



# Intersarsity Sport Framework

## Tradition, History and Honour

The University of Melbourne, home to some of the country's oldest sporting programs, is recognised as one of Australia's most successful sporting universities. The University has a long and proud tradition of sporting and academic excellence. The University's intersarsity (representative) sporting teams are collectively known as **Winged Victory** in reference to Nike, the winged Goddess of Victory from ancient Greek mythology.

Students formally enrolled at the University—whether full-time or part-time, at undergraduate or postgraduate level—are eligible, upon selection, to represent the University in regional, national, and international sporting competitions. The majority of Intersarsity sporting opportunities are facilitated through UniSport Australia (UniSport).

## Responsibility for Intersarsity Sport

Melbourne University Sport (MU Sport) is responsible for delivering sporting, recreational and fitness opportunities on behalf of the University community. MU Sport oversees the entry of university teams into approved competitions, the final selection of entered teams and confirmation of selected student-athletes' eligibility to represent the University.

Intersarsity sport is a performance focused program aimed at achieving strong results at national-level competitions, including the flagship Uni Nationals and stand-alone Championship events. Performance is assessed by attaining a top-eight placing, with the overarching objective of competing for medals. Teams that finish outside the top-eight (in any given year) are required to submit an annual application demonstrating their capacity to compete at a top-eight standard. The assessment must demonstrate measurable improvement in player quality relative to the squad that most recently competed. The University's resources will generally be allocated only to teams that achieved a top-eight position in the most recent competition.

MU Sport reserves the right to not enter teams and/or individuals into sporting competitions under the banner of the University of Melbourne. MU Sport may from time-to-time, also provide Intersarsity sporting opportunities in events other than those provided by UniSport.

## International Intersarsity Sport

Where an invitation is extended to the University—either directly or through an affiliated sporting club—to participate in an international sporting event or match involving only other university teams, MU Sport is responsible for assessing whether the event aligns with the University's international objectives and for determining whether to accept or decline the invitation.

MU Sport will collaborate with the relevant sporting clubs to manage selected teams or crews, ensuring appropriate duty of care, protection of the University's reputation, and effective coordination of logistics and compliance requirements. This approach supports a safe, enjoyable, and high-quality student-athlete experience.

See the [International Sporting Opportunities Principles](#)

## Team Managers and Coaches

Team Managers and Coaches, with the support of MU Sport, play a vital role in the promotion of intersarsity sporting opportunities, as well as the training, selection and competition management of student-athletes selected to represent the University.

Team management positions provide enrolled students with the opportunity to develop key skills in leadership and sport/team management. Coaching positions provide emerging and/or experienced coaches with the opportunity to further develop their sport-specific and people management skill set in a national sporting environment. See the [IV Team Manager](#)

## Further information

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