

## 1. Header

### 1.1. Name

1.1.1. The name of this policy is the AFDA National Events Policy

### 1.2. Date

1.2.1. This policy was enacted on the 25th April 2003.

1.2.2. Revised 28th February 2009

### 1.3. Aim & Scope

1.3.1. The aim of this policy is to define the following aspects of National Events:

1.3.1.1. the bidding process

1.3.1.2. the organisational structure of the host

1.3.1.3. the relationship between the host and the AFDA

1.3.1.4. the rotation of National Event Locations

1.3.1.5. the scheduling process

1.3.1.6. the ranking and seeding process

### 1.4. Definitions

1.4.1. The Standard Definitions of the AFDA Operational Policy apply

1.4.2. "National Event" means either

1.4.2.1. the Australian Ultimate Championships or

1.4.2.2. the Australian Mixed Ultimate Championships or

1.4.2.3. the Australian Youth Ultimate Championships or

1.4.2.4. a Regional Championship (for AUC) or

1.4.2.5. a National Ultimate Frisbee League (NUFL) event

1.4.3. "Tournament" means the National Event in question.

1.4.4. AFDA National Events Officer is an executive officer appointed by the AFDA Board to oversee all National Events and related matters.

### 1.5. Revision

1.5.1. This Policy is to be maintained and reviewed under the Events Portfolio

## 2. Organisational Structure

2.1. A National Event must be sponsored by an incorporated association that is affiliated with the AFDA. That association is the Host of the National Event.

2.2. A National Event must have a Tournament Director who is directly responsible for reporting to the AFDA and for the day-to-day running of the Event.

2.3. The Tournament Director must be a member of the AFDA.

2.4. The National Event must also have an organising Tournament Committee, with the Tournament Director as member and chair. Each member of the Tournament Committee must have a specific area of responsibility communicated to the AFDA and must be a member of the AFDA.

## 3. The National Event Tournament Management Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU")

### 3.1. Purpose

3.1.1. To clarify the expectations and responsibilities of the Host

3.1.2. To clarify the expectations and responsibilities of the AFDA

3.1.3. To describe the minimum standards of facilities and service provision

3.1.4. To set out the financial arrangements between the Host and the AFDA

3.2. All National Events will be run under and MOU document signed by the AFDA and the host

3.3. The MOU template may be varied as required and agreed individually for different events.

3.4. The AFDA National Events Officer will enter into the MOU on behalf of the AFDA and report to the AFDA on progress of preparations for the event

## 4. Bidding Process

4.1. The Appointment Date for the Event is determined by the National Events Officer with the approval of the AFDA Board and is published on the AFDA Website at <insert link>.

4.2. The National Events Officer calls for applications at least two (2) months before the Appointment Date on the aus-ultimate and afd-congress email lists, outlining the following information:

4.2.1. The Event to be hosted and any relevant location information

4.2.2. Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest.

4.2.3. Guidelines for contents of Expressions of Interest.

4.2.4. The location (URL) of this document on the web.

4.3. Prospective Hosts must submit an Expression of Interest to the National Events Officer at least one (1) month before the Appointment Date.

- 4.4. The Expression of Interest must at a minimum contain the following information:
  - 4.4.1. The Tournament Host,
  - 4.4.2. The Tournament Director's name, AFDA number and full contact details,
  - 4.4.3. The site of the Tournament,
  - 4.4.4. The dates of the Tournament,
  - 4.4.5. Evidence that the Host can financially support the Tournament, and
  - 4.4.6. any other information as requested in the guidelines for submission
- 4.5. An example Expression of Interest is available on the AFDA website.
- 4.6. The National Events Officer sends a copy of the Expressions of Interest to the AFDA Board.
- 4.7. The AFDA Board, through the National Events Officer, communicates any concerns to each prospective Host.
- 4.8. Applicants may offer additional information or clarifications after the deadline and before the Appointment Date.
- 4.9. Once the bids have been submitted, the National Events Officer summarises and makes recommendations to the AFDA Board.
- 4.10. On or before the Appointment Date the AFDA Board discusses the bids and submits votes to the AFDA President.
- 4.11. On the Appointment Date, the AFDA President announces the successful host.

#### 5. Rotation of Hosting Venues

- 5.1. The AFDA will rotate the preferred location for Nationals and Mixed Nationals with the aim to share events around Australia in a well-planned manner.
- 5.2. Rotation will be on a six year cycle with 2007 as the commencement year. The table below shows the order of rotation:

Year	Nationals	Mixed Nationals
1 (2007, 2013, etc)	South	East
2 (2008, 2014, etc)	East	North
3 (2009, 2015, etc)	West	South
4 (2010, 2016, etc)	South	East
5 (2011, 2017, etc)	North	South
6 (2012, 2018, etc)	East	West

- 5.3. The Regions referred to are:
  - 5.3.1. North –NT, QLD and Northern NSW
  - 5.3.2. East – NSW and ACT
  - 5.3.3. South – VIC, SA and TAS
  - 5.3.4. West – WA
- 5.4. If no acceptable EoIs are received from the allotted region, the event will be opened up to all regions and the allotted region will lose its turn in the cycle.

#### 6. Schedule of Games

- 6.1. The draw for the tournament will be selected by the AFDA National Events Officer from the AFDA Tournament Format Manual based on the number of teams in the tournament, the number of days of the event and the number of fields available to the Host.
- 6.2. The Tournament Committee is responsible for producing a Schedule of Games for the entire event.
- 6.3. The Schedule will preferably be taken from the standard formats approved by the UPA or WFDF.
- 6.4. The Schedule should:
  - 6.4.1. Provide fair rotation of fields within and across divisions,
  - 6.4.2. Provide a fair chance for all teams to win their division,
  - 6.4.3. Favour higher seeded teams over lower seeded teams,
  - 6.4.4. In a selection year, provide a staggered schedule so that selectors have a maximum exposure to players, and
- 6.5. The Tournament Committee provides an initial Schedule for comment at least one (1) month prior to the commencement of the Event on aus-ultimate and directly to all Captains and the AFDA Chair of Selectors. Any AFDA member may respond with suggested changes.
- 6.6. At least three (3) weeks prior to the Event, a final Schedule is similarly posted for acceptance by the Captains.
- 6.7. If the Captains cannot approve a Schedule within two (2) weeks of the Event, the National Events Officer will make a decision with the review of the AFDA Board.

- 6.8. The Tournament Committee posts the approved final Schedule at least two (2) weeks prior to the Event.

## 7. Ranking

- 7.1. Application
  - 7.1.1. This process applies to Nationals and Mixed Nationals, referred to as (“the Championships”).
- 7.2. Aims
  - 7.2.1. Produce a set of team rankings that can be used for allocating slots to Regions/Zones and for seeding.
  - 7.2.2. Have the rankings be objective, so that no personal bias or self-interest can be introduced.
  - 7.2.3. Don’t penalise teams too harshly for not attending (Mixed) Nationals in the previous year, while still encouraging teams to attend each year.
- 7.3. Strategies
  - 7.3.1. Use historical results to ensure objectivity.
  - 7.3.2. Adjust older results to recognise the continual improvement of the elite level, as well as slightly penalising teams for non-attendance in a particular year.
- 7.4. Method
  - 7.4.1. Take placings of teams at the previous Championships. Assign each team a ranking within its region/zone of origin, so the first team out of the QLD Zone will be labelled QLD1, etc.
  - 7.4.2. Do the same with every year’s results, eliminating teams which have achieved a placing at a later Championships. For example if there was a QLD4 team 2 years ago, but not last year, then its results from 2 years ago will count.
  - 7.4.3. For results earlier than the last Championship, adjust the placing by adding 1 to the placing for each year elapsed. So if a team came 12<sup>th</sup> in 2002 and the last Championship was held in 2005, then the adjusted placing is 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 7.4.4. Rank all of the team based on their adjusted placing. Break ties by taking the most recent result first.
  - 7.4.5. Finally, a team cannot be ranked before a higher team from its region/zone that achieved a worse placing more recently. For example, if NSW4 came 10<sup>th</sup> in 2004 and NSW3 came 16<sup>th</sup> in 2005, then NSW4’s adjusted placing is 11<sup>th</sup>, but it must be placed behind NSW3. It will be placed immediately behind NSW3, since it will have a better adjusted placing than the other teams that follow NSW3. These cases are noted in the tables.
- 7.5. Rankings will be made available on the AFDA Website  
[http://www.afda.com/showcontent.php?page=national\\_rankings](http://www.afda.com/showcontent.php?page=national_rankings)

## 8. Seeding of Teams

- 8.1. Aims:
  - 8.1.1. To ensure teams have a fair (not necessarily equal) chance to perform well at the Tournament.
  - 8.1.2. To provide a seeding process that is essentially objective.
  - 8.1.3. Encourage teams to compete strongly at qualification events in order to gain better seeding for the tournament.
- 8.2. Strategies
  - 8.2.1. Base the seeding on historical results from past National Championship Events for that division.
  - 8.2.2. Allocate a seeding to a team based on its finish at respective qualification events.
- 8.3. Method
  - 8.3.1. Take the current Rankings as shown on AFDA website. At [http://www.afda.com/showcontent.php?page=national\\_rankings](http://www.afda.com/showcontent.php?page=national_rankings)
  - 8.3.2. Match the placing at this year’s qualification event with the Rankings to arrive at the seedings for the tournament.
  - 8.3.3. Teams will be placed into pools based on their seeding and the allocation of seeds to pools that is required by the draw chosen.
  - 8.3.4. If a pool has more than a majority of teams from the same region, the lower seeds in the pool may be adjusted by a maximum of 2 positions in order to provide greater regional distribution, and to avoid simply replaying match-ups from qualification events.
- 8.4. Regional Championship Event Seedings
  - 8.4.1. Seeding for Regional Championships events will be drafted by the respective Tournament Directors.
  - 8.4.2. Each team will suggest a seeding for their team when they register their team.
  - 8.4.3. If teams are to go into more than one initial pool, then the seedings must be confirmed by a captains’ vote.

8.5. Events without Sufficient History

- 8.5.1. If the National Events Officer deems the event to have not had sufficient historical results to provide fair and objective seedings via the above method then the method described in 7.4 Regional Championship Event Seedings will be followed.