



# Australia's Winning Edge

## Sport Categorisation 2017-2020

Australia's Winning Edge sport categorisation 2017-2020 is a national framework to identify those sports most likely to contribute to Australia's high level performance targets. This framework establishes a 'priority order' of sports and guides system partners with delivering resources to Winning Edge sports in support of these targets. Sport categorisation will be updated annually.

| Category                  | Description  | Level           | Performance criteria  |  |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| Foundation                | Sports with a strong record of achieving multi-medal or consistent team medals at Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games AND considered highly likely they will continue to achieve medal success at these events.  | F1              | High probability to achieve a gold medal at the Olympic or Paralympics Games in the next two cycles; evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; medal at two of the past three Olympics (including at least one gold medal) or gold medal at two of the last three Paralympics;</li> <li>&gt; consistently achieved benchmark event targets and fully addressed high performance drivers in the last cycle.</li> </ul>   | Olympic: Sailing, swimming, winter sports<br>Paralympic: athletics, cycling, swimming, wheelchair rugby  |
|                           |  | F2              | Good probability to medal at the Olympic Games or gold medal at Paralympics Games in the next two cycles; evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; medal in two of the past three Olympics or gold medal at two of the last three Paralympics</li> <li>&gt; did not consistently achieve benchmark event targets and/or fully address the high performance drivers in the last cycle.</li> </ul>   | Olympic: athletics, basketball (women), cycling, canoeing, diving, equestrian, hockey (men), rowing, shooting, triathlon, water polo (women)<br>Paralympic: winter sports  |
|                           |  | F3 <sup>1</sup> | High probability to win a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in the next two cycles; evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; gold medal at two of the past three Commonwealth Games or world championships (in Commonwealth discipline)</li> <li>&gt; consistently achieved benchmark event targets and fully addressed high performance drivers in the last cycle.</li> </ul>  | Commonwealth: netball, bowls   |
| Prospective               | Sports with evidence of previous success at Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth Games, including relevant disciplines at world championships, AND considered to have potential to achieve success within the next one or possibly two cycles.   | P1              | Potential medal at the next Olympic or Paralympic Games; evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; medal in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline at a world championships (or equivalent) in the past four years</li> <li>&gt; credible performance profile that indicates a high medal potential at the next Olympic or Paralympic Games</li> <li>&gt; evidence of improvement and solutions to challenges being implemented across the high performance drivers.</li> </ul>  | Olympic: archery, golf, hockey (women), modern pentathlon, rugby 7s (women), softball, surfing<br>Paralympic: archery, canoeing, equestrian, rowing, shooting, table tennis, triathlon, wheelchair basketball (men), wheelchair tennis |
|                           |  | P2              | A medal prospect within the next two (2) cycles at the Olympic or Paralympic Games; evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; a top-four to eight finish in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline at a benchmark event (or equivalent) in the past four years</li> <li>&gt; credible performance profile that indicates a high medal potential within the next two (2) Olympic cycles</li> <li>&gt; evidence of improvement and solutions to challenges being implemented across the high performance drivers.</li> </ul> | Olympic: baseball, basketball (men), boxing, football (women), gymnastics, rugby 7s (men), taekwondo, volleyball (beach), water polo (men),<br>Paralympic: wheelchair basketball (women)   |
|                           |  | P3 <sup>2</sup> | Potential gold medal at the 2018 Commonwealth Games; evidenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; medal at the Commonwealth Games or world championships (in Commonwealth discipline) in the past four years</li> <li>&gt; credible performance profile that indicates a high gold-medal potential at the 2018 Commonwealth Games</li> <li>&gt; evidence of improvement and solutions to challenges being implemented across the high performance drivers.</li> </ul>  | Commonwealth: badminton, squash, weightlifting<br>Commonwealth (para): bowls   |
| Iconic Sports             | Culturally significant sports <sup>3</sup> with gold medal success at world championships.   | I               | Culturally significant sports that are gold-medal prospects at world championships in the next four years; evidenced by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; having won a gold medal at world championships (in events and disciplines recognised under <i>Australia's Winning Edge</i>) in the past four years.</li> </ul>  | Cricket (women), surf lifesaving   |
| National                  | Sports that are eligible to compete at the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games AND assessed as being unlikely to contribute to <i>Winning Edge</i> targets in the next two cycles.   | N               | Did not medal in past three Olympic or Paralympic Games, world championships or Commonwealth Games (gold) and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; current performance profile indicates that these sports will require significant improvement in order to contribute to <i>Winning Edge</i> targets</li> <li>&gt; annual review will take place of these sports.</li> </ul>   | Olympic: football (men), judo, table tennis, volleyball (indoor men)<br>Paralympic: badminton, boccia, goalball, sailing   |
| Other sports <sup>4</sup> | Sports that are eligible to compete at the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games but do not receive <i>Australia's Winning Edge</i> high performance funding. These sports do not receive investment for high performance but may be able to access generic advice/resources/workshops from the ASC and AIS. |                 |   | Olympic: fencing, handball, karate, skateboarding, sport climbing, synchronized swimming, tennis, volleyball (indoor women), wrestling<br>Paralympic: football, para powerlifting  |

<sup>1</sup> Sports that are on the Commonwealth Games schedule only and do not have an Olympic/Paralympic profile

<sup>2</sup> Sports that are supported through AWE investment for Commonwealth Games outcomes

<sup>3</sup> Iconic/Culturally significant sports are sports on the Australian Government's anti-siphoning list plus iconic Australian sports such as surf life-saving and cricket

<sup>4</sup> Sports that are eligible to compete at the Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games. These sports do not receive investment for high performance but may be able to access generic advice / resources / workshops from the ASC and AIS