

Vision for the Future of Nationals



2024 Event Calendar

- 3 different run events:
 - UniSport owned
 - Co-owned
 - Externally owned
- Providing a range of levels of competition opportunities.
- Participation and Pathway opportunities to World University competitions and exchanges



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TRIATHLON — 9-10 March
Mooloolaba Triathlon — Sunshine Coast, QLD

ATHLETICS — 24-26 April
Gold Coast Performance Centre — Gold Coast, QLD

SWIMMING — 9-11 May
NSW Sydney Open — Sydney, NSW

INDIGENOUS NATIONALS — 23-27 JUNE
University of Wollongong — Wollongong, NSW

3X3 BASKETBALL — 2-4 JULY
University of the Sunshine Coast — Sunshine Coast, QLD

T20 CRICKET — 8-12 JULY
Maroochydore Cricket Club — Sunshine Coast, QLD

SURFING — 10-12 JULY
Alexandra Headland Beach — Sunshine Coast, QLD

SNOW — 2-4 SEPTEMBER
Mt Buller Ski Resort — Mt Buller, VIC

NATIONALS — 7-13 SEPTEMBER
Canberra, ACT

DISTANCE RUNNING — 15 SEPTEMBER
Sydney Marathon — Sydney, NSW

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Future Event Locations

- 2025 Peoplecare Wollongong Triathlon Festival
 - In consultation with Aus Triathlon to use as a selection event for WUC
 - Dual catering for participation market – mass participation event
- 2025 Nationals Athletics – Gold Coast Performance Centre
 - Athletics working group feedback
 - Cross Country aligned with Athletics Australia
- 2025 Indigenous Nationals – WA location
 - 2026 UON
- 2025 Nationals Swimming - Sydney Open
- 2025 Hosts being sourced: T20, 3x3, Distance Running
 - T20 – Sunshine Coast is a very suitable location for time of year (winter sport use of fields)
 - 3x3BB – moved away from UBL, looking for a 2025 host
 - Distance Running – Gold Coast Marathon option (SCU 10KM partnership)option

Future Event Locations

- Nationals – Multi-Sport Event
 - Currently moved dates out of school holidays
 - Consideration for travel and accommodation costs
 - Government and tourism funding support key to keeping registration costs at a level
 - Every second year rotating to the Gold Coast location



NUC Sustainability

- Triathlon
 - 45 students only in 2024 Mooloolaba
 - 54 students at St Kilda in 2023
- Distance Running
 - Melbourne Marathon and others sell out quickly
 - Variation in events included
 - Regional options are interested – travel for students a challenge
 - Broader staff involvement to link to healthy campus suggestion
- Snow
 - Mt Buller and Thredbo locations
 - Varied costs
 - Significantly need to increase attendance

Sport Challenges

- Lack of participation – Softball, Baseball, Squash, Lawn Bowls, Handball
- Expensive Sports – Surfing, T20 Cricket, Sailing, Cycling, Golf
- Sport Formats: Table tennis moved to teams only
- NUC options have been allocated depending on venue availability

Digital Platforms

- EngageRM – Digital platform review including FuseSport
- Digital Accreditations
 - ID123
 - Test event at 3x3, T20 and Surfing
 - Implementation proposed for Nationals Canberra



iD 123

**A platform to design and manage digital ID cards.
A new identity for a digital generation.**

ID123 is a digital ID card app paired with a web-based administrative portal, which allows managers to design, issue and manage those digital ID cards.

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- Noteworthy ID123 App Features**
- ▶ In-App Photo Submission
 - ▶ Works Offline
 - ▶ Encrypted Cloud Storage
 - ▶ Automatic ID Expiration
 - ▶ Scannable Barcode
 - ▶ Built-In Barcode Scanner
 - ▶ Add Multiple Cards
 - ▶ Holographic Card Animation
 - ▶ User Signature
 - ▶ Push Notifications

A vision that transforms institutions and prepares them for a digital future

The mobile ID app is a simple all-in-one solution for institutions. Cardholders can quickly add their photo ID card to their phone without having to go to the card office.

By providing a cloud-hosted identity as a service platform we are able to offer inexpensive digital ID card solutions to both large and small institutions around the world. Our solution is comprised of a web-based ID management system (IDMS) where institution administrators can securely issue and manage digital ID cards, and a mobile ID app where students, employees, and members can easily create and store multiple digital credentials.

Our service enables identities and credentials to be validated in ways not possible with physical IDs. Therefore, we believe that digital credentials will complement physical ID cards in some cases and replace them in others.

- ID123 can...**
- ▶ Reduce the time and cost of shipping cards
 - ▶ Resolve having to replace lost hard copy IDs
 - ▶ Remotely revoke and/or automatically expire invalid IDs
 - ▶ Simplify attendance tracking, access to buildings, events and facilities
 - ▶ Allow options for granting temporary access to guests and volunteers
 - ▶ Enable institutions to send private or public messages to mobile devices

Group Work

In tables workshop your feedback and suggestions on the following areas::

- **Future event locations**
- **NUC sustainability**
- **Sport Challenges**
- **Digital platforms**

Divisional Structure – Background/Recent History



- What do we see as the future of our Nationals Div 1 & Div 2 Competitions?
- Historical context;
 - Previously two separate events prior to COVID – Div 2 approx. May/June, Div 1 September
 - Promotion/relegation remains our base Divisional Structure policy
 - A supplement has been used since 2022 (first Nationals after COVID)
 - Supplement entails a one draw structure with no promo/releg from year-to-year
 - Teams flow into Div 1 and Div 2 competitions through their performance at event week

Current Structure

PROS

- Every team every year has a chance at the Div 1 title
- Simple nomination process
- Simple seeding process
- Gives all teams something to play for
- Provides a true ranking every year

CONS

- Blow-out matches early in the competition
- Decreases the significance of a Div 2 title (when the winner is essentially the 9th/13th best team)
- Ranking matches at bottom of Div 1 could be perceived as meaningless by players
- Possibility of tanked matches to win Div 2 title/medal
- Complicated draw structures
- Difficult to follow for the uninitiated

Promotion/Relegation Structure

- Is this where the future of Nationals lies or is the current structure OK?
- Example proposal:
 1. 8-team Div 1 based on 202? event results gathered
 - i. 12-team Div 1 for sports that had 20+ teams
 2. Year on year, a Div 2 is only created if 16+ teams enter a competition (same as current)
 3. Bottom 2 teams of Div 1 automatically relegated to Div 2 for following year, top 2 of Div 2 go up
 4. 1-2 promo/relegation playoffs between third/fourth bottom Div 1 team(s) and third/fourth Div 2 team(s)
 5. Teams allocated to Div 1 or Div 2 based on previous year's rankings and promotion & relegation playoffs
 6. If a Div 1 team does not play the following year, this spot becomes available to the next highest Div 2 team on previous year's results – optional for them to take this up
 - i. Div 1 is played as a smaller Division (i.e. 10-11 teams instead of 12 if Div 2 teams do not take up the offer)
 7. Teams who did not compete the previous year will enter as a Div 2 team, unless there is a Div 1 spot open due to withdrawal, in which case they may be considered

Example: Promotion/Relegation Structure – Basketball Women 2023

2023 Div 1

1. LTU
2. MELB
3. DEAK
4. USYD
5. VU
6. MQU
7. UTS
8. MON
9. RMIT ?
10. ANU ?
11. UNSW ↓
12. UON ↓

2023 Div 2

1. ACU ↑
2. QUT ↑
3. AU ?
4. UQ ?
5. UniSC
6. GU
7. AVON
8. WS
9. UOW
10. MDU
11. CSU
12. ECU
13. SCU
14. BOND



ACU, QUT promoted to 2024 Div 1

RMIT v UQ relegation playoff (conducted at 2023 Nats)

ANU v AU relegation playoff (conducted at 2023 Nats)

UNSW, UON relegated to 2024 Div 2



2024 Div 1

1. LTU
2. MELB
3. DEAK
4. USYD
5. VU
6. MQU
7. UTS
8. MON
9. RMIT/UQ
10. ANU/AU
11. ACU
12. QUT

2024 Div 2

1. RMIT/UQ
2. ANU/AU
3. UNSW
4. UON
5. UniSC
6. GU
7. AVON
8. WS
9. UOW
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Promotion/Relegation

PROS

- Provides excitement and further meaning to lower ranking matches
- Provides an additional play-off match between divisions
- Provides incentive for teams to compete year on year to hold D1 position
- Eliminates chance of tanking occurring
- Far simpler draw structures

CONS

- Far more complicated process to assign teams to D1/D2, especially in the case of withdrawals
- Teams year-on-year are likely of differing quality
- Possibility final-year players do not see the value in “staying up” or care about “going down”
- Complications around Div 1 & 2 size when a sport has 20+ teams one year and less than 20 the next

Alternatives?

- What are the alternatives to what we have currently or moving to a full promotion/relegation structure?
- Divisional nomination?
- Combination of the two?
- Sport by sport?
- Early competition = grading?
- Intervarsity results?
- Open to ideas!

Or...

- Are we simply OK with what is in place and this becomes our base structure?

Divisional Structure Workshop

Feedback sheet

Devise a structure!