

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY SPORTS

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES Queensland, Surfers Paradise SAT 28 September – SAT 5 OCTOBER 2013

PARTICIPANT GENERAL INFORMATION No 1

GAMES:

This year, the Games are being held in Surfers Paradise, Queensland and again over 40 Universities and 6000+ students will be gathering to compete in this great University sporting event.

La Trobe Sports is the authorising body for organising and registering teams/individuals participating in all AUS events and we facilitate this process to ensure La Trobe is represented appropriately, that all students have an opportunity to participate in the most cost effective, safe and exciting sporting events. La Trobe students across all Campuses may be eligible to participate in AUS events.

The aim of participating in the University Games is to achieve sporting performance and the best possible outcome for your team and the University. All students are to represent La Trobe at a consistently high level for the duration of the Games. There is a social element to the Games, but that is incidental to achieving the best possible result.

Note that interested students must attend at least **ONE** training session to be considered for selection in a team. La Trobe Sports can assist students from Regional Campuses to attend this initial training session.

SPORTS:

Athletics, Australian Rules Football, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Cricket, Cycling (road race; pairs/individual time trial; criterium), Fencing, Football, Futsal, Golf, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kendo, Lawn Bowls, Netball*, Rowing, Rugby Union 7's, Sailing (team), Softball, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Touch Football, Taekwondo, Tennis, Ten Pin Bowling, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Water Polo

La Trobe will be participating as **one** team and representing La Trobe University at the Games. This means all team members must abide by and agree to all arrangements and any directions given by staff of the University. The Coach and Sports Manager will be responsible for the final selection, which will be based upon the highest skill level available to form the best competitive team and to perform to their best ability.

Participants in individual sports must meet AUS individual criteria/qualifying times prior to being considered for selection. Where appropriate, participants will be requested to provide verification of official competition times.

ACCOMMODATION: It is a policy that all participants must stay as a team in accommodation organised by La Trobe Sports and alternative arrangements will not be permitted. La Trobe has organised self-contained apartments at Mantra Ledgens, Surfers Paradise, who are familiar with our requirements. In addition, participants will be required to leave a bond per room via visa credit card and complete Hotel forms acknowledging terms and conditions and proof of identity. The accommodation has been booked **from 28 September – 5 October**.

TRAVEL MEL/QLD:

All team members will be fully responsible and accountable for all aspects of travel arrangements to and from the Gold Coast and once team lists have been submitted by the Sports Manager and approved, team members can proceed to make travel arrangements, which then must be verified by the Sports Manager. Team members can seek transport from airlines, train or bus and we strongly discourage student from driving personal vehicles due to fatigue, particularly on the return trip. Transport from the airport to the Hotel and return must be organised by team members.

SPORTS VENUE TRANSPORT

Participants will be using the transport system that has been organised by AUS to transport teams to sports venues. This will include Gold Coast public transport services. It is recommended that participants do not drive

their own or hire vehicles whilst participating in the Games due to issues of personal safety, unfamiliarity of the host City and late arrivals for matches, potentially resulting in forfeits and fines. There is currently substantial road works occurring on the Gold Coast which will cause significant delays and the benefit of using local transport system.

ELIGIBILITY:

See AUS website for detailed eligibility criteria and all team members must present current student ID card and proof of age card. If you have recently completed studies in semester 1 or suspended studies for semester 2, you are not eligible to compete.

COST:

The cost of participation is **\$180**, paid to La Trobe and a **\$300 subsidy** per team member has been factored in the cost,

- **Hotel accommodation with breakfast, one team breakfast, two team dinners and official La Trobe polo top and drink bottle.**
- **Optional AUG Rugby top (only available to AUG team members and not sold to student body) - \$60.**

In addition, team members will pay the following **directly to AUS** upon online registration:

- **AUS registration fee for sports - \$170**
- **AUS registration fee for individual sports – Kendo, Judo, Taekwondo - \$140**
- **Transport pass – required - \$50. Must be purchased online at point of registration**
- **Opening ceremony pass – optional - \$45. Must be purchased online at point of registration**

When selected in a team, you will be required to pay **30% of total cost**. This will be considered a nomination fee. This must be paid within 5 days. Payment of the fee acknowledges that you are aware of your selection, your willingness to participate and agree to the terms and conditions of participation. The nomination fee will be deducted from the total payment. If you don't pay the fee by the due date, you will be considered as turning down the selection and the Coach and Sports Manager will be requested to nominate a replacement.

If less than half of the team fails to pay the deposit by the due date, La Trobe Sports will not register the team to participate in the AUG. This means all team members must abide by the deadlines. Participants may also incur additional costs for replacement player fees, cross accreditation and any other fees charged by AUS after the close of registration.

REFUNDS:

The **nomination fee** will only be refunded if injury or a family bereavement prevents you from participating. Reasonable proof will be required if you are seeking a refund. Once the **final balance** has been paid, there will be **no refunds** to any student/s, irrespective of the circumstances.

WITHDRAWALS

If a team withdraws from the Games after the close of registration, the team shall be required to pay La Trobe Sports any fines imposed by AUS due to late withdrawal and any other costs not recoverable by La Trobe Sports.

MEDICAL FORM:

All students participating in the Games will be required to complete a medical form, informing Coaches of any specific condition that must be considered in context of your participation. The information gathered is strictly confidential and will be retained by **La Trobe Sports and destroyed upon return to Melbourne.**

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE:

If selected in a team, you will be required to 'tick' an AUS 'Participation Agreement' upon registration and a La Trobe University Code of Conduct form. Australian University Sports and La Trobe Sports will hold the signed agreement. All forms must be signed prior to departure and failure to sign will lead to team members not being recognised and accepted as part of the La Trobe AUG team and may forfeit all monies paid to date.

Should a participant/s breach the Participation Agreement or Code of Conduct, the AUS and/or the University Team Manager has the discretion to request the participant/s to leave the Games and return to Melbourne at their own cost. The participant will also be responsible for any damage or costs associated with any vandalism or breach and participant/s will be requested to pay at the AUG's or may be invoiced upon return to Melbourne. In addition, the participant/s maybe requested to attend a meeting with AUS officials and or La Trobe Sports officials upon return to Melbourne.