

2026 UniSport Conference



Topic 3: Future Opportunities & Sport Integrity

Nationals 2027 & Beyond Calendar

Draft calendar only – not confirmed or to be shared



Event	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Nationals	Perth	Gold Coast	Adelaide/Canberra/Newcastle	Gold Coast	Perth
3x3 Basketball	UC, Canberra	North member	South member		
Athletics	Gold Coast	Gold Coast	Gold Coast	Gold Coast	Gold Coast
Cheer & Dance	Melbourne	Return to m/s			
Cross Country	Ballarat	Ballarat			
Distance Running	Gold Coast				
Indigenous Nationals	UON, Newcastle	North member	South member	West Member	East Member
Snow	Mt Buller	Thredbo	Mt Buller	Thredbo	Mt Buller
Surfing	Sunshine Coast	Return to m/s			
Swimming	Sydney	Sydney	Sydney	Sydney	Sydney
T20 Cricket	Sunshine Coast	Adelaide	Sunshine Coast		Sunshine Coast
Triathlon	Wollongong	Sunshine Coast			

FISU Events

FISU (transitioning to World University Sport) – Universiades in odd years, World University Championships in even years



Winter Universiade 2027

Changchun, China | 15–25 Jan

- 13 sports
- Alpine skiing, ice hockey, figure skating, curling, snowboard, cross-country, short track, freestyle skiing, ski orienteering
- Athletes must be Australian
- Athletes must meet university age and academic eligibility
- NSO selected, self-funded

2029: Host city TBC

Summer Universiade 2027

Chungcheong, Sth Korea | 1–12 Aug

- 18 sports across 31 venues
- Athletics, swimming, diving, basketball, volleyball, beach volleyball, tennis, badminton, judo, taekwondo, fencing, archery, gymnastics, table tennis, rowing, golf, water polo
- Athletes must be Australian
- Athletes must meet university age and academic eligibility
- NSO selected, self-funded

2029: North Carolina, USA | 11–22 Jul

World Uni Champs 2028

Various locations | Even years

- Single-sport events held every second year
- 20+ championships across 17+ countries
- Sports incl. cross country, rowing, triathlon, orienteering, cycling, rugby sevens, squash, golf, sport climbing, sailing, cheerleading, modern pentathlon, weightlifting, shooting sport, combat sports, beach sports, canoe sports, futsal, handball, padel

2028 host cities and dates to be confirmed via FISU bidding process

International Tours & Pathways

FISU University World Cups

- 3x3 Basketball (2026) and Football (2027)
- Pathway: winners of UniSport Nationals qualify for FISU Oceania qualifying tournament
- Oceania qualifiers progress to FISU World Cup finals
- University-vs-university format (not nationality)
- Athletes must meet age and academic eligibility

Cricket Tour to India

- Men's team only to date, include women's team in 2027
- International tour competing against Indian university team (reciprocal hosting arrangement)
- Selection through UniSport Australia

ANZUSS

Under Exploration

- Australia New Zealand University Sport Series – exchange between UniSport and UTSNZ champions
- Continuation of 2025 netball tour to NZ in reciprocal hosting arrangement
- Open to winners of UniSport Nationals
- Exploring expansion across additional sports

National Student Opportunities

- Internships
- Volunteering
- Work Integrated Learning partnerships – Broadcasting, Podiatry, Physiotherapy
- Sport Trainers
- Officials – Referees and Umpires





**THE PEOPLE BEHIND
THE EVENTS:**
RECOGNISING THE
VOLUNTEERS HELPING
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day in the life
UniSport Marketing Interns

Volunteer Opportunities

- Here's some roles you could do:
- **Digital Marketing Volunteer** – Bring the event to life across social platforms
- **Event Crew Volunteer** – Be at the heart of game day operations
- **Headquarters Volunteer** – Support the central hub of event activity
- **Journalist Volunteer** – Tell the stories of our student-athletes and teams
- **Operations Crew Volunteer** – Help keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes
- **Photographer/Videographer Volunteer** – Capture the moments that matter
- **Workforce Volunteer** – Assist with volunteer coordination and support
- **[Register your Interest HERE](#)**
- Reach out to **volunteer.coordinator@unisport.com.au** to learn more.

2026 Nationals Internship Program – Intake 2 is NOW OPEN!



- With a variety of internship roles available, this is an exciting opportunity to be part of the team delivering this year's event.
- Available internship roles include:
 - Digital Media Assistant
 - Operations Assistant
 - Sports Assistant
 - Workforce Assistant
 - Special Events and Partnerships Assistant
- Internships are based at our Perth office and will be offered across the following three phases:
 - Phase 1: Long-Term Internship. One to Two days per week from 15 June 2026, and full event period.
 - Phase 2: Medium-Term Internship. One to Two days per week from 6 July 2026, and full event period.
 - Phase 3: Short-Term Internship. One to Two days per week from 3 August 2026, and full event period.
- All internships require a commitment of one to two days per week for the duration of the program, along with full-time availability during the event delivery period from 21 September to 2 October.
- Flexible arrangements can be made to accommodate study commitments, exams, work schedules, and holidays. Remote opportunities may also be available for suitable candidates.

Sports Trainers

- Sports Trainers play a vital role throughout Nationals, supporting student-athletes across more than 30 sports through first aid, injury management and sideline support.
- This is an opportunity to:
 - Gain hands-on experience at a national multi-sport event
 - Work alongside experienced practitioners and event staff
 - Build practical skills in a fast-paced sporting environment
 - Expand your network within sport and sports medicine
 - Receive paid event experience while supporting university sport in Australia
- We are looking for qualified Sports Trainers to join our team at Nationals, which takes place in Perth.



QUT Case Study



2026 Nationals Athletics Live Stream



Sport Integrity



National Integrity Framework



- UniSport Australia formally adopted the NIF in **June 2022**
- UniSport is committed to **ethical and responsible governance**
- Adoption of the NIF **brings policies in line** with nearly every other NSO in Australia
- Sets **consistent behaviour expectations** for all members across sport
- Allows SIA to independently handle complaints for **Discrimination & Safeguarding matters**
- UniSport NIF policies apply to **UniSport Australia employed staff and volunteers** at all times, and to **participants and organisations that are involved in events** directly sanctioned or organised by UniSport solely in connection with those events.

Where can I find more information on UniSport Policies



- **Website:**
- <https://www.unisport.com.au/about/governance>
- For more information and to understand what UniSport Australia policies apply to you, visit the following UniSport Australia website link
- To report a breach of the UniSport Australia Code of Conduct use the online form link

Integrity Education

<https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/education/elearning-course-overview>

Education for all levels of athletes, parents, coaches and support personnel

Just launched: Emergency Response Training

Upcoming webinars:

Handling unreasonable complaint behaviour: practical strategies for sporting organisations
8 July 12pm

Online courses

		Staff/ Coaches		Support Personnel	
		National	Regional	National	Regional
Anti-Doping Courses	Anti-Doping Fundamentals	✓			
	Annual Update	✓		✓	
	Whereabouts				
	Coaches Course	✓			
	Medical Practitioners Course			✓	
Integrity Courses	National Integrity Framework	✓			
	Safeguarding Children & Young People in Sport Induction	✓		✓	
	Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling	✓			
	Introduction to Illicit Drugs in Sport				

How can someone make a report?

The unisport logo, consisting of the word "unisport" in white lowercase letters on a dark blue rounded rectangular background, with a white kangaroo silhouette above the "i".

Official:

In person/ on the day



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AUSTRALIA**



sportintegrity.gov.au



**Safe Sport Hotline
1800 161 361**



Sport Integrity App

Respectful Behaviour

- Trends and case studies – UniSport to cover go through examples
- How to action and report – UniSport policies and codes of behaviour
- Working with competition managers on the ground
- Q&A on behaviour with UniSport and competition manager.

2025 Examples

Code of Behaviour Incidents and Reports		
Alcohol	SLO found team at café with alcohol and asked them to remove it and informed them of the COB breach. Found empties was not found actually drinking	Warning notification to University, Café reminder immediately not to sell alcohol during competition times.
Noise Disturbance	Email from residence around noise disturbance from local residence at accommodation venues	Email and spoke with each university who added more staff to this location and addressed with each group
Tanking	Netball team was observed and reported to be outwardly trying to loose matches to be allocated into Division 2, including not playing in an appropriate manner on court.	UTM staff contacted, investigated and supported the relegation of the team to bottom of the ladder.
Harassment or Bulling	SLO being called around the use of discriminative language at various sports.	These are each investigated, both UTMS are contacted and monitoring and penalties in place by competition managers, universities and UTMS.
Stealing	Another university item stolen as part of a challenge, video evidence was produced.	Reported to University, including evidence, student was excluded from competition and accreditation removed from the event.
Abuse of Official	Various incidents of coaches and students verbally abusing officials during and post matches.	Competition managers awarded on court penalties, reported to UniSport, UTM informed and further warnings or penalties applied depending on the situations.

3. Bring Policies to Life

- [Breach of competition requirements](#)
- [Code of behaviour](#)
- [Disciplinary and disputes](#)
- [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion*](#)
- [Participant agreement](#)
- [Use of alcohol at UniSport events](#)
- [Breach of Code of Behaviour Form](#)
- <https://www.unisport.com.au/governance>

Communications Escalation Process



The following graphic displays the levels of escalation for any communications within an NUC event. As information may enter at any point of the communication chain, it's important to understand the flow of communications both up and down the chain.

Basketball Victoria





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