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Handbook updates

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This handbook will be updated as information changes or becomes available. The most up to date version of this handbook can be found on the UniSport website on the Nationals Div 1 sport specific page. Participants are encouraged to check periodically for updated versions.

Welcome



From the CEO

On behalf of UniSport Australia, I am delighted to welcome you to the Gold Coast – host city of the 2019 UniSport Nationals Div 1.

The UniSport Nationals Div 1 would not be possible without the tireless commitment of our 43 member universities, coaches, officials, team managers and army of volunteers, who have dedicated themselves to strengthening the position of university programs on the national sporting landscape.

I wish to express my thanks to these groups

and wish all competing student-athletes the best of luck. I trust your experience at the UniSport Nationals Div 1 will facilitate the progression of your sporting endeavours and achievement of your individual goals.

Mark Sinderberry
Chief Executive Officer
UniSport Australia



From the Minister

Welcome to the Gold Coast for the 2019 UniSport Nationals Div 1.

The UniSport Nationals provides a great opportunity for students from 43 different universities across

Australia to compete head-to-head in a range of sporting disciplines. This year will see thousands of students travel to the Gold Coast to enjoy this unique tournament.

The Gold Coast has a reputation as a world-class events destination, with state-of-the-art facilities set against a backdrop of pristine beaches and an untouched hinterland.

The Queensland Government is proud to support this event, as part of Tourism and Events Queensland's *It's Live! in Queensland* events calendar, which will contribute \$800 million to the state's economy this year.

Congratulations to UniSport Australia on staging yet another successful event and best of luck to all the competitors.

To those visiting the region, I encourage you to make the most of your stay, get out and explore everything the Gold Coast has to offer.

The Hon Kate Jones MP
Minister for Tourism Industry Development





From the Mayor

Let me offer a very warm welcome to all the athletes, officials and fans attending Gold Coast for this year's UniSport Nationals.

Given that we have 300+ days of sunshine here, our winters do tend to be way better than many other parts of Australia. You may find a few cool days but they help make competing a little easier so there could be some great performances turned in.

With four university-age children of my own I really admire the grit and determination displayed by so many to combine tough academic schedules with adherence to gruelling training regimes. It's a big ask but you people demonstrate the great adage perfectly: if you want something done well and quickly ask a really busy person.

I also admire the commitment to sport. It is one of our great national characteristics and has helped build our global reputation for what I like to call that have-a-go spirit. It is part of what makes Gold Coast the exciting city it is.

We love to put on a show and sport offers us great opportunities to showcase outstanding skills and athleticism. As the Commonwealth Games last year demonstrated we are a sporting events destination of global standing.

For 12 years now we have played host to UniSport events and we love having you here. It is a pleasure to welcome 10,000 or more friendly faces and I hope you all find time to explore Gold Coast.

When I became Mayor seven years ago I vowed to make this an Education City and that has been a great success. We have three wonderful university campuses here and we are now home to nearly 33,000 international students and that number is growing at 15% a year.

We also have 170,000 domestic students and our share of the Queensland international student market is now 21%. So you should find plenty of academically and sport-minded young people around the traps. Ask them to show you a good time and I'm sure you will be able to take home memories to last you a lifetime.

There are many reasons why Gold Coast is known as Australia's holiday playground so please do sample some of what we have to offer. I'm sure you'll like it!

Tom Tate
Mayor
City of Gold Coast

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Event and sport contacts

Nationals event contacts

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Sport specific contacts

Venue: Surfers Paradise Baseball Club

Competition Managers	Steve Chambers	Surfers Paradise Baseball Club
	Steve Horrigan	Surfers Paradise Baseball Club

Competition schedule

Monday 30 SEPT	Round matches 8:30am-5:30pm	Wednesday 02 OCT	Round & progression matches 8:30am-5:30pm Semi-finals
Tuesday 01 OCT	Round matches 8:30am-5:30pm	Thursday 03 OCT	Playoff matches 8:30am-5:30pm Finals

* Competition start and finish times are subject to change, and are unconfirmed until final draws

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Venue information

Surfers Paradise Baseball Club

Saint Kevins Avenue, Benowa QLD 4217



Travel times

From Surfers Paradise the venue is 15 minutes by car and 30 minutes via public transport.

From Broadbeach the venue is 20 minutes by car and 40 minutes via public transport.

Public transport

The closest bus stop to Surfers Paradise Baseball Club is Benowa Road near Benowa State High School, which is then a 600m walk to the venue. To get to this bus stop, take bus 741 from Broadbeach South station.

More information on timetables and ticketing options can be found at the Translink Journey Planner [website](#).

Parking

Parking is available on the adjacent road to the playing fields. Council parking restrictions have been relaxed, but please observe any no parking signage. Special event permits for your car dash board can be collected from the competition manager on site.

Facilities and amenities

Two fully-fenced permanent diamonds, clubhouse, canteen and bar, batting tunnel and machine, warm-up areas and bullpens, enclosed dugouts, scorers' box and public toilet and change facilities.

Nearest medical services

Benowa Family Medical Centre
124 Ashmore Road, Benowa QLD 4217
Phone: (07) 5539 1997
Distance from venue: 800m

Gold Coast University Hospital
1 Hospital Boulevard Southport QLD 4215
Phone: 1300 744 284
Distance from venue: 7kms



Field of play



Tournament control area



Sports medicine



Food and drinks



Change rooms/toilets



Drinking water



Parking at own risk on side of road (foul balls may hit cars)



Pick up/drop off



Public transport bus stop



Entrance to venue

Accreditation process

All registered participants will be provided with a photo accreditation.

The accreditation process is one of the most vital steps that each sport must undertake before the start of competition each day. Accreditation desks will be open no later than 45 minutes prior to the first match of the day.

NO ACCREDITATION = NO PLAY

1. Upon arrival to the venue, participants present their accreditation pass to the accreditation check-in.
2. The participant will be checked in for that day by competition management and receive a sport stamp on their wrist.
3. Match officials will check stamps with the assistance of volunteers, prior to students taking the field of play for each match.

NO STAMP = NO PLAY

4. All players are to be checked in at least 30 minutes before their first match.
5. If a participant's stamp has disappeared after their first game, they can be re-stamped at check-in by presenting their accreditation.



If a student loses their accreditation they will be required to purchase a new one for \$20.00 from Nationals HQ, located at Gold Coast Sports & Leisure Centre, Carrara.



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UniSport Australia (UniSport) baseball competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of Baseball Australia (BA) except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should also be made to the UniSport breach of competition requirements guidelines for penalties related to breaches.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 12
- Maximum registered players – 18
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 8

2. Competition rules

2.1. Competition format

- 2.1.1. The home team is named first on the schedule and shall occupy the third base dugout.
- 2.1.2. A designated hitter (DH) rule will apply.
- 2.1.3. Each team will be able to nominate up to and including 12 batters under the "Extended Line-Up" rule.
- 2.1.4. Mercy rule - If one team is 10 runs or more in front at the completion of the 5th inning or any completed inning thereafter, the game shall be 'called'.
- 2.1.5. Seven run rules in first and second inning:
- a) At the scoring of the 7th run in the first and/or second inning of a preliminary or pool match, the umpire shall call 'side away' and the fielding team shall bat. Only seven runs may be counted in any one innings.

- b) The seven run rule will not apply in progression, semi finals and medal matches.

2.2. Equipment

2.2.1. The bat shall be a smooth, round stick not more than 2.61 inches in diameter at the thickest part and not more than 42 inches in length. The bat shall be wood, wood composite or wood laminate only. Females playing UniSport Nationals Div 1 or Div 2 are permitted to use aluminium Baseball bats - 5 ounces or heavier. Bats used by females shall be not more than thirty-four (34) inches in length; nor more than two and five eighths (2 5/8) inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths (15/16ths) inches.

2.3. Game duration

- 2.3.1. All preliminary and pool matches will be seven innings or a 90 minute time limit.
- 2.3.2. Progression, semi final and medal matches will be a full seven innings.
- 2.3.3. All innings started shall be completed, unless the home team is in front and at bat. In this instance, the game will be considered finished as soon as the winning run is scored.

2.3.4. A game is deemed a regulation game after 65 minutes of play or three completed innings.

2.3.5. The five minute rule will apply for all timed games.

2.4. Pool points scoring

Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;

- Winning team: 3 points
- Drawn match: 2 points per team
- Losing team: 1 point
- Forfeited team: 0 points

2.5. Pool tiebreakers

In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the

completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:

- a) Head to head of the tied teams in the preliminary games, team with the most number of wins takes the higher ladder position
- b) (Runs for) divided by (Runs against plus total runs scored against a tied team) x 1000. The highest % takes the higher position on the ladder
- c) The team with the lowest total number of runs scored against in the preliminary rounds
- d) The team that conceded the least amount of runs against the top team in their pool
- e) If the teams are still tied, a coin toss will determine the higher placed team

2.6. Drawn matches

2.6.1. If a preliminary or pool match is drawn after the completion of seven innings, both teams will be awarded two points as per section 4.1.

2.6.2. If in a preliminary or pool match time has expired and the score is tied at the conclusion of the inning in progress, both teams will be awarded two points as per section 4.1.

2.6.3. If a progression, semi final or medal match is drawn after the completion of seven innings, the WBSC extra-inning rule shall take effect from the eighth inning as follows:

2.6.3.1. The team batting first shall begin the inning with runners on first and second base.

2.6.3.2. The batter who leads off an inning shall continue to be the batter who would lead off the inning in the absence of this extra-innings rule.

2.6.3.3. The runner on first base shall be the player (or a substitute for such player) in the batting order immediately preceding the batter who leads off the inning.

2.6.3.4. The runner on second base shall be the player (or a substitute for such player) in the batting order immediately preceding the runner on first base.

Example:

If the #5 hitter in the batting order is due to lead off the eighth inning, the #3 player in the batting order (or a pinch-runner for such player) shall begin the inning on second base and the #4 player in the batting order (or a pinch-runner for such player) shall begin the inning on first base.

2.6.4. If progression, semi final or medal matches are drawn at the completion of seven innings, the games shall continue in extra innings utilising rule 5.3, until such time as a result is determined

3. Team duties

3.1. Team duty requirements for baseball are:

- One person from each team may be required for the duty of scoring. Note that scorers will be required as part of team duty if no officials are appointed to this role

3.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.

4. Uniform requirements

4.1. In addition to the requirements outlined by the [Official Australian Baseball Rules 7th Edition \(Rule 1.11\)](#), the following items are required:

- The uniform shall consist of a playing shirt, baseball pants and a cap. All defensive players must wear a cap.

- Numbering on back of playing shirts is compulsory

5. Forfeits, delays and abandonments

5.1. A forfeit will be declared when the umpire calls 'play ball' at the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.

5.2. The forfeit score is 7 runs to nil (0).

5.3. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by competition management or UniSport), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the Competition Manager (or their delegate) will make the

final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal.

5.4. In the event of a game being abandoned, the UniSport abandonment guideline will be implemented.

Previous rule amendments

August 2000 | July 2004 | August 2005 |
March 2010 | May 2012 | May 2013 | June
2015 | April 2017 | June 2017 | October 2017 |
February 2018 | August 2018

*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.



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Medals are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place getters (individuals or teams) in each respective sport, with a trophy being presented to the 1st place getters.

Medal and trophy ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of the gold medal match on the field of play. For sports with multiple event categories, medal presentations shall be conducted at the conclusion of each category on the field of play.

Pennants

For each championship won, a pennant is awarded to the university that the winning team or individual students is representing in both Div 1 and 2 competitions. Pennants will be presented on the field of play.

For a sport to be classified as a pennant, four teams from four different universities must be entered into the competition.

For Baseball, the following pennants will be awarded:

- Open – Div 1

Overall awards

There are four overall awards presented to the winning universities. The awards are as follows:

Overall Champion University

Based on the number of pennants (championships) won across all sports. This award will be presented at the end of the year upon the completion of Div 1.

Doug Ellis Per Capita Champion University

Based on points accrued and enrolment numbers of the universities. This award will be presented at the end of the year upon the completion of Div 1 and 2.

Tom O'Sullivan Spirit Trophy

Recognises the university that has shown the best sportsmanship and has captured the spirit of the 2019 Nationals Div 2 competition.

John White Spirit Trophy

Recognises the university that has shown the best sportsmanship and has captured the spirit of the 2019 Nationals Div 1 competition.

Closing show

All medals, trophies and pennants will be presented on the field of play upon the completion of the match. The Nationals Div 1 wrap show will be streamed online at 6pm on Thursday, where the Div 1 Spirit winners will be announced.



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Anti-doping control

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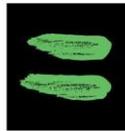
All participants are bound by the [UniSport Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy](#) & the [UniSport Anti-Doping Policy](#), which is approved by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) who have legislative authority to investigate possible violations of the anti-doping rules under the *ASADA Act 2006*.



Australian Government

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority

ASADA offer a free and easy to use online education tool featuring online courses, videos and learning updates. It provides everyone with the opportunity to learn about the key areas of anti-doping such as prohibited substances and methods. All participants – both competitors and non-competitors are encouraged to complete the Level 1 Anti-Doping Course from the [ASADA eLearning](#) website.



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Event policies & guidelines

In participating at a UniSport event; in the ways you behave on and off the playing field and online, you affirm your intentions to uphold the integrity and pride of the university, team, and sport you represent. All UniSport policies and guidelines can be found on the [UniSport website](#), with the most relevant policies for competitors listed below:

Participation

- [Qualification for participation](#)
- [Eligibility of competitors](#)
- [Participation agreement](#)
- [Code of behaviour extract](#)
- [Inclusion and diversity](#)

Sport

- [Divisional structure](#)
- [Replacement player process](#)
- [Disciplinary and disputes](#)
- [Breach of competition requirements](#)

Medical

- [Concussion](#)
- [Infectious diseases](#)
- [Use of alcohol at UniSport events](#)
- [Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy](#)
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Notes

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Immerse yourself in the bohemian laneways and laidback café culture of the south before soaking up the lively ambience of the city after dark. Feel the exhilarating rush of a rollercoaster, then unwind at a hinterland vineyard or an absolute beachfront café. Wake up and explore World Heritage-listed rainforests and waterfalls, then watch the sun set from your stand up paddleboard. This is a place with heart, soul and the power to move you deep inside.

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- Brush up on your watersports skills. Learn to surf and take on the Gold Coast's famous pumping surf breaks or get a crash course in stand-up paddleboarding at Tallebudgera Creek.
- Feel the exhilarating rush of a rollercoaster, get a selfie with your favourite animated stars and superheroes or make a splash at world-class waterparks.
- Take a short drive west and discover the hinterland. Explore over 100,000 hectares of pristine, World Heritage-listed rainforest - home to spectacular waterfalls, jaw-dropping scenery and incredible native flora and fauna.
- Play your cards right at the newly refurbished Star Gold Coast, then venture into the trendy streets of Broadbeach to sample the top notch cuisine and nightlife.
- Unearth rare finds among the city's bohemian laneways, markets and shopping emporiums where designer stores and quirky boutiques nestle side-by-side.
- Get a taste of the Gold Coast's lively night market scene. Treat your tastebuds to the street food flavours of the Miami Marketta - an open air dining experience with a soundtrack courtesy of local jazz, blues and roots musicians. Head north and join in the weekend festivities at the NightQuarter, a bustling shipping container market filled with micro-restaurants, cocktail bars, local artisans and craftspeople.
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