



SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIP PHILOSOPHY

School Sport Australia provides opportunities through representative school sport within recognised pathways for students and teachers.

School Sport Australia's strategic direction is to ensure delivery of quality championships that are recognised as an important element of the player development pathway.

Underpinning this philosophy:

- School Sport Australia championships, hosted by its member bodies, provides inclusive representative opportunities for Australian students regardless of location, gender, ethnic or socio economic background.
- School Sport Australia championships offer the sporting ideals of fairness, honesty and integrity which are central to the code of practice for students, officials and spectators.
- School Sport Australia championships engender friendliness, fun, enjoyment and a sense of achievement for all participants as an integral part of each program.
- As a consequence of involvement in School Sport Australia championships, students' education programs are enriched through the opportunity to develop:
 - Understanding of self and other cultures
 - Social and emotional maturity
 - Health and fitness lifestyle practices
 - Personal sporting skills and knowledge
 - An appreciation of sporting ethics
 - Exposure to career opportunities
- School Sport Australia championships provide pathways for students to further develop skills and experiences in competitions as a competitor and/or a student official.
- Officials operate in accordance with accepted quality coaching practices, styles and legal and ethical responsibilities.
- School Sport Australia expects coaches to ensure quality playing experiences occur for all students.
- School Sport Australia championships maintain a high order of ethical practice in meeting educational outcomes.



THE CHAMPIONSHIP MODEL

A. CORE COMPONENTS:

All School Sport Australia championships **MUST** contain each of the following elements:

COMPONENT	COMPULSORY ELEMENTS- All Championships
Teams	Must be State/Territory representatives from member bodies or approved state or international sporting associations.
Risk Management	All championships are planned and conducted under the approved Risk Management Strategy.
Access and Success	The competition will provide students with fair and equitable opportunities and will receive a School Sport Australia Participation Certificate as recognition.
Excursion	An educational excursion is provided for all competitors prior to the completion of competition
Professional Learning	Professional learning opportunities will be provided for students and officials. Convenors are encouraged to work with NSOs to provide learning opportunities for parents.
Codes of Behaviour	All participants abide by the School Sport Australia Codes of Behaviour during the Championship
Mix 'n Match	12 years & under championships only – Randomly mixed groupings of all team members involved in fun competitions, skill development, sport education and cultural activities. The activity may encompass more than one of these.
Codes of Behavior	All participants abide by the School Sport Australia Codes of Behavior during the Championship.
Student Officials	Provide and promote opportunities for students to pursue pathways in sport, which may include accreditation opportunities.
Sports Liaison	Engagement with the National and/or State Sporting Organisation will occur prior to, during and after the Championship.



<i>Orientation/Evaluation</i>	Pre championship and post championship meetings are conducted to provide an opportunity to make recommendations concerning the conduct of the Championship. An online survey, involving all stakeholders will be conducted at the completion of the Championship.
<i>Ceremonies and Awards</i>	Opening and closing ceremonies must be conducted for all championships and attendance is compulsory for all. Awards/Medals will be presented at all championships.
<i>Competition</i>	<u>Individual/Team Sports</u> : Individuals and team compete through a schedule of championships.
<i>Documentation</i>	The following documentation will be prepared for each Championship: regular bulletins, officials' handbook, championship program and final report.
<i>Meet and Greet</i>	The host state will ensure visiting teams are met on arrival.
<i>Official Dinners</i>	An official dinner will be held at all Championships.

[Any variation to the above model must have the approval of the School Sport Australia Board]