

You can represent Deakin at the 2026 UniSport Nationals - Athletics

Event Details

Dates: 22-24 April 2026

City: Gold Coast, QLD

Event Location: Gold Coast Performance Centre, 1 Sports Drive, Runaway Bay, QLD 4216

Deakin Team Accommodation: Booked from 21-25 April 2026 at the Gold Coast Performance Centre

Costs

Students that represent Deakin in this event cover the following costs:

DUSA Payment: **\$250 - \$300** includes 4 nights share accommodation, insurance, off-field uniform, and competing uniform (if necessary).

UniSport Payment: **\$159-\$234** depending on how early you complete your registration.

Travel costs: All travel is arranged and paid by the student.

Extras: All incidentals and meals (outside of team dinners) is at the students' expense.

More Event Information:

UniSport Nationals events provide students a great opportunity to represent their university while connecting with fellow student athletes on a trip together. We encourage you to have a good look through the [event website](#).

UniSport Australia also identify students who have the potential to represent Australia at the world university championships at this event.

Please note that Nationals Athletics also caters for multi-class athletes. All events will be contested in multi-class classifications except for Hammer Throw.

Would I get selected in the team?

UniSport Australia set [qualifying standards](#) for this event.

If you have met the minimum standards required, you can apply to represent Deakin.

ELIGIBILITY - To be eligible for selection you must be a currently enrolled undergraduate or postgraduate student or be proceeding towards a Certificate or Higher Award at the University. If unsure of eligibility, refer to [selection criteria](#).

How can I apply to represent Deakin?

Register your interest for the Deakin Dragons Athletics team - [CLICK HERE](#)

If selected, you will be provided with a link to complete the DUSA payment and a team code to then register for the event with UniSport.

Due Dates/Timeline (for selected students):

15th March: DUSA payment/registration closes close at 11.59pm.

16th March: Your place in the team will be confirmed via email and your uniform ordered. At this point your DUSA payment becomes non-refundable but if you need to withdraw, you will keep any uniforms ordered. You will be provided with a team code to then register for the event with UniSport.

30th March: UniSport Standard Registration closes

15th April: UniSport Late Registration closes

Team Manager

While at the event, the team will be managed by Deakin student athletes Haddi El Shorbagy and Neha Liyanage. Both will be competing in the event on the Gold Coast. Once you are confirmed in the team, they will set up a group chat so the team can communicate before the event, share your travel plans, share Ubers, hire cars, etc. Stack Team App will be used by DUSA to communicate to the team at the event.

Transport

All students are to arrange their own transport to and from the event as well as while on the Gold Coast. The team can communicate to arrange ride shares, etc.

Accommodation

Deakin have booked a 20-bed lodge for the team at the Gold Coast Performance Centre, a 2-minute walk to the track. Rooms are twin share with a communal lodge kitchen/lounge. The venue offers a gym, lap pools, recovery pools, and is walking distance to dining options and a shopping centre. Here is the [website for the accommodation](#).

Academic Extension Requests (for selected students)

The event takes place in Week 7 of Trimester 1. If you need to apply to your Unit Chair for any extensions, a letter of participation will be provided by DUSA. You can present the letter of participation to your Unit Chair. Extensions are at the Unit Chair's discretion.

Just send through the following details to dusasport@deakin.edu.au:

Name

Student ID

Unit Chair Title (i.e. Mr, Professor, Mrs etc - leave blank if unknown)

Unit Chair Name (First name followed by last name - i.e. John Smith)

Unit Code

Unit Name

Course Code

Course Name

Team Culture and Behavioural Expectations

The Deakin Dragons have a strong team culture which includes the following values:

- Respect
- United
- Proud

All participants upon entering the event agree to the DUSA and UniSport participation agreements and codes of conduct.

Questions

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

DUSA Sport

dusasport@deakin.edu.au

