

METROPOLITAN EAST SCHOOL SPORT **APPROVED SPORTS POLICY**

RATIONALE

1. ***Metropolitan East Region supports the representative sporting programs endorsed by the Department of Education Queensland. Metropolitan East Region will provide all students from affiliated schools with access to competition at state level.***
2. The Board has a statement of policy on approved sports to
 - ensure the safe and efficient management of regional sports events.
 - present approved sports with a set of criteria upon which they can assess their future as approved sports
 - provide a set of criteria as an indication to sports seeking status as approved sports of what they must do to be considered for inclusion on the list of approved sports.

POLICY

1. Each year, the Metropolitan East School Sport Board will finalise its list of approved sports for the following school year.
2. A sport may be deemed to be an approved sport in Metropolitan East Region when all of the *Essential Criteria* below have been met. *Additional Criteria* may be considered.
3. The Board will remove a sport from the list of approved sports for the following school year if one or more of the *Essential Criteria* cannot be met.
4. A sport which fails to meet most of the *Additional Criteria* may be removed from the list of approved sports.
5. Once removed from the list of approved sports, a sport may apply for reinstatement as an approved sport after two years out of the list.

GUIDELINES

1. The Board is under no obligation to list a sport as an approved sport regardless of the sport's qualifications for listing. In coming to its decision, the Board will consider the welfare of students as well as the human and physical resources and the resource of time which it has available to conduct an additional sport.
2. *Essential Criteria* for listing as an approved sport:
 - a) A suitably qualified Regional Convenor for the sport has been appointed by the Board for the year in which the sport has the status of an approved sport.
 - b) The Regional Convenor can demonstrate that health and safety issues have been catered for at all levels of the Region's involvement in that sport.
 - c) It can be demonstrated that a panel of suitably qualified team coaches and team managers are available for appointment by the Board for the year in which the sport has the status of an approved sport.
 - d) The sport is listed as an approved sport at state level.
 - e) It can be demonstrated that there is a sufficient depth of talent to participate competitively at the state level.
3. *Additional Criteria* that could be applied in the consideration for listing of approved sports:
 - a) There is a demonstrated participation in the sport at school and district level within the Region.
 - b) There is support for the listing from the sport's club network and particularly from clubs at junior level.
 - c) The Region has demonstrated high levels of success at state championships in the sport in previous years.
 - d) The sport can demonstrate that it has had consistent success in placing students in Queensland teams over recent years.
4.
 - a) The Board will develop a tentative sporting calendar in August for the following year.
 - b) The Board will set a list of approved sports for the following calendar year at its August meeting. The tentative calendar for that following year will consist of the sports on that list.
 - c) At its December meeting the Board will adopt its actual calendar for the following year. This calendar will contain those sports from the tentative calendar which have continued to meet the *Essential Criteria*.
 - d) The Board will consider the recommendations from either the Primary or Secondary Sectors, depending on where that sport lies, when approving a new sport.