

UniSport Australia

Statement regarding The Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 – Perth

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UniSport Australia (UniSport) will postpone the 2020 UniSport Nationals Div 1 and Div 2, which were due to be hosted in Perth from 26 September to 2 October.

The decision to postpone the event was made in light of the current travel and gathering restrictions in place to stop the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and well-being of the community.

The decision has been made following consultation with event sponsor, Tourism WA, local government, presenting partner UniBank, partners, member universities and staff. UniSport would like to express gratitude for their understanding, patience, and continued support.

UniSport is working closely with Tourism Western Australia to reschedule the event in future years and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

The decision to reschedule our event was taken to ensure the health and wellbeing of our members and their students and the success of the event. We want to ensure our participants gain the best experience at the Nationals not only in the competition on the field but through their time spent in the host city. Postponing the event will allow us to do this” said Mark Sinderberry CEO, UniSport Australia.

The UniSport flagship event takes place annually in September with attendance by over 6,000 student-athletes and participants from across Australia who take part in a week of sporting competition over 30 different sports.

UniSport is working hard with our members to deliver alternative sport competition opportunities as soon as it is safe to do so.

Information about other UniSport events:

Indigenous Nationals – Postponed to June/July 2021

Nationals Distance Running – See [Gold Coast Marathon website](#) for specific event updates

Nationals Cheer and Dance – Postponed to Thursday 22 October at the State Basketball Center, Melbourne. The competition precedes the AASCF spring Carnival.

Nationals Cross Country – Cancelled. This event will return as a trial sport in 2021

Nationals Snow - UniSport are liaising with the host mountain, Mt Buller, regarding the feasibility of the delivery of the competition this year. Both parties are meeting again in early June to re-assess government advice at the time and will release a statement shortly after.

Nationals Golf – Cancelled. This event will return as part of Nationals Div 1 and Div 2 2021

Nationals T20 Cricket - No further update at this time.

Nationals Surfing, Athletics, Swimming and 3x3 Basketball - UniSport are assessing all opportunities to re-arrange these postponed events to the latter part of the year. When confirmation of re-arrangement is made we shall update our [website](#) and communicate details with members directly.

UniSport supports the Australian Government's initiative to stop the spread of COVID-19. Download COVIDSafe, an app from the Australian Government. For more information visit <https://covidsafe.gov.au>

To see our previous updates which may contain additional information to what is outlined in this statement, [visit our website](#).

UniSport continues to monitor the progress of local, state and national government advice regarding actions being taken to minimise the impact of COVID-19 in the community. UniSport will be reviewing our event and program status on a weekly basis. Updates will be provided via our [website](#) and any major announcements will be sent directly to all students, members and stakeholders via email.

The safety of our staff, participants, volunteers and officials remain the highest priority during this time.

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