



# Representative Sport Policy

## **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 Intersport 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 Intersport 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 intersport 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.

See Team Manager Duty Statement and Coach Duty Statement.

## **Further Information**

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