Tradition, history and honour
The University of Melbourne, home to some of Australia’s oldest sporting programs, is recognized 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 representative sporting teams are collectively
known as Winged Victory in reference to Nike, the winged Goddess of Victory from ancient Greek
mythology.
All enrolled students (full-time or part-time, undergraduate or post-graduate) have the opportunity to
represent the University in a variety of regional, national and international sporting competitions. The
majority of inter-university sporting opportunities are provided through Australian University Sport.
Responsibility for Intervarsity Sport
Melbourne University Sport (MU Sport) delivers all sporting, recreational and fitness opportunities on
behalf of the University Community. MU Sport is responsible for the entry of teams into approved
competitions, the final selection of entered teams and confirmation of selected student-athletes’
eligibility to represent the University.
The University’s focus with regards to Australian University Sport events is to be successful at
national events, such as the Nationals Division 1 and various Nationals stand-alone Championship
events. Team participation at Nationals Division 2 will usually be confined to sports where qualification
for Division 1 is required, with entry endorsement at the discretion of MU Sport. Resources will usually
only be afforded to teams where qualification is required for a Division 1 event.
Teams will only be considered for entry into events where it can be demonstrated that potential
student-athletes can exhibit a level of experience in the sport for which they are seeking selection,
and that the team has the required off-field support to participate in the event in a safe and successful
manner.
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 representative
sporting opportunities in events other than those provided by Australian University Sport.
International Intervarsity Sport
Where an invitation is extended to the University (directly to the University or via an affiliated sporting
club) for an International sporting event or match exclusively involving other University teams, MU
Sport is responsible for ensuring the event fits in with the University's international agenda and
accepting or declining an invitation.
MU Sport will work in collaboration with relevant sporting clubs to manage selected teams/crews, to
ensure duty of care, management of University reputation, and coordination of associated logistics
and compliance to ensure participants have a fun, safe and enjoyable student-athlete experience.
Team Managers and Coaches
Team Managers and Coaches, with support of MU Sport, play a vital role in the promotion of
intervarsity sporting opportunities plus 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. Suitably qualified, experienced and passionate University club
members are encouraged to apply for these positions.

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