

UniSport Australia Supplement

2024 Divisional Structure

UniSport Nationals – Canberra and T20 Cricket events

Purpose

This supplement outlines the Div 1 and Div 2 competition structure to be used for 2024 UniSport Nationals-Canberra (team sports) and will also apply to the T20 Cricket championships should there be more than 15 teams entered in each competition.

Competition structure

All competitions will be delivered using one draw structure (no mid-week promotion/relegation), with initial seedings based on final rankings from 2023 followed by the random seeding allocation for teams that did not compete in 2023.

Depending on the competition size (as identified in the <u>UniSport Guideline Divisional Structure</u>) the final placings of the competition will determine if a team finishes in Div 1 or Div 2. The top eight or 12 ranked teams will be considered Div 1 with the remaining teams considered Div 2 on the following parameters:

- ≤15 teams entered:
 - Div 1 ≤ 15 teams
- 16-19 teams entered:
 - o Div 1 top 8 ranked teams
 - o Div 2 remaining teams
- 20+ teams entered:
 - o Div 1 top 12 ranked teams
 - o Div 2 remaining teams

Key points:

- Rankings from 2023 will be used for competition seeding (as outlined in the <u>UniSport</u> <u>Guideline Allocation of Entrants to Pools</u>)
- Members can still enter up to two teams in each competition (some sports will be limited to one team per university)
- Second teams will be awarded medals if they place in the top three (of either division), but will not be awarded points for the university, however will 'block' other universities from receiving those placing points
- Medals and pennants will be awarded for both Div 1 and Div 2 placings, with Div 2 placings awarded as follows:
 - o 9th, 10th and 11th place -competitions with 16-19 teams
 - o 13th, 14th and 15th place competitions more than 20 teams
- Play-off matches will be identified on the draws as 'Div 2 Gold', Div 2 Bronze' etc
- Draw structures will be chosen where possible that:
 - Allow the most opportunity to progress to the top 8/12 rankings after the initial pool rounds
 - Will take into consideration the nature of the sport, number of fields of play available and the ideal number of games per team per week etc.