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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTING ORGANISATIONS BY THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION 2009-2013

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NSO contact information

NSO Name: _____

NSO Website: _____

NSO Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

Principal contact:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone/mobile: _____

Alternative contact:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Email: _____

Phone/mobile: _____

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Name of NSO _____

NSO is pre-eminent body for sport/s of _____
(include any disciplines where necessary)

Yes/No

Section A: General

All criteria in Section A must be met

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| <p>A1. The activity meets the ASC’s definition of “sport”, i.e. a human activity capable of achieving a result requiring physical exertion and/or physical skill which, by its nature and organisation, is competitive and is generally accepted as being a sport.</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>A2. The organisation can satisfy the ASC that it is the pre-eminent organisation taking responsibility for the development of the sport in Australia.</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>A3. As the pre-eminent organisation taking responsibility for the development of the sport in Australia, the organisation is accountable at the national level for providing its members with technically and ethically sound sport programs, policies and services.</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>A4. The organisation is a not-for-profit organisation that has been an incorporated association or company limited by guarantee for a minimum of three years.</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>A5. The organisation has produced independently audited financial statements and annual reports for the past three years.</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>A6. The organisation has an operable and current three-year (or longer) strategic plan that addresses all aspects of the sport. This may include issues relating to access, equity and the management of risk within the sport.</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>A7. The organisation has formally committed to a governance structure and systems that are consistent with the ASC’s <i>Governance Principles – a good practice guide for sporting organisations</i>.</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>A8. The organisation has an operable and current anti-doping policy compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and approved by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) and if required, an ASADA letter of referral approved by ASADA.</p> | <p>_____</p> |
| <p>A9. The organisation has an operable and current policy on harassment and member protection consistent with the ASC’s <i>Member Protection Policy Framework Template</i>.</p> | <p>_____</p> |

Note: The organisation must provide documentary evidence to substantiate compliance with the above criteria as part of the assessment process.

Section B: National & International Scope

All criteria in Section B must be met

- B1. The organisation has active branches or affiliated State/Territory Associations in at least four States/Territories. (Ice sports in three States/Territories or snow sports in one State.) _____
- B2. The organisation conducts annually regional and/or State and National championships in open and/or age groups, as deemed appropriate for the sport. _____
- B3. The organisation is the NSO of a sport that has been played in Australia for more than 75 years, involving a high level of registered and active members (minimum 5,000). _____
- OR**
The organisation is affiliated to an International Federation (IF) for the sport. _____
- B4. For organisations affiliated to an IF, that IF is affiliated to SportAccord (formerly the General Association of International Sports Federations) **OR** the International Olympic Committee (IOC) **OR** the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). _____
- B5. The organisation is the NSO of a sport that is an Olympic Games Sport **OR** a Commonwealth Games sport **OR** has a minimum of 5,000 registered and active members. _____

Note: *The organisation must provide documentary evidence to substantiate compliance with the above criteria as part of the assessment process.*

Section C: Umbrella Bodies

In addition to meeting the criteria in Sections A and B, umbrella bodies must meet the following criteria.

- C1. The umbrella body must be able to satisfy the ASC that it is the pre-eminent organisation taking responsibility for the development of the specific sport sector, though not the individual disciplines which are affiliated with it. _____
- C2. The umbrella body must have an operable and current sport sector specific strategic plan and appropriate policies and procedures as detailed in Section A, and it must make these available to affiliated bodies as required. _____

Note: *The organisation must provide documentary evidence to substantiate compliance with the above criteria as part of the assessment process.*

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Documentation Required

NSOs must provide relevant documentary evidence to support all claims made on the self-assessment form.

SECTION A

Further information	Criteria
<p>Further to the ASC's definition of sport:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The activity must be one that is generally accepted as being a sport, as opposed to an activity that is generally accepted as being a trade, recreational or leisure pursuit, hobby etc. 2. In performing the activity, there must be a physical link between the competitor and apparatus or equipment, i.e. rider to horse, pilot to glider, surfer to surfboard. 	A1
Documentation	Criteria
Evidence of current national policies. Eg. athlete/team selection, junior sport, risk management, insurance.	A3
Evidence of incorporation. Eg. registration certificate, ABN.	A4
Audited financial statements and annual reports for the last three years.	A5
Current strategic plan. For assistance view the ASC's <i>Planning in Sport</i> document. www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/nso	A6
Current constitution. For assistance view the ASC's <i>Governance Principles – a good practice guide for sporting organisations</i> . www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/nso	A7
Current anti-doping policy compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code and approved by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA). www.asada.gov.au/rules/australian/policy.htm	A8
Current policy on harassment and member protection consistent with the ASC's <i>Member Protection Policy Framework Template</i> as at www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/ethics/member_protection/template	A9

SECTION B

Further information	Criteria
Olympic/Commonwealth Games sport means that the sport is confirmed to be on the program of upcoming Olympic / Paralympic / Commonwealth Games, as opposed to being recognised by the IOC as a sport.	B5
A member is an individual athlete competitor, coach or official, or a team, who is registered with the NSO directly or with a State/Territory Sporting Organisation or club affiliated to the NSO. Such membership must be associated with the payment of a fee, involve on-going activity, provide verifiable evidence of membership (e.g. membership card or number for the individual and name, address and/or registration form for the sporting organisation), and the member must receive some benefit indicating that he/she is a member (e.g. newsletter).	B5

Documentation	Criteria
Official list of branches or affiliated State/Territory associations	B1
Evidence of annual regional and/or State and National championships. Eg. NSO calendar of events.	B2
Evidence the organisation is the NSO of a sport that has been played in Australia for more than 75 years (if applicable).	B3
Evidence of the NSO's affiliation with an International Federation. Eg. Letter from IF, or clear linkage on IF website.	B3
Evidence of International Federation's affiliation to SportAccord and/or the IOC./IPC. Eg. Clear linkage on SportAccord and/or IOC/IPC website.	B4
Evidence of registered and active member numbers.	B5

Recognition Services

If an application for ASC recognition is successful, an NSO will be eligible to receive the following support from the ASC:

- a) the opportunity to use the ASC logo and/or the following words on stationery (letterhead, complimentary slips), in sponsorship and funding applications, annual reports, newsletters and magazines, and sponsors page or similar on organisation's website as outlined in the *ASC Branding Guide for National Sporting Organisations* at www.ausport.gov.au/supporting/nso/branding. The words to be used in these circumstances are: "The Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission recognises «NSO» to develop «Sport_name» in Australia". Every use of the ASC logo or wording requires approval from the ASC PR and Branding Officer, email: branding@ausport.gov.au; Tel: (02) 6214 1362; Fax: (02) 6214 1794.
- b) the opportunity to apply to use the Commonwealth Coat of Arms on playing and dress uniforms of Australian representative sports persons and by accompanying officials on their dress uniforms (requests must be made in writing to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet - see guidelines at <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/guidelines/index.cfm>);
- c) entry in the ASC's online Australian Sports Directory as the national sporting organisation for «Sport_name»;
- d) invitations to attend workshops, seminars and other ASC forums conducted for recognised national sporting organisations;
- e) access to NSO services from the ASC's National Sport Information Centre;
- f) the opportunity to access the ASC's National Coaching Accreditation Scheme, National Officiating Accreditation Scheme and associated programs and services.
- g) The opportunity for policy development assistance and financial support through various grants programs administered through the ASC's Community Sport Division.

NOTE: ASC recognition of a NSO does NOT automatically confer eligibility for ASC funding.

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NSO verification sheet

Name of NSO

We, the undersigned, as duly authorised officers of the above organisation, verify that the information provided in this application for Australian Sports Commission recognition as a National Sporting Organisation is correct.

We understand that this information may be subject to audit or further verification.

We further understand that the Executive of the Australian Sports Commission has final responsibility for determining the eligibility of a national sporting organisation for recognition.

Signature

Signature

Name

Name

Position

Position

Date

Date