



School Sport ACT Appeals Policy

School Sport ACT oversees the organisation and administration of regional school sport events, state school sport events and representative teams that compete at School Sport Australia Championships.

At times, individuals and/or teams may believe that the application of a policy, decision or selection for individuals in SSACT representative teams has not been fair or equitable. This policy outlines the specific appeals process which is to be followed for each level of competition including State Championships, SSACT representative team selections and the determination of team viability to compete at a National Championship.

1. Regional Competition or State Championship

- Protests regarding a team selection must be communicated to the Event Coordinator on the day of the event, and if possible, be resolved then and there.
- Protests regarding selection within an individual sport, such as Track and Field, Swimming and Cross Country, must be communicated to the Event Referee and Event Coordinator on the day of the announcement of the selections and if possible, be resolved then and there.
- Any individual/school/team aggrieved by the ruling of the Event Referee or Event Coordinator may choose to submit a SSACT Appeal Form, located on the SSACT website.
- Appeals must be submitted to the SSACT Executive Officer within 5 days of the event.

2. Representative Team Selection

- If a student has not been selected into a Regional or State team they must first approach the Team Coach and Manager to seek clarification and discuss the selection process.
- An individual has the right to appeal against a selection decision only on the grounds of the SSACT Team Selection and Notification Policy not being adhered to and due process not being followed by Team Officials.
- An appeal against a selection decision must be submitted by completing the SSACT Appeal Form, to the SSACT Executive Officer, within 5 days of the team announcement.

3. Team Viability

- The ACT School Sport Council will make the final decision on a representative team's attendance at a School Sport Australia Championship. The decision will be based on the team meeting the criteria outlined within the SSACT Team Viability Policy, and where required, further information sourced from Team Officials and the relevant peak sporting organisation.

- An appeal against a team viability decision must be submitted by completing the SSACT Appeal Form, to the SSACT Executive Officer, within 5 days of the announcement.

Appeal Panel

The Panel shall hear all relevant evidence and will make a ruling on the dispute and document all reasons and recommendations.

The Appeal Panel will be established once a SSACT Appeal Form has been received and shall be comprised of 3 members made up from any of the following:

- A Member of the ACT School Sport Council;
- The SSACT Executive Officer;
- The Regional School Sport Advisory Group Chair;
- A Regional President;
- An Education Directorate representative;

The decision determined by the Appeal Panel will be final.