

12 May 2023

**FAO: Chinese Taipei University Sports Federation (CTUSF)**

**RE: Invitation to compete in the 2023 UniSport Australia National Championship Events**

UniSport Australia (UniSport) has the pleasure to invite teams from universities who have membership with CTUSF, to attend a selection of competitions within the 2023 UniSport Nationals.

**About Nationals**

The UniSport Nationals competition framework is the peak level of intervarsity competition for university students within Australia and combines nine individual National Championship events with one major multisport event (Nationals) each year.

With over 7,000 student-athletes competing, across up to 33 different sporting codes, Nationals provides the perfect opportunity for committed teams to travel to Australia to take part in competitive university sport, expand their social networks and further experience the culture and ambience of the events' host locations.

Member universities are invited to nominate teams to compete within the Nationals in September 2023 and the identified National championships events outlined below.

To find out more about the events please see [www.unisport.com.au/nationals](http://www.unisport.com.au/nationals).

**2023 UniSport Nationals: Gold Coast 23-29 September**

The following competitions are open to receive entries from international university teams.

2023 UniSport Nationals – Gold Coast					
Sport	Competitions	Accepting Nominations	Sport	Competitions	Accepting Nominations
<b>Australian Football</b>	Men	Yes	<b>Lawn Bowls</b>	Open	Yes
	Women	Yes	<b>Softball</b>	Women	Yes
<b>Beach Volleyball</b>	Men	Yes	<b>Squash</b>	Mixed	Yes
	Women	Yes	<b>Surfing</b>	Men	TBC*
	Mixed	Yes		Women	Yes
<b>Cycling</b>	Men	Yes	<b>Taekwondo</b>	Men	Yes
	Women	Yes		Women	Yes
<b>Fencing</b>	Men	Yes	<b>Tenpin Bowling</b>	Open	Yes
	Women	Yes	<b>Touch Football</b>	Men	Yes
<b>Golf</b>	Men	Yes		Women	Yes
	Women	Yes		Mixed	Yes
<b>Judo</b>	Men	Yes	<b>Ultimate</b>	Mixed	Yes
	Women	Yes	<b>Oztag</b>	Mixed	Yes
<b>Kendo</b>	Men	Yes	<b>Rugby League 9s</b>	Men	Yes
	Women	Yes		Women	Yes

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Sport	Competitions	Capacity
Cheer and Dance	Various	Maybe*
Football	Men	Maybe*
	Women	Maybe*
Sailing	Open	Maybe*
Water Polo	Men	Maybe*
	Women	Maybe*

\* Pending Domestic team nominations - please submit if interested

### Competition information

- Entry is open to teams from universities only (not national teams)
- Open competitions means that teams can consist of any combination of male or female players
- Mixed competitions mean that there is a specific combination of male and female players required

Competition guidelines and team requirements can be found on the following website:  
[www.unisport.com.au/policies-and-guidelines](http://www.unisport.com.au/policies-and-guidelines)

### Competition schedules

The provisional schedule for the 2023 UniSport Nationals-Gold Coast can be found in the attached document. This outlines the competition durations for each sport and will allow you to identify travel dates appropriate for your teams.

### Nationals Championships Events

The following championship events are open to team nominations from international teams. These events take place at different locations and on different dates to Nationals in September.

Nationals Championships			Team nomination deadline	Registration Fee
<b>Futsal – 13-13 July: Gold Coast</b>	Men	Yes	Sunday 14 May 12:00am AEST	\$300pp (AUD)
	Women	Yes		
<b>Snow Sports – 3-7 September: Thredbo</b>	Men	Yes	Sunday 21 May 12:00am AEST	*TBC – awaiting release of host mountain fees
	Women	Yes		
<b>T20 Cricket - 20-24 November: Adelaide</b>	Men	TBC*	Sunday 1 October 12:00am AEST	\$320pp (AUD)
	Women	Yes		
Nationals Championships are standalone events hosted at different locations from Nationals. These competition will take place for the duration of the dates identified above.				*Late registrations will incur a \$50pp (AUD) fee

### Nominating teams

**Key Dates:** Nominations open Monday 1 May 2023 and close on Sunday 21 May at 12:00am midnight (AEST). Team nominations must be submitted in writing by a University staff member/ sports officer and emailed directly to Bianca Bowden (the UniSport Registrations Senior Coordinator) at [Registrations@unisport.com.au](mailto:Registrations@unisport.com.au).

Nominations must clearly outline the following:

- University Name
- University staff member/ key contact details (Email, phone number)
- Competitions nominating for (e.g: Touch- Mixed and Womens)
- Entry fee payment method preferred (University to be invoiced OR user pay via the online registration system)
- Statement of team standard: A short narrative identifying the playing standard and competitive quality of each of the teams entered is required.
  - Nominations will not be accepted from teams that do not present as competitive or only intend on traveling for ‘social reasons.’ The Nationals are a competitive event, and teams entering need to compete as such.

Please note that all team nominations will need to be formally approved by UniSport following your application.

Entry into the competitions is not guaranteed.

### **Team management**

All teams entered are to travel with a university staff employee to act as an official conduit between the team and UniSport. Teams are to be of a competitive nature and must meet the minimum team numbers outlined in each sport guideline to compete.

### **Entry fees and processes**

Once teams are nominated, there are two ways in which team entry fees can be paid. All fees are to be paid in \$AUD and must be made by electronic funds transfer. Cash will not be accepted.

Methods of payment:

1. Request an invoice for payment directly by the university. Invoices must be paid prior to competition.
2. Pay via the online registration portal as 'user pay' – Each participant will be required to register using an online registration portal. Payment can be made through this

Once teams have been nominated, further information regarding this process will be supplied.

### **Important information about visa's for Australia**

All visitors to Australia are required to have the correct visa. You can find out if you need a visa via the Australian Government website – [Entering Australia](#). We encourage every person to read and familiarise themselves with entry requirements to Australia, outlined on the [Entering Australia website](#).

UniSport can provide a letter of invitation to teams wishing to compete at The Nationals however: We HAVE NO influence on the final decision if a visa is granted or not.

We recommend you contact your closest [Australia Embassy/Consulate](#) for specific details relating to applying for an Australia visa.

### **Next steps**

If you are a National University Sports Federation, we ask for your assistance to forward this letter of invitation to universities within your country.

If you are a university, and are interested in nominating teams, please send your nominations through as advised above.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Natalie Broom](#) (General Manager-National Sport Program).

Additional information will be supplied following team nominations.

We look forward to hosting you at The Nationals in 2023.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Sinderberry".

**Mark Sinderberry**  
Chief Executive Officer  
UniSport Australia