four States/Territories.
(Ice sports in three States/Territories/snow sports in one State.) _____
- B2. The organisation conducts annually regional and/or State and National championships in open and/or age groups, as deemed appropriate for the sport. _____
- B3. The organisation is the NSO of a sport that has been played in Australia for more than 75 years, involving a high level of registered and active members (minimum 5,000). _____
- OR**
- The organisation is affiliated to an International Federation (IF) for the sport. _____
- B4. For organisations affiliated to an IF, that IF is affiliated to the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF) **or** the International Olympic Committee (IOC). _____
- B5. The organisation is the NSO of a sport that is an Olympic Games Sport **or** a Commonwealth Games sport **or** has a minimum of 5,000 registered and active members. _____

Note: *The organisation must provide documentary evidence to substantiate compliance with the above criteria as part of the assessment process.*

yes/no

Section C: Umbrella Bodies

In addition to meeting the criteria in Sections A and B, umbrella bodies must meet the following criteria.

- C1. The umbrella body must be able to satisfy the ASC that it is the pre-eminent organisation taking responsibility for the development of the specific sport sector, though not the individual disciplines which are affiliated with it. _____
- C2. The umbrella body must have an operable and current sport sector specific strategic plan and appropriate policies and procedures as detailed in Section A, and it must make these available to affiliated bodies as required. _____
- C3. The umbrella body has formally committed to a governance structure that is consistent with the ASC's governance principles of best practice and which protect the interests of all parties. _____

Note: *The organisation must provide documentary evidence to substantiate compliance with the above criteria as part of the assessment process.*

NOTES TO THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTING ORGANISATIONS BY THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

Definitions

Sport

A human activity capable of achieving a result requiring physical exertion and/or physical skill which, by its nature and organisation, is competitive and is generally accepted as being a sport.

Members/Membership

A member is an individual athlete competitor, coach or official, or a team, who is registered with the NSO directly or with a State/Territory Sporting Organisation or club affiliated to the NSO. Such membership must be associated with the payment of a fee, involve on-going activity, provide verifiable evidence of membership (eg. membership card or number for the individual and name, address and/or registration form for the sporting organisation), and the member must receive some benefit indicating that he/she is a member (eg. newsletter).

National Championships

Includes national leagues controlled by the NSO.

Affiliation of International Federation

The International Federation must have a minimum of 25 active member countries as evidenced by participation in world championships or qualifying events for world championships.

ASC's Governance: Principles of Best Practice (A7, C3)

Refers to principles developed by the ASC as a guide towards which NSOs could work and which can be used to assist a sport in moving through its normal strategic planning and review cycles. NSO Governance: Principles of Best Practice can be found at www.ausport.gov.au/ibp/govguide.asp

Services

If an application for ASC recognition is successful, an NSO will be eligible to receive the following support from the ASC:

- use of wording “*The Australian Government, through the Australian Sports Commission, recognises (insert organisation name) to develop (insert sport) at all levels in Australia*” in applications for assistance from State/Territory Departments of Sport and Recreation and other legitimate business purposes to benefit the sport (eg. approaches to national insurers);
- entry in the Australian Sports Directory;
- invitations to attend workshops, seminars and other ASC information;
- access to the National Sport Information Centre;
- access to ASC NCAS/NOAS accreditation.

In addition to the above support, umbrella bodies may be eligible to receive the following support from the ASC:

- MIP assistance to ensure that appropriate governance practices are in place to protect the interests of all parties;
- entry in the Australian Sports Directory, as an umbrella body with the affiliated organisations listed as part of the entry.

Notes:

- 1. Recognised but unfunded NSOs will NOT be able to use the ASC logo, nor will they be eligible to receive assistance with the preparation of strategic plans.**
- 2. ASC recognition of a NSO does NOT automatically confer eligibility for ASC funding.**

Documentation Required

NSOs must provide relevant documentary evidence to support **all** claims made on the self-assessment form. These should include, but not necessarily be limited to,

- evidence of incorporation
- audited financial statements and annual reports for the last three years
- current policy and planning documents referred to in Section A
- official list of branches or affiliated State/Territory associations
- official membership figures (if applicable)
- evidence of annual regional and/or State and National championships
- evidence of IF affiliation and of the IF's affiliation to the GAISF/IOC
- in the case of umbrella bodies, evidence substantiating criteria in Section C

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NSO verification sheet

Name of NSO

We, the undersigned, as duly authorised officers of the above organisation, verify that the information provided in this application for Australian Sports Commission recognition as a National Sporting Organisation is correct.

We understand that this information may be subject to audit or further verification.

We further understand that the Executive of the Australian Sports Commission has final responsibility for determining the eligibility of a national sporting organisation for recognition.

Signature

Signature

Name

Name

Position

Position

Date

Date