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DUSA Sport is committed to providing opportunities for students to represent the University through participation in competitive sporting events such as any Australian UniSport Nationals and Local Intervarsity Events/Competitions.

Selection to represent the Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) and Deakin University, in UniSport Australia endorsed events, is based on the student's ability to demonstrate that they meet key requirements outlined in the selection guidelines.

### **Selection Process**

All Deakin students can apply for Deakin Dragons representative teams.

- A sport selection panel will be identified and agreed to by DUSA Sport. This may include a Coach, Team Manager, Club Exec, or DUSA Sport staff.
- Trials will be scheduled well in advance of sporting events, and trials will be communicated to the student cohort via multiple communication channels.
- Some selections are performance based – referring to UniSport Qualification Standards.
- The selection panel will select the team based on the below guidelines and submit a final team list to DUSA Sport staff.

### **Eligibility**

Students representing DUSA and Deakin University in UniSport or other sanctioned events must meet the specific eligibility criteria for the event as per the UniSport/ organiser guidelines, policies or procedures.

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, please refer to the UniSport Australia guidelines below as the following clarifications shall apply:

- i. A student who is enrolled and has attended a teaching session prior to (or during) the event in that calendar year, is eligible
  - *i.a.* Subject to point i. A student who has completed their studies prior to the event within that calendar year, is eligible
  - *i.b.* Subject to point I, A student who is unable to study in a teaching session prior to the event due to no fault of their own (i.e. no available units for them to enrol in for the teaching session), is eligible
- ii. A student under a designated exchange scheme between an overseas university and the member's university is eligible

A person is not considered or ceases to be considered a currently enrolled student for the purposes of participating at a UniSport event, if the person:

- a) Chooses to immediately discontinue, suspend, defer or postpone study\*, or
- b) Commences their university studies in a semester that begins after the competition concludes, is not eligible to compete.

If either point a) or b) above apply to an individual, this supersedes points i, i.a. and ii, deeming the participant ineligible.

*PLEASE NOTE* – UniSport eligibility criteria can be updated without notice – please check UniSport/ Organising body website for more information.

### **Selection Criteria**

Any student seeking to represent Deakin University at a UniSport Australia sanctioned event or other local intervarsity event must nominate through the official selection process, which may include attending designated selection trials.

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Student athletes will be assessed for selection based on the following criteria:

**Attitude:** Demonstrated willingness to follow instructions, collaborate effectively with teammates, and comply with the terms and conditions of Deakin Dragons participation agreement.

**Behaviour:** Previous conduct during participation in university events or clubs, both on and off the field of play, will be considered. Students new to the University may be required to provide details of their prior experience in the sport.

**Competence:** Demonstrated core skills relevant to the sport, including performance standard, skill proficiency, technical execution, efficiency, form, and team balance/ requirements.

**Previous Results:** Recent competition performances and results, including University and external representation, will be taken into consideration.

### **Team Culture and Behavioral Expectations**

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The Deakin Dragons exhibit 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.

Responsibilities once selected for a team include:

- Attend all relevant training sessions, team meetings, and official team events.
- Complete the required UniSport Australia, event and DUSA registration process.
- Pay all associated event fees and costs in full prior to departure.
- Acknowledge the Deakin Dragons participation agreement.
- Attend and complete the pre-departure briefing.
- Agree to follow all directions issued by University Team Management (DUSA Sport).
- Comply with all Deakin University policies and any policies specific to the event.

All students representing DUSA and/or Deakin University are also bound by the [Deakin University Code of Conduct](#).

### **Appeals Process**

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A student who is not selected to represent DUSA and Deakin University in a Deakin Dragons Team may appeal their non-selection in accordance with this process.

Appeals are limited to process-related grounds only and will only be considered where the student can demonstrate that:

- the published selection criteria were not applied;
- a material procedural error occurred; or
- bias or a conflict of interest materially affected the decision.

Appeals against selection judgement, performance comparisons, or the submission of new information will not be considered.

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To lodge an appeal, the student must have met all eligibility and selection requirements and must submit a written appeal to the DUSA Sport Team ([dusasport@deakin.edu.au](mailto:dusasport@deakin.edu.au)) within seven (7) days of notification of non-selection. The appeal must clearly state the ground(s) of appeal and include supporting evidence.

Appeals will be reviewed by a DUSA-appointed reviewer not involved in the original selection decision. The outcome may confirm the original decision or require a review of the selection process. Appeals will not result in automatic team inclusion.

The appeal outcome will be provided in writing within seven (7) days and is final and binding.