



ACU Selection Guidelines for UniSport Australia endorsed events

The purpose of this guideline is to outline how athletes, team captains, team managers and coaches will be selected by the Australian Catholic University (ACU) for representative sport events; most commonly UniSport Australia endorsed events. The guideline has been established to encourage a high level of competition and leadership across all ACU teams at UniSport Australia events.

1. UniSport Australia Event Selection

1.1 Athletes

When entering teams and individual athletes into UniSport Australia events, ACU's selection philosophy will be to select the team that is most capable of representing ACU with distinction. Athletes will be selected based on five key criteria:

1.1.1 Ability

Skill, experience, understanding of the game, fitness, strength and agility.

1.1.2 Team Balance

Positional requirements of a team are taken into consideration and the ability to work with other team members.

1.1.3 Availability

Ability to attend training sessions and all competition days.

1.1.4 Attitude

Positive attitude and commitment to team harmony and sport performance. Determination, commitment, ability to respond to coach feedback and behaviour at previous ACU events will be taken into account.

1.1.5 Eligibility

All participants must meet the UniSport Australia [Eligibility Criteria](#).



In addition to the above listed criteria, please note:

- Representing ACU at previous events does not guarantee selection into the same team for future events, each event will be open to all students to apply.
- ACU representation, performance and past behaviour (both on and off the field) will be considered.
- ACU has final discretion on an individual student's participation in UniSport Australia events.
- ACU has final discretion on the sports and teams/divisions the University wishes to enter in UniSport Australia events.

1.2 Applying for Selection

To apply for selection all student athletes must complete the relevant application form via OrgSync, specifying their sport experience. After the stated date for close of applications the following steps will occur:

1. Consultation with the Coach for each sport (if appointed)
2. Verification of information provided or reference checks may be conducted to confirm the playing standard indicated
3. Trials (if number of interested players requires and logistics permit)
4. Announcement of team
5. Acceptance of offer any payment of non-refundable deposit

1.3 Eligibility

To be eligible to compete for ACU all applicants must;

- be an enrolled student at ACU at the time of the event and meet the UniSport Australia [eligibility criteria](#).
- participate in team selection trials (if held) or have provided sufficient justification as to why they may have been unable to attend.
- attend team training sessions prior to the event (if relevant)
- adhere to 'ACU Code of Conduct'
- Meet any qualifying standards as outline in the UniSport Australia [Competition Guidelines](#). This applies to Athletics (Track & Field), Cycling, Golf, Judo, Kendo, Sailing, Swimming, Taekwondo, Rowing, Snow and Surfing

2. Coach, Team Captain and Team Manager Selection

All coaches, team captains and team managers will be selected based on the requirements of the team, their experiences and their attitude to intervarsity competition.

For specific information on these positions and selection criteria, please refer to the Position Descriptions outlined for such roles.



2.1 Coach Selection

Coaches must hold a minimum of Level 1 Coaching qualification in the relevant sport. In some cases a qualification in a similar sport may be sufficient at the discretion of the Manager, National Programs (Sport, Health & Wellbeing).

2.2 Team Captain Selection

Three state based captains will be selected to represent ACU at Nationals Div 1 and Div 2. Applicants will be required to complete the 'Team Captain and Team Manager Application Form' on OrgSync. Applicants may be required to interview for the role after the nomination period closes. Ideally, the appointed Team Captains will meet the following criteria:

- Have at least 2 years of experience competing at UniSport Australia endorsed events
- Will be participating in Nationals Div 1 or Div 2
- Be a strong leader, with a performance-based attitude

Team Captains will be selected by ACU Sport Programs Coordinators and will be notified via phone or email.

2.3 Team Manager Selection

A Team Manager will be selected for each team sport. For individual sports, a Team Manager may be selected depending on the number of participants competing. Applicants will be required to complete the 'Team Captain and Team Manager Application Form' on OrgSync. Applicants may be required to interview for the role after the nomination period closes. The ideal candidates will meet the following criteria:

- Have at least 1 year of experience competing at UniSport Australia endorsed events
- Have at least 1 year of involvement with ACU Sport programs
- Be a strong leader, with a performance-based attitude
- Display high level organisation and communication skills
- Display technical knowledge of the sport in which they are playing

Team Managers will be selected by the Sport Programs Coordinators and will be notified via email.



3. Financial Assistance

Each student is only eligible to receive one of the below reimbursements for any given event.

3.1 Elite Athletes

Elite Athlete and Performer Program members who represent ACU in their recognised sport/discipline at Nationals or other UniSport Australia endorsed events will be eligible for a reimbursement post event. The reimbursement amount will be determined each year by the Elite Athlete & Performer Program Coordinator. Performance, eligibility and conduct in representing ACU on and off the field will be taken into account when the total amount of the reimbursement is being decided.

3.2 Team Captains and Team Managers

ACU Captains - Team Captains will receive a discount code for their Nationals registration fee. UniSport Australia may adjust these benefits at their discretion.

Team Managers – Based on performance, conduct and organisational skills, Team Managers will receive a reimbursement of the Nationals registration fee post event.

4. Appeals

Should a student wish to appeal their non-selection, a written letter of appeal should be addressed to the Manager, National Programs (Sport, Health & Wellbeing) citing the grounds on which the student is appealing.

The appellant should put forward a detailed case to the Manager, National Programs (Sport, Health & Wellbeing) outlining point by point the reasons for the appeal, within seven days of the team selection announcement.