

# UniSport Australia Guideline

## Eligibility of Competitors - Indigenous Nationals

### Introduction

This guideline outlines the UniSport eligibility requirements of competitors for Indigenous Nationals in order to provide clarification for participants and UniSport members. It is the participant's and member's responsibility to ensure that all athletes are eligible to attend and compete in the event.

#### 1. Who is eligible?

To be eligible to compete in the Indigenous Nationals event, the competitor must be either:

- a currently enrolled student as per the UniSport [Eligibility of Competitors](#) guideline; or
- a currently employed staff member of the member university (maximum of two staff members per team).

#### 2. Proof of Indigenous Identity

In maintaining the integrity of the Indigenous Nationals as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander event and in keeping with the rules of engagement, confirmation of Aboriginality is required by each competitor participating in the event.

Participants are required to acknowledge this within the registration system, which will be verified by the member university when completing eligibility checks.

#### 3. Combined teams

UniSport recognises that sometimes universities do not have enough competitors to field a team of minimum numbers with their own staff and students.

In keeping with the spirit of the event, UniSport are happy to permit combined or merged teams to ensure optimum participation and celebration of Indigenous culture across all member universities.

For a combined team to be accepted, both (or all) universities involved must provide a letter of support/acknowledgement to the Registrations Manager and National Championships Lead advising that their students will be covered by their own university's personal accident insurance whilst representing another institution.

#### 4. Invitational teams

Any invitational teams nominating to compete in the Indigenous Nationals will be required to confirm the eligibility of their participants prior to acceptance of their nomination. Once confirmed, the invitational team will need to provide a copy of documentation indicating that the students and staff will be covered by their own university's personal accident insurance whilst competing at the Indigenous Nationals.