

# **SPORTAUS**

**2019-23 NSO/NSOD Recognition Criteria**

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## 2019-23 Recognition Criteria | National Sporting Organisations (NSO) and National Sporting Organisations for people with Disability (NSOD)

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To be eligible for Sport Australia NSOs/NSODs recognition an organisation must meet all of the following:

1. For the purposes of obtaining NSO/NSOD recognition, the described activity must meet the following: *'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'*.
2. The organisation is recognised as the pre-eminent organisation in Australia by an International Federation which is a member of the Global Association of International Sports Federations.

### Evidence required

- Affiliation Certificate to International Federation or equivalent.

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

### Evidence required

- Constitution; AND
- Current strategic plan; AND
- Coaching and officiating framework including policies relating to accreditation, education and training; AND
- Calendar of events and championships for current calendar year.

4. The organisation is not for profit and has been a company limited by guarantee for a minimum of three years. If the organisation is an incorporated association a plan for transition to company limited by guarantee status will be required.

### Evidence required

- If company limited by guarantee registration certificate dated back at least three years or equivalent
- Proof of a plan to transition to company limited by guarantee status.

5. The organisation has produced financial statements and annual reports in accordance to their legal requirements under the Corporations Act 2001 for the past three reporting periods.

### Evidence required

- Financial statements that have been assessed in accordance to the organisations legal requirements under the Corporations Act 2001 or in the event of a status transition, relevant State/Territory Association Incorporation Act for the past three reporting periods; AND
- Annual Report or Directors Report (if no annual report is published) for the past three reporting periods.



6. The organisation can demonstrate it has a national influence for the sport through active members or affiliate bodies working in cohesion and adhere to a strategic direction set by the national entity.
- Where a sport has a federated structure achieve a minimum of four State/Territory affiliates. This excludes winter (snow) sports that must achieve a minimum of two State/Territory affiliate members.
  - Where a sport operates in a national model of governance (unitary, hybrid), demonstration of leadership and activity in a minimum of four state/territories. This excludes winter (snow) sports that must demonstrate leadership and activity in a minimum of two state/territories.

Evidence required

- Registration certification of State and Territory associations; or
- Member affiliate letter; or
- Staff located in state/territory; AND
- Key activities delivered in state/territory.

7. The organisation is accountable at the national level for establishing and enforcing the key policies that underpin integrity in their sport, including
- A current policy for harassment, discrimination, bullying, abuse, child safe and complaints that at a minimum are consistent with Sport Australia policy templates; and
  - A current anti-doping policy compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and approved by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA).  
*Please note once all other recognition criteria is met and notified by Sport Australia, ASADA will assist with this requirement.*

Evidence required

- Current and compliant member protection policy; AND
- Current and compliant ASADA approved anti-doping policy.

8. The organisation and/or its state/territory affiliates have in total a minimum of 1,000 active members (exception being current Olympic or Paralympic sports) and has a system in place to register, maintain and report member details including but not limited to: name, date of birth, gender, email and postal addresses. Sport Australia defines a member as an individual athlete competitor, coach or official who is registered with the organisation directly or with an affiliated state/territory.

Evidence required

- Report from database or equivalent confirming membership numbers by state breakdown

9. The organisation can demonstrate it is the single national entity representing all forms of the sport in Australia from grass roots/community through to high performance.


*Sport Australia may apply discretion in determining recognition and may request additional evidence in exceptional circumstances.*






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