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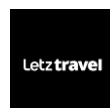
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This handbook will be updated as information changes or becomes available. The most up to date version of this handbook can be found on the UniSport website on the Nationals Div 1 sport specific page. Participants are encouraged to check periodically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

Nationals HQ @ Gold Coast Sports & Leisure Centre, Carrara 0404 162 512

Project Manager	Natalie Broom
Sport and Operations Manager	Mathew Cheeseman
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Operations Coordinator	Steven Van Lierop
Volunteer Coordinator	Savannah Roberts
Marketing and Communications Coordinator	David Simon

Sport specific contacts

Venue: Surfers Paradise Rugby Union Club

Competition Manager	Kris Burton	Gold Coast & District Rugby Union
Technical Officer	Laga Taylor	Gold Coast & District Rugby Referees' Association

Competition schedule

Monday 30 SEPT	Men's pool matches 10:00am-5:00pm	Wednesday 02 OCT	Women's pool matches 10:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday 01 OCT	Men's playoffs & finals 9:00am-4:30pm	Thursday 03 OCT	Women's playoffs & finals 10:00am-3:00pm

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

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Venue information

Surfers Paradise Rugby Union Club

33 Fremar Street, Broadbeach Waters QLD 4218



Travel times

From Surfers Paradise, travel time is 10 minutes via car and 15 minutes via public transport.

From Broadbeach, it takes 10 minutes by car and 25 minutes via public transport.

Public transport

The closest bus stop to the Nerang Bulls Rugby Union Club is the Bermuda Street at Albert Park stop. Teams can take the 738 bus from Broadbeach South station.

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

Parking

Parking is available at the venue.

Facilities and amenities

Canteen facilities, changerooms and toilets are available, with shaded areas for athletes and spectators.

Nearest medical services

Broadbeach Medical Centre
2681 Gold Coast Highway, Broadbeach QLD 4218

Phone: (07) 5531 6344

Distance from venue: 4km

Gold Coast University Hospital
1 Hospital Boulevard, Southport QLD 4215
Phone: 1300 744 284

Distance from venue: 15km



Rugby 7s Surfers Paradise Rugby Club



Field of play



Tournament control area



Parking



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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Competition guidelines

Men and women

UniSport Australia (UniSport) rugby 7s competitions are conducted in accordance with World Rugby (WR) Laws of the Game as outlined in the seven-a-side variations 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 guideline for penalties related to breaches.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 10
- Maximum registered players – 12 for men, 14 for women
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 7

1.1. All registered participants must be 18 years of age or older on the day they take the field in the competition in line with Rugby Australia requirements.

2. Competition format

2.1. Substitutions

2.1.1. A team may nominate no more than five replacements /substitutes, during a match.

2.1.2. No replacement or substitution may be made except with the permission of the referee, and only during a stoppage in play.

2.2. Law variations

2.2.1. The standard set of variations in relation to WR Law 13 “kick off and restart kicks”, and WR Law 21 “penalty and free kicks” apply, except that all infringements at a kick off by the kicking team as specified below will result in a free kick at the centre of the half way line awarded to

the non-offending team:

- a) Ball not reaching opponents 10m line, unless first played by an opponent
- b) Ball kicked directly into touch
- c) Players of the kickers team in front of the ball when it is kicked
- d) Ball kicked into in-goal where it is immediately made dead by the non-kicking team, or the ball becomes dead by crossing the touch-in-goal or dead ball lines

2.3. Game duration

All games will be two x seven minutes in duration with one minute for half time.

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) The team that won the match between the teams
- b) The margin of points scored for and against a team in all pool matches
- c) The margin of tries scored for and against a team in all pool matches
- d) The team that has scored the highest number of points in the pool matches

e) The team that has scored the highest number of tries in the pool matches

2.6. Drawn matches

2.6.1. If preliminary matches are drawn at full time, both teams will be awarded two points as per section 5.1.

2.6.2. If progression or medal matches are drawn at the end of normal time, extra time will be played and the team that scores first will be declared the winner.

2.6.3. Extra time will be in periods of five minutes. After each period the teams will change ends without interval.

2.6.4. The team that first kicked off will do so again in the first period of extra time, and subsequent kick offs will alternate between the two sides.

3. Team duties

3.1. Team duty requirements for rugby 7s are:

- Each team will be rostered to provide a duty team for a number of matches over the duration of the championships.
- The duty team will consist of four people from one team to fill the roles of assistant referee (x2) and ball person (x2).

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 in the World Rugby Laws of the

Game 2019 (Law 4), the following requirements also apply:

- Numbers are compulsory on the back of the jersey

5. Forfeits, delays and abandonments

5.1. A forfeit will be declared two minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to commence play.

5.2. The forfeit score is 35 points to nil (0).

5.3. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the 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.

Previous rule amendments

August 2000 | July 2004 | August 2005 | March 2010 | April 2011 | May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017 | August 2017 | June 2018 | September 2018 | March 2019

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

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Medals and trophies

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 Rugby 7's, the following pennants will be awarded:

- Men's – Div 1 & Div 2
- Women's – 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

UniSport condemns doping as fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport, with anti-doping programs seeking to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport.

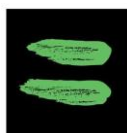
All participants are bound by the [UniSport Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy](#) & the [UniSport Anti-Doping Policy](#), which is approved by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) who have legislative authority to investigate possible violations of the anti-doping rules under the *ASADA Act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

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](#)

Medical

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

Sport

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

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Welcome to the Gold Coast, a place of powerful contrasts and boundless energy. With 57 kilometres of spectacular coastline, world-famous beaches and iconic surf breaks, it could easily be just another beach destination. But scratch beneath the surface and you'll discover so much more.

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.
- Take an Aquaduck cruise and see the Gold Coast from land and sea without even leaving your seat. The unique vehicle goes effortlessly from driving on land to floating on water to deliver a sightseeing experience like no other.



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