

UniSport Sanctioned Events Student Selection Guidelines

Introduction

Monash University is committed to providing opportunities for students to represent the University through participation in competitive sporting events such as any Regional University Games, Australian UniSport Nationals and Intersport Competitions.

Selection in a team or as an individual to attend a UniSport Nationals event is based on the reflection of the student's performance against the selection criteria set out in the Selection Guidelines and Process.

The University is the sole arbiter of whether a team will be approved to enter an UniSport Australia sanctioned event. The Director, Monash Sport will make recommendations as to whether teams should represent the University at future UniSport Australia Sanctioned events. Recommendations for approval to enter a team need to be approved by the Executive Director Campus Community.

Objectives

1. Select teams that will support the University's trademark characteristics.
2. Select athletes and teams that will give Monash University the best chance of achieving its performance goals.
3. Select athletes and teams that are committed to driving a performance culture.

Eligibility

To be eligible for selection a student must:

- Be a currently enrolled undergraduate or postgraduate student or be proceeding towards a Certificate or Higher Award at the University.
- Have authorisation from the University via Monash Sport that they are eligible to compete.
- Have experience in and be competing regularly in the sport they are attending trials for.

Selection Guidelines

Any student wishing to represent the University at a UniSport Australia sanctioned event will be required to nominate for the official selection process which will include attendance at official selection trials.

The following criteria will be used to assess the suitability of student athletes for selection:

- **Attitude:** Including willingness to accept instructions, ability to work with other team members and abide by the terms and conditions of the Representation Agreement.

- **Behaviour:** Past behaviour during involvement in previous University events (both on and off the field of play) will be considered. New students may be required to submit details of their previous experience in the sport.
- **Competence:** Core skills relevant to each sport for example: standard of performance, skill levels, technical implementation, efficiency and form.
- **Previous results:** Recent event performances and results will be taken into account. This can include Uni representation and external representation.

Process

- A sport selection panel will be identified and agreed to by Monash Sport. This may include the Coach, Team Organiser, Club rep, Monash Sport staff or Monash Sport appointed representatives.
- Trials must be advertised on the Monash Sport website and communicated to the student cohort.
- A minimum 2 trials must be held.
- Additional documentation and references outlining a student's past performances and results may also be requested by the selection panel.
- The selection panel will select the team based on the above guidelines.
- Further trials will be held if required.
- All selections must be endorsed by the Monash Sport before an individual's selection is considered as confirmed.
- Students will be advised of the outcome via writing.

Elite Student Performer Program athletes

Student-athletes enrolled in the University's Elite Sports Performer Support Program *may* be granted automatic selection, provided they meet all eligibility criteria, must meet the standard requirements, have been in communication with the Team Organiser and Monash Sport staff, and their sport has been approved for participation in that year's event by the University.

Extenuating circumstances

The selection panel may use their discretion when taking into account any exceptional circumstances e.g. illness, injury or a higher level sporting commitment that may affect a student's participation or performance during the selection trials.

Responsibilities once selected

- Attend relevant training sessions, team meetings and team events.
- Complete the designated UniSport Australia Event Registration process.
- Pay in full all associated fees and costs for the event prior to departure.
- Sign the University Representation Agreement.
- Complete the Respect at Monash online module.
- Complete the Pre Departure briefing.
- Agree to follow directions as set out by University Team Management (UTM)
- Agree to abide by all Monash University and event related policies

Selection Appeals

A student who has attended trials for a team sport or expressed interest in representing the University in an individual sport for UniSport Nationals and is not selected has the right to appeal their non-selection and has the right to request feedback.

Students can appeal their non-selection for an UniSport Australia sanctioned event on the grounds that the student's omission from the Team was as a result of a failure by the selectors to properly apply the Selection Criteria set out in the Selection guidelines.

Appeals Process

1. The appeal relating to non-selection can be made in writing to the Event UTM within the two week period starting from the day when the student is notified of non-selection.
2. The appeal must provide all the information the athlete considers relevant to the reconsideration of the non-selection decision.
3. Student Advocacy and Support Services are available to offer guidance, support and representation if you need to lodge an appeal to the University.
4. The Event UTM will confirm receipt of the appeal.
5. The appeal will be reviewed by a University Sport Selection Panel member who will provide feedback in writing regarding the athlete's non-selection no later than one week following submission of their appeal. The decision by the University Sport Selection Panel will be final and binding on all parties.

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