



GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF STUDENT OFFICIALS AT SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Introduction

School Sport Australia aims to provide opportunities for students to participate in its programs not only as players but also as administrators and officials. School Sport Australia programs specifically encourage student involvement in the areas of officiating but also allow for student involvement in the organisation and management of championships.

Procedures

- ❑ Member bodies and National Secretaries are encouraged to implement strategies which help identify suitably qualified senior students from within their member schools who hold umpires/referees accreditation and appropriate coaching or administrative qualifications.
- ❑ When identified, member bodies are encouraged to include one such student as a member of their state contingent attending School Sport Australia Championships. (These officials could include scorers, linesmen, bench officials, as well as umpires/referees.)
- ❑ Such student officials would then be available to officiate at the respective Championships provided that:
 - this is permitted within the rules and guidelines of the sport
 - this is negotiated in advance with the host state
 - the host state agrees that their level of expertise is acceptable (ie. Endorsement of credentials)
- ❑ Such student officials would be treated as a full member of their team (i.e. they would be included in accommodation, expected to attend each day of competition, participate in any organised excursions and abide by the School Sport Australia Codes of Behaviour).
- ❑ Participation of qualified student officials should be particularly encouraged at School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under Championships.
- ❑ If there are 6 or more Student Officials attending the Championship the Host State shall appoint a student officials coordinator.

NOTE:

Liaison would need to take place with the parent bodies to ensure that the officiating qualifications of nominated students are of a level suitable for the standard of the competition.