

UniSport Australia Guideline

Awards and point scoring for events

Introduction

In order to recognise and acknowledge outstanding overall performance and participation in UniSport events, awards such as overall champions should be calculated and presented to the winners.

This guideline provides a comprehensive framework for the allocation of points and awards for all UniSport events. The guideline covers the following areas:

1. UniSport awards
2. Calculation of awards
3. Awarding of medals
4. Awarding of pennants
5. Other awards

1. UniSport awards

1.1. UniSport overall

The following awards will be calculated and presented annually in order to recognise participation and high achievement across all UniSport national events, for the current year.

- Overall UniSport University Champion
 - Highest total of pennants won across each sport conducted in Nationals Div 1 competitions each year
- The Doug Ellis Per Capita UniSport University Champion
 - Highest combined point score for each sport conducted in both Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 competitions each year (multiplied by the university's population factor).

The presenting of these awards will be conducted at a time and place determined by UniSport.

1.2. Additional Spirit awards

The following spirit awards will be determined by UniSport personnel following criteria outlined in Appendix A:

- The John White Spirit Trophy – Nationals (multisport event)
- Spirit of the Mountain – Nationals Snow

*Awarding of the Tom O'Sullivan Spirit Trophy is under review considering the discontinuation of the Nationals Div 2 competition.

1.3. Regional awards

The following awards will also be calculated at the conclusion of each year's Nationals competitions:

- a) North Regional Champion

- Jodie Martin Trophy (Overall North Champion)
- Patron's Population Cup (Per Capita North Champion)
- Ron Leahy Trophy (Spirit North Champion)

a) East Regional Champion

- East Region Overall Champion (Overall East Champion)
- Ann Mitchell Trophy (Per Capita East Champion)
- Ben Tjen/Shane Alvisio Trophy (Spirit East Champion)

b) South Regional Champion

- John Campbell Trophy (Overall South Champion)
- Hugh McKechnie Trophy (Per Capita South Champion)
- Spirit of the South Shield (Spirit South Champion)

c) West Regional Champion

- Overall Champion University
- Overall Per Capita Champion
- Western Spirit Trophy (Spirit West Champion)

2. Calculation of awards

2.1. Overall university champion

a) All Div 1 pennants contested throughout the year will be tallied towards the Overall UniSport University Champion trophy.

2.1.1. Pennant tally tie

In the event that the pennant tally is tied between one or more universities, they will be separated by tallying the number of 2nd places each university has won. The university with the most 2nd places will be deemed the overall winner. Should there still be a tie after the 2nd places are tallied, 3rd places will be tallied and so on until a winning university is determined.

2.2. Per capita point scoring

The calculation of the per capita awards is the aggregate points multiplied by the “population factor”.

UniSport uses the same student enrolment data to calculate Membership Fees and Per Capita Awards. This data is sourced from the Higher Education statistics data on the [Department of Education and Training \(DET\) website](#). All Higher Education Institutions are required to report their student enrolment data to the Department of Education and Training. Each full year's data is not released until late in the following year. Hence the Per Capita Awards and UniSport membership fees will always be calculated using data from the previous year (not the existing year).

The DET data sets used are:

- Table 2.7: All Students by Higher Education Institution by Mode of Attendance,
- Table 7.5: All Students by Higher Education Institution by Onshore/Offshore Status
- The calculation used is: INTERNAL + MULTIMODAL Mode of Attendance (Table 2.7) less OFFSHORE Status (Table 7.5)

The population factor is determined via the following process:

- a) Universities are listed in order of their population gathered from the DET website as outlined above (lowest to highest populations).
- b) Universities are allocated an individual population factor.
- c) To determine the population factor UniSport:
 - calculates the sum of the population across all university's
 - gains the average of the total population (divide the population by the number of universities)
 - divides the average total population by the population of each university
 - the result is the "population factor"
 - Multiply the aggregate score by the "population factor" to determine the per capita score for each university. The highest score is the winner of the per capita award.

Appendix B provides an example of the per capita point scoring system for UniSport events.

Appendix C provides a copy of the aggregate point scoring system.

2.3. Spirit award

Spirit trophies recognise the university that has best captured the spirit of the UniSport Nationals at the respective event/s.

UniSport will manage the collation of votes for spirit awards, with votes sourced from the following groups of people involved in the event:

- UniSport staff
- Competition management staff
- University team managers (who are unable to vote for their own university)
- Event volunteers

The voting structure and criteria outlined in Appendix A.

Code of behaviour reports, outcomes of disciplinary hearings, breaches of competition requirements, or behavioural issues can count against a university in spirit votes. Penalties may be applied to a university's spirit tally in such circumstances, as outlined in Appendix A.

In some circumstances UniSport may grant permission for a sport to present a spirit award.

3. Awarding of medals

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places of each competition conducted at a UniSport event. With the inclusion of two divisions in some competitions, the top three places will receive medals in both Div 1 and Div 2.

In the situation of a tie for a medal placing then both individuals/teams shall be awarded the medal for that place; i.e. if two individuals tie for 2nd place, both shall receive silver medals, 1st place shall receive a gold medal and no bronze medal will be awarded (unless otherwise stipulated in the sport rules).

Where international or invitational teams place in the top three, they will be awarded a medal for that place.

4. Awarding of pennants

- 4.1. All university champions of UniSport Nationals Div 1 competition are awarded a UniSport pennant. A pennant will also be awarded to the winners of Nationals Div 2 competitions,

although these do not count towards the Overall UniSport University Champion award calculations.

- 4.2. A pennant will only be awarded if there are teams from four different universities competing in that division, and the sport is not excluded for any other reason (e.g., inclusion of combined teams).
- 4.3. Pennants will not be awarded to international or invitational teams.
- 4.4. Where an international or invitational team places first in a competition, the highest ranked UniSport Australia member university will be awarded the pennant.

5. Other awards

In a circumstance whereby an event organiser or a region identifies a need to recognise other outstanding performance or talent and wish to acknowledge and recognise this through an award, written application outlining the below aspects should be submitted to the UniSport Chief Executive Officer at least three months prior to the implementation of the award.

The application should include:

- The need and strategic direction of the proposed award
- Support for the award
- The point scoring system or the selection criteria and process for the award
- The format of the award (i.e., trophy, certificate, etc.)
- The implementation date of the award

Previous amendments

June 2008 | February 2009 | March 2011 | April 2012 | May 2014 | May 2016 | October 2017 | March 2018 | June 2019 | April 2022

Appendix A

Spirit of the Nationals awards

1. Criteria

In order to determine the winner of Spirit of the Nationals awards, voting parties are to consider the following criteria when submitting their votes:

Athletes

- Attendance at the sporting competition
- Exemplary behaviour in all sports the university is participating in
- Excellent team spirit and interaction with opposition
- All team members exhibit impeccable conduct on and off the field
- Impeccably presented uniforms and appropriate outfit off the field
- Attended all team duties on time without delay
- Assisted in covering other university duty requirements
- Supply an excellent level of support to conveners at the venue without being asked

Team management

- Team adherence to Nationals schedule
- Attendance at university team and sport managers meetings
- Low rate of registration changes and amendments due to errors in their control
- Adherence to UniSport guidelines and passing this information to participants
- Attendance and standard of behaviour of university at special events
- Standard of behaviour at social events
- Team members support their respective universities
- Adherence to the UniSport Code of Behaviour
- Mascots ability to create an appropriate atmosphere within the UniSport Code of Conduct
- Assistance with tidy and pack up at sporting venues
- Other actions that are deemed appropriate by competition managers, university team managers, volunteers and event staff

2. Voting structure

For UniSport Nationals (multisport event), votes shall be collected as follows:

- **Competition management staff:** daily 3-2-1 votes up to and including the last day of the event
- **University team managers:** daily single votes up to and including the last day of the event
- **UniSport staff:** daily single votes up to and including the last day of the event
- **Event volunteers:** a single vote for the entire event

Due to the differing number of sports at each event, a weighting calculation shall be determined for Nationals for the respective voting categories, to provide total vote percentages as close as practically possible to the following (though should one of these categories have no or a minimal

number of votes, the percentage for that category may be reasonably reduced – this is at the discretion of the National Events Manager – Sport):

- Competition management staff: 40%
- University team managers: 30%
- UniSport staff: 20%
- Event volunteers: 10%

For Nationals Snow (Spirit of the Mountain), votes shall be collected as follows:

- **University team managers:** daily single votes up to and including the second last day of the event
- **UniSport staff:** daily single votes up to and including the second last day of the event
- **Race department staff:** daily single votes up to and including the second last day of the event

For Nationals Championship events (UniSport managed events only), votes shall be collected as follows:

- **University team managers:** daily single votes
- **UniSport staff:** daily single votes
- **Competition management staff:** daily single votes

3. Voting deductions

Universities may have votes deducted from their overall tally for breaches of competition requirements, code of behaviour reports, outcomes of disciplinary hearings, or other behavioural issues. Incidents shall be categorised as follows:

Category of incident	Deduction per offence	
	Nationals (multisport)	NUCs and Snow
Low	5 points	1 point
Medium	7 points	3 points
High	10 points	5 points
Extreme	Disqualification	Disqualification

Breach of competition requirements – mandatory*	Category
Failed BAC test resulting in race disqualification (Snow only)	Low
Uniform breach	Low
Team duty requirement not filled	Medium

Forfeit of pool match	Medium
Forfeit of progression/finals match	High

* Note: A breach of competition requirements at Nationals will only result in a spirit deduction when a fine is applied. For uniform breaches, fines only apply for secondary offences as listed in the guidelines, but for example if a university must forfeit a match due to not having enough fit players to field a team, then the fine and any spirit deduction may not be applied.

The Project Manager shall have sole discretion to determine the deduction category applied for any code of behaviour reports, and that may be influenced not just on the severity of the incident, but also on how the situation is managed by the university concerned. Possible examples of behavioural issues are listed below:

Example behavioural issues as identified in the Code of Behaviour	
Category	(noting that this is not an exhaustive list and other circumstances may affect the category applied)
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failing to comply with a reasonable direction of an event official
Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumption of alcohol at sporting venues during competition • Verbal harassment or bullying • Nudity
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being unduly intoxicated at an event venue • Verbal abuse of an event official (outside the scope of sport rules such as dissent or language towards a referee or umpire during a match) • On field assault (outside the scope of playing the sport)
Extreme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Off field assault / physical abuse of any person • Situations requiring police involvement • Any breach of the anti-doping or illicit drugs policies

4. Tied votes for winners

If two or more universities finish equal first in the spirit tally, but one university has received deductions from their total, then the other university shall be declared the winner. If neither university has received deductions, then they shall be declared joint winners.

Appendix B

Example of per capita point scoring system

	UNIVERSITY	REGION	TOTAL	GROUP	Average	
			FTE Onshore	POPULATION	Population	FACTOR
1	University of New England	North	2479.0			5.47
2	Australian Catholic University	North	4193.0			3.24
3	University of Southern Queensland	North	5250.0			2.58
4	Bond University	North	7011.0			1.94
5	Southern Cross University	North	6210.0			2.18
6	Central Queensland University	North	8459.0			1.60
7	University of the Sunshine Coast	North	9234.0			1.47
8	Griffith University Gold Coast	North	15444.0			0.88
9	James Cook University	North	15331.0			0.89
10	Griffith University	North	21328.0			0.64
11	Queensland University of Technology	North	37054.0			0.37
12	The University of Queensland	North	42568.0			0.32
					176,385	13,568